New Story Newsletter November 2026

The next meeting of the FMC New Story Group is Monday, November 23, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm EST on Zoom. Come at 6:30 pm for fellowship; First timers are always welcome!

Topic for November: ***Interdependence: Leaning into the Ecozoic*** with contributions from Dave Damm-Luhr, Trish Garland, Betty Kissilove, Cornelia Parkes, and Gail Ransom. We will explore the ways that interdependence is a core value of the New Story.

To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656
Click here to learn more about the group, check out resources and read back issues of the New Story newsletter. Contact Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org

New Story Group News

The December meeting of the New Story Group will be held on Monday, December 14, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm EST on Zoom. The topic will be "The Healing and Transforming Power of the New Story." This special event will feature **Mary Coelho,** author of *Invited to a Spiritual Journey: Discovering the Hidden Wound,* and others.

On Saturday, December 12, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm EST **Cornelia Parkes** is holding a Zoom party to celebrate her 90th birthday. You are all invited! Drop by when you can or stay for the duration. Bring your creative ideas because who knows what makes a Zoom party work! Click on the FMC Open Zoom Link or provide the Meeting ID: 783 475 1861 and Passcode: 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling # 1-646-558-8656. See you there!

On November 15 at FMC there was a "Celebration of Rumi**,"** an evening of deep spirituality including 13th Century music on original instruments, whirling dervishes, and inspiring readings in Farsi and English from the work of Sufi mystic Jalaluddin Rumi, whose poetry is filled with a longing for God the Friend and the Beloved. The event was sponsored by Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries (CMM), through its Ruah Interfaith Spirituality & The Arts Program, and hosted by the **FMC New Story Group.**

At the November 18 meeting of the Universe Pod Mike Malary gave a slide presentation on **"**Historical Steps to Quantum Mechanics.**"** Mike's talk was aimed at teaching Quantum Mechanics with only a tiny amount of mathematics so that most everyone could understand. Starting with the historical foundation was the breakthrough concept to getting there.

Mike will continue his presentation at the next meeting of the Universe pod onThursday, December 16, at 3:30 pm EST. We will meet on the FMC Open Zoom Link or provide the Meeting ID: 783 475 1861 and Passcode: 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling # 1-646-558-8656.

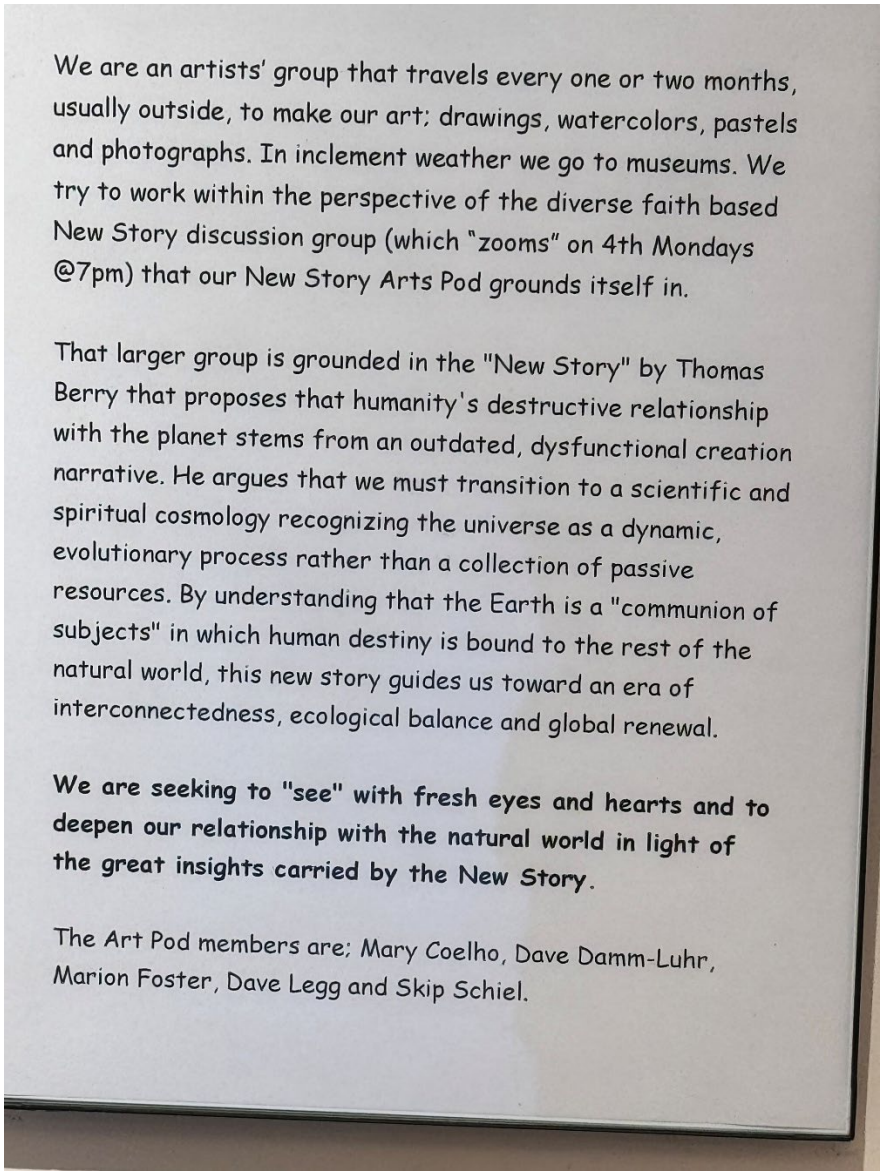
At the October 26 meeting of the New Story Group **Betty Kissilove** presented a program on "Interdependence: The words that come before all else.*"* Her sources included the Iroquois Thanksgiving Address, the Declaration of Interdependence as presented by David Suzuki, *American Indigenous Democracy: A Call for Interdependence* by Oren Lyons, Katsi Cook, and

Jose Barreiro (June 2026) (See especially the essay “Land of the Free, Home of the Brave” by Oren Lyons), and the Declaration of Interdependence with Robin Kimmerer.

The New Story Group Arts Pod Show

November 15 Friends Meeting at Cambridge (FMC) held an Opening Reception for the November / December Art Show: “Art as a pathway to the New Story: Five Views.” The featured artists are **Mary Coelho, David Damm-Luhr, Marion Foster, David Legg,** and **Skip Schiel**. The exhibit will be on display at FMC through December.

Artists’ Statement



We are an artists' group that travels every one or two months, usually outside, to make our art; drawings, watercolors, pastels and photographs. In inclement weather we go to museums. We try to work within the perspective of the diverse faith based New Story discussion group (which "zooms" on 4th Mondays @7pm) that our New Story Arts Pod grounds itself in.

That larger group is grounded in the "New Story" by Thomas Berry that proposes that humanity's destructive relationship with the planet stems from an outdated, dysfunctional creation narrative. He argues that we must transition to a scientific and spiritual cosmology recognizing the universe as a dynamic, evolutionary process rather than a collection of passive resources. By understanding that the Earth is a "communion of subjects" in which human destiny is bound to the rest of the natural world, this new story guides us toward an era of interconnectedness, ecological balance and global renewal.

We are seeking to "see" with fresh eyes and hearts and to deepen our relationship with the natural world in light of the great insights carried by the New Story.

The Art Pod members are; Mary Coelho, Dave Damm-Luhr, Marion Foster, Dave Legg and Skip Schiel.