In 2014, the QEW Mini-Grants committee was happy to make the following grants:

- **Indianapolis First Friends**, Indianapolis IN: Money to fund a Water capture and filtration system for meeting property garden
- **Miami Monthly Meeting**, Miami, FL: Matching funds for a “divider / barrier / conflict reduction area” with native plant landscaping between public school and Bartram House
- **Casa de los Amigos**, Mexico City, Mexico: Funding for a rain harvesting and filtration system for the Casa, with ongoing community education and development of Casa full eco-vision
- **Westtown Monthly Meeting**, Westtown, PA: Funding to assist two Westtown Friends School students to attend an eco-leadership program in Mexico
- **Milwaukee FM**: Composting project
- **Green Street MM, PA**: Rainwater garden
- **Sarasota FM**: First Day School vegetable and flower garden
- **Casa de los Amigos, Mex. City**: Solar hot water heater
- **Weare, MM, NH**: Tree-planting project in Uganda. The grant to the Friends in Uganda involved the following. The application was made by Weare MM, so we were able to send that meeting the money with no problem. However the money had to be hand-carried and was needed before the Friend who was traveling, Marian Baker, would be on her way. A Kenyan Friend advanced the money for the project, and months later Marian repaid the Kenyan Friend when she was there. Marian has provided a detailed report on the project, which included not only the purchase and planting of several species of native trees but also seeds for vegetables and passion-fruit. An exciting feature of this project is that the receivers of the grant are Quaker women, who for the first time have selected their own leaders, rather than having those leaders selected by men. The report, with photos, is available on the table for you to see.
- **AGLI**: Tree-planting project in Rwanda. The African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI), which is a Quaker organization with an office in the US, does important peace work un the Great Lakes region of Africa. In Rwanda they maintain a small center Called Peace House, where meetings, including trainings and healing-from trauma programs, are carried out. The grounds have been bare dirt with no shade or pleasantness. We gave them a grant for “beautification” including planting trees and flowers. This grant was easy to give because they have their office in St. Louis, obviating the need to jump through hoops and over hurdles to get the money there. You can see a report from Rwandan Friends (with photos) of the peace garden project by clicking here.
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