

Quakerphernalia

The Newsletter of Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 13th day of the preceding months publication.

October 2009

- Oct 3 10-Noon Bucks Quarter Presents a Pastoral Care Workshop (*See Article Below*)
October 3 1-4pm Day of Peace Celebration - Bristol Campus of Bucks County Comm. College
Oct 7 10:30am Open House - United Friends School 215-538-3202
Oct 7 7:30pm BQ Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meeting
Oct 8 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meeting
Oct 11 1:00pm CROP Walk at Core Creek Park., Pavilion #1
Oct 14 7:30pm Buckingham Meeting Film Series Presents, "Life in Occupied Palestine"
Oct 15 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Home
Oct 18 6pm Camp Onas Board Meets at Wrightstown Meeting
Oct 18 1-3pm Creative Hands Meets at Wrightstown Meeting - Pauline 215-860-5554
Oct 25 2-4pm Open House - Newtown Friends School - 215-968-2225
Oct 27 10am-Noon Open House - Buckingham Friends School - 215-794-7491

Looking Ahead

- Nov 5-7 PYM Presents Arts on Arch at the Arch Street Meetinghouse (*See Article*)
Nov 13 Culinary Classics to Benefit Chandler Hall Hospice 215-860-4000 x 1502
Nov 13 Quarterly Worship and Ministry at Makefield Meeting with Jorge Arauz-Cevallos
"Growing Pains, Does Your Meeting Have Them?" (*See Article*)
Nov 16 Quarterly Meeting for Worship and Business at Buckingham Meeting
Nov 26 9:30am Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship at Plumstead Meeting

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

October ~ Wrightstown November ~ Yardley December ~ Buckingham

Worship 11:00**Arrive 10:45**

PASTORAL CARE WORKSHOP

Do you currently serve your Meeting in the role of Pastoral Care? Does the ministry of care in general speak to your condition?

Please join us on **October 3 from 10AM-Noon at Southampton Meeting** for a conversation on supporting Meeting members and attenders in this vital, tender and rewarding way. George Shaefer and Tricia Coscia are the staff people for our Yearly Meeting. They serve us in the roles of Pastoral Care and Aging services and will share with us, ideas for general Pastoral Care as well as those concerns that face aging Friends. The forum is set up to be easy and comfortable so that we can all share the opportunities and challenges that face those of us who are led in the service of Pastoral Care.

Southampton Meeting is located at 710 Gravel Hill Rd., Southampton, PA 18966.

For more information contact Holly Olson at 215-860-9747 or hollybqc@verizon.net

BUCKINGHAM MEETING PRESENTS FILM SERIES

Wednesday October 14 7:30pm:

Life in Occupied Palestine

This film is a moving introduction to the plight of the Palestinian people created by an eyewitness who volunteered with the International Women's Peace Service in the West Bank, documenting human rights abuses and supporting Palestinian-led nonviolent resistance to the Occupation. Her video gives information difficult to obtain through mainstream Western media sources, and encourages dialogue towards taking action on the issue. 59 min

Free Admission

Refreshments and Discussion After Each Film
Buckingham Friends Meeting House
5864 York Road, Lahaska (just south of Peddler's Village)

**For more information, go to
www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org or call
215-794-5816.**

WAYS TO SUPPORT EACHOTHER...

Bucks Quarterly Meeting functions because people volunteer their time, give financial support and connect on a spiritual level. Please consider how you participate in this spiritual community.

If you have bits of time to volunteer, there are many options available throughout the year, contact Holly Olson at 215-860-9747.

Financial donations can be made to Bucks Quarterly Meeting, P.O. Box 4477 George School, Newtown, PA 18940

GROWING PAINS,

DOES YOUR MEETING HAVE THEM? ALL MEETINGS HAVE GROWING PAINS. Small, medium and large Meetings have growing pains. Should the small Meeting stay small, how does the small Meeting grow? Has the Meeting gotten too big? How does a Meeting enrich its first day school? These are all very real and present concerns in Monthly Meetings that can help and hinder our Religious Society. Please join Friends for an interesting conversation with Jorge Arauz-Cevallos of Chestnut Hill Meeting on **Friday, November 13th at Makefield Meeting.**

This event is open to everyone!

CROP WALK

Autumn is upon us and that means the CROP Walk is too! Consider walking or sponsoring someone who is walking. There will be walks in Bethlehem, Doylestown and Langhorne as well as many other locales outside of Bucks Quarter. The Doylestown Bethlehem and Langhorne walks are all on **October 11th.** Go to www.churchworldservice.org to find out more.

You'll also see a link on the CWS site for the Countdown to Copenhagen which you have all received info about through your Meetings.

SWEET HARMONY

AT DOYLESTOWN MEETING

There will be a benefit concert for Doylestown Meeting on Sunday, **October 18th at 7:00 pm** at the Doylestown Meetinghouse located at 95 East Oakland Ave in Doylestown. Sweet Harmony is a women's a cappella ensemble that has been together since 2004. They sing a wide variety of a cappella music including folk, doo-wop, classical, jazz, etc. There is more information on their web site www.sweetharmonysings.com. All proceeds will benefit DFM. A free-will offering will be taken. This is a "thank you" to DFM for allowing Sweet Harmony the use of their space for rehearsals.

Sweet Harmony members are: Christine Djaletta, Debbie Scarlett Foster, Debbie Schultz, Debbie Wagner, Diane Bochenek, Ellen Qureshi and Mel Scott.

For more information, people can either e-mail info@sweetharmonysings.com or call 215-348-1658.

ARTS ON ARCH

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting presents Arts on Arch, **Thursday November 5 through Saturday November 7th** at the Arch Street Meetinghouse.

Juried art show and sale: Opens with a preview party on Thursday evening Nov. 5. Show runs Friday morning through Saturday afternoon, Nov. 6-7, works by up to 40 artists.

Concert Friday evening November 6: Livingston Taylor and Liz Longley. Tickets: \$30 available online, Sept 15 at www.pym.org For more information, call the PYM Development Office at **215-241-7115 or 7271**

FONKOZE

Dan Falco of Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting would like to invite you to join people from the Philadelphia area to celebrate and support FONKOZE, Haiti's Bank for the Poor on **Thursday evening October 14th** beginning at **6pm** at the Center for Architecture, 1218 Arch Street, Philadelphia PA 19107.

The formation of FONKOZE was based in part on the success of Muhammad Yunus (Banker to the Poor and Nobel Prize Winner) and his organization, Grameen Bank.

Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere and one of our closet neighbors. They must deal with natural disasters like floods and hurricanes as well as coups and other unwanted interventions. Their situation has become so desperate that many have resorted to eating something called "mud cookies". A ball of mud is flattened, mixed with a little butter and salt and left to bake in the street until it hardens. The women typically eat these so their families can have what little "real" food is available.

FONKOZE is prepared to support these "poorest of the poor" by providing small loans and support in an effort to improve their lives. It is a remarkable organization that has been growing in Haiti for a decade and a half. When I found out they were planning an event in Philadelphia, I wanted to become involved with raising this issue within the Quaker Community.

If an individual commits to being a responsible member, FONKOZE will ensure the following: You and your family will have food in your stomachs everyday.

You will know how to read and write.

All of your children will be in school.

You will have a cement floor, tin roof and a latrine.

You will have assets that you can see accumulate everyday (land, buildings, animals, savings).

You will have the confidence to face your future, no matter what it holds.

For more information, contact Dan Falco, Lehigh Valley M.M. (610) 797-1864 or email to: danfalco63@yahoo.com.

DANCING, DINNER AND AUCTION BENEFITTING THE PEACE CENTER

Sunday ~ October 11, 2009, from 5:00 - 9:30

This is the major fundraiser for The Peace Center in support of programs to interrupt, address and stop the cycle of violence in the Delaware Valley region. Meet up with us for dinner, dancing, and lively auction bidding at our 12th Annual Auction of Your Dreams. The auction will be held at the Middletown Country Club, 420 N. Bellevue Ave., Langhorne, Pa.

Dinner & Dancing - (cocktail attire) - Silent and Live Auctions

\$40 per person, \$70 per couple - RSVP by September 25, 2009

For information or to make a donation call: 215-750-7220

Bring a non-perishable food item and receive a ticket for a chance

to take home a fabulous door prize! Donations will benefit a local food pantry.

FUN AT SNIPES FARM

Visit Snipes farm this year for all sorts of wonderful harvest traditions such as hayrides, a haunted house, and campfires for group parties plus more.

Visit on the web at www.snipesfarm.com or call **215-295-1138 x 101**

RECYCLE A BICYCLE!

Do you have a bicycle that you're not using? Your bike could help someone like me in an underdeveloped country get to work or school. **PUT YOUR OLD BIKE TO GOOD USE! DONATE IT TO**

BIKES FOR THE WORLD! Saturday, October 10, 1 pm – 4 pm.

Deliver your bike(s) to Pennswood Village, 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road (Rt 413), Newtown PA 18940. This opportunity is sponsored by the Pennswood Village Residents Association, with the support of George School and the Newtown Friends School.

For info, contact George Kurz @ ghkurz@comcast.net or 215-579-6974, or Linda Krause @ krause@pennswood.org or 215-504-1123, Or visit www.bikesfortheworld.org.

Sewing machines and all usable bicycle spare parts and accessories, bike books, and bike tools gratefully accepted. A \$10 per bike donation is suggested to defray the cost of shipping to overseas charity partners, who repair the bicycles and distribute them to people who need them. Bikes for the World is a sponsored project of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit charity. A receipt will be provided for all material and cash donations.

Checks accepted.

WHAT AN APRON IS

This lovely sentiment comes to us from a Plumstead Meeting Friend. Thank you.

“ I don't think our children know **WHAT AN APRON IS**. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few; it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning our dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron dust in a matter of seconds, When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace the “old time apron” that served so many purposes.”

Friendly Reminders

Chandler Hall worship: 11:00am every first day in the Health Services building.

Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting presently has two mid-week Meetings for Worship on Wednesday at 5:30pm. at the Meetinghouse and from 12 to 1pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 514 Third Ave in Bethlehem.

Middletown Friends Meeting at Langhorne: Mid-week Worship from 7-8pm every Wednesday. The third Wednesday is Worship Sharing at 7pm.

Pennswood Village Meeting for Worship: Every first day morning at 10:30am at Woolman House.

* Send notifications of births, adoptions, and deaths to the coordinator so that the members of Bucks Quarterly Meeting may hold your families and Meeting in the Light.



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Bucks Quarterly **OUTREACH** Committee “Q” Charm/Pin Order form:

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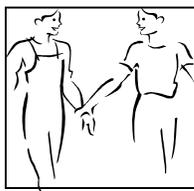
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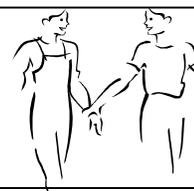
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