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For Immediate Release

Easton Quakers Sponsor Presentation by Historian with Local Roots

Christopher Klemek, Associate Professor of History at George Washington University (Washington, DC), will be the principal speaker at Easton Day, Sunday, August 25. His topic is "A People's History of Peacemaking in the Hudson Valley." He will place the history of the Easton Quaker Meeting in the larger context of the social justice endeavors of Quakers in this region. Klemek has family connections with Easton Quakers that go back to the 18th century. In addition to his interest in Quaker history, his teaching and research tackle issues ranging from citizen protest movements and grassroots community organizing, to urban governance and federal policymaking.

All are welcome to his presentation, which will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Easton Friends' South Meeting House, 227 Meeting House Road (off route 40 about six miles north of Schaghticoke), in Easton, NY. The public is also invited to all other events of Easton day, which include registration at 9:30 a.m., followed by Meeting for Worship at 10 a.m. Potluck lunch will follow the speaker. The afternoon program will consist of singing and the retelling of the Feathers of Peace story, with the day concluding at 2:00 pm. There will be a morning program for children who are twelve years old and under. Those wanting more information may call Jeannine at 518-587-8932 or Bill at 518-677-8934.

Each year, the Easton Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) celebrates Easton Day, which commemorates the 1777 "Feathers of Peace" incident when a party of Burgoyne's Indians set aside hostilities and joined Easton Friends in worship. After sharing the Friends' modest meal, the Indians left a white feather over the door of the meeting house to signal that this building should be left in peace.

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