

Quaker Earthcare Witness Mini-Grant Application

QEW has grants available for Friends Meetings and Churches who want to enhance their relationship with the Earth. We can make 10 matching grants of \$250 each to help with projects consistent with the QEW Vision and Witness statement. **The application deadline is May 1, 2009** and funds are available by July 1, 2009. For more information, contact the QEW office at 802/658-0308, visit www.quakerearthcare.org, or e-mail Ruth Hamilton at Ruth@ArtsCanHeal.com.

Background on QEW

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) is a spiritually-centered movement of Quakers and like-minded people seeking ways to integrate concern for the environment with Friends' long-standing testimonies for simplicity, integrity, peace, and equality. The QEW Vision and Witness states:

WE ARE CALLED to live in right relationship with all Creation, recognizing that the entire world is interconnected and is a manifestation of God.

WE WORK to integrate into the beliefs and practices of the Religious Society of Friends the Truth that God's Creation is to be respected, protected, and held in reverence in its own right, and the Truth that human aspirations for peace and justice depend upon restoring the earth's ecological integrity.

WE PROMOTE these Truths by being patterns and examples, by communicating our message, and by providing spiritual and material support to those engaged in the compelling task of transforming our relationship to the earth.

QEW Application Instructions:

Complete the following form and email to Ruth Hamilton at Ruth@ArtsCanHeal.com by May 1, 2009. Please complete the form in MS Word and send by attached file. If you do not have e-mail, you may send the application to the QEW office at QEW Mini-Grants, **Quaker Earthcare Witness**, 173-B N. Prospect St., Burlington VT 05401-1607. Please send your mailed application two weeks before the May 1, 2009 deadline and also call 802/658-0308 to let Ruah Swennerfelt, the QEW General Secretary, know the application is being sent.

Please complete:

Name of your Quaker Meeting, church, or group: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Telephone number: ____/____-____

Contact name: _____

E-mail address: _____ Telephone number: ____/____-____

Total cost of your environmental project: \$ _____

Treasurer of your Meeting or Church: _____

You will need to include a signed letter from your treasurer stating the cost of your project and that your meeting or church can match the \$250 QEW grant for the specified project. If you are awarded a mini-grant, you are required to send a report on the progress of the project by **September 15, 2009**. Digital or printed photographs are appreciated. Please complete a typed one page description of your project stating why it is necessary, who will be directly involved in the implementation of the project, how you will meet the \$250 grant match, and how your Meeting or Church will benefit from the environmental project. Please use at least 10-point type face and no less than one-inch margins.

Thank you for your interest in the QEW Mini-grant,
Ruth Hamilton, Clerk QEW Mini-Grant Committee