

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.

April 2011

- April 3 11:00am "Now I Become Myself" Quaker Spirituality at Work - Solebury Meeting
April 3 2pm Doylestown Meeting Speaker Series Presents:
I Love You, May it Please the Court: A Case for Marriage Equality.
April 9 6pm Annual Auction Wrightstown Friends Nursery School
April 13 7:30pm Buckingham Meeting Film Series Presents, "Soldiers of Conscience"
April 14 7pm Bucks Quarter Oversight Committee meets at Buckingham
April 16 10am-2pm Quakerism in a Nutshell with Melanie Douty Snipes at Makefield Meeting
April 18 1-3pm Creative Hands at Wrightstown Meeting ~ Pauline 215-860-5554
April 18 Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington
April 21 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
April 29 6pm Quaker School at Horsham Spring Auction
April 30 10-Noon Bucks Quarter Clerks Meeting at Wrightstown
April 30 11am-3pm Solebury Meeting Community Day

Looking Ahead

- May 13 Solebury Meeting Coffee House Featuring **Jon Watts and Faith & Practice**
May 14 Spring Flea Market at Yardley Meeting
May 15 9am-3pm Quarterly Meeting at Plumstead - Slide show and history of meetinghouses in Bucks Co
May 21 Friends Village Community Fair—Come one Come all!!

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

April ~ Wrightstown May ~ Yardley June ~ Buckingham

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

QUAKERISM IN A NUTSHELL

The hectic times we live in encourage us to do all we want and need to do at an accelerated pace. Appreciating that fact, Bucks Quarterly Meeting invites you to attend a workshop on Quakerism. Quakerism in a Nutshell.

Some topics covered will be: What does it mean to be Quaker? Ministers; do Quakers have them? Who are the mother and father of Quakerism? What are the SPICES of Quakerism? Eldering. Seeking. Singing.

The workshop will be held on **April 16 from 10AM to 2PM** with a break for lunch and sharing at **Makefield Meeting in the social hall.**

There is no charge, however donations will be gratefully accepted.

Melanie Douty Snipes of Fallsington Meeting has graciously accepted the invitation to serve as the facilitator for the workshop. Thank You Melanie!!

Makefield Meeting is located at 877 Dolington Rd, Newtown, PA 18940. For more information, contact Holly Olson at 215-860-9747 or hollybqc@verizon.net

BUCKS FOOD FOR FRIENDS

If you would like to be a volunteer for Bucks Food For Friends, please contact:

Carol Richardson c.richardson@cbhearthside.com

Carol is compiling a list of volunteers and what areas of help they are interested in. Cooking, set up, service and clean up are the available areas. Occasionally the regular cooks need a vacation and fill ins are needed. In an effort to be better stewards, an effort to streamline the schedule of volunteers is being worked on.

DOYLESTOWN FRIENDS MEETING SPEAKERS SERIES

On **April 3rd at 2pm**, Doylestown Friends Meeting & The Rainbow Room Present, I Love You, May it Please the Court: A Case for Marriage Equality. There will be a panel discussion with Lenore F. Carpenter, J.D. Temple Law Professor, Brent Satterly, PhD Widener University Social Work Professor, Douglas J. Adams Sr. Process Analyst, Chubb Commercial Insurance, The moderator for the panel discussion will be Dr. David M. Hall, Author and Teacher. The meetinghouse is located at 95 E. Oakland Avenue in Doylestown. This event is free and open to the public. Child-care will be provided. **dmmsspeaker@gmail.com**

OPENINGS AT WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL

Wrightstown Friends Nursery School has limited openings for the 2011-2012 School year. A five-day morning program and a three-day afternoon program are offered for children ranging in age from three to five years old.

WFNS school is located on the grounds of the Wrightstown Friends Meeting at 535 Durham Road (Route 413) in Wrightstown. To schedule a classroom visit or to request information, please contact Director, Jean Dinneen at 215-968-9900 or at dinn10@comcast.net. Please visit our website at www.wrightstownfriends.org.

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WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL ANNUAL AUCTION

WFNS Annual Auction will be held at 6 PM on Saturday, April 9 at the school. This year's theme is "Camp WFNS." It will be an evening of good fun, good food and good fellowship! Donations of goods, services or money are welcome! The event is open to the public! Proceeds from the event will benefit the nursery school as well as financial aid for WFNS students. Please visit our website at www.wrightstownfriends.org For more information, please call the schoolhouse at 215-968-9900.

'NOW I BECOME MYSELF' QUAKER SPIRITUALITY AT WORK

You're invited to join Solebury Friends in a discussion about Quaker faith and practice and the many aspects of work from starting a career through retirement. The discussion will take place at the **rise of meeting on April 3rd**, coffee and snacks will be provided. You are welcome to join Friends for worship at 10:00 **Some of the questions Friends will explore are:** How do you bring Quaker faith and practice into secular workplaces, when facing work transition from layoff, in retirement, during business travel? Is your vocation aligned with Quaker values? How can Quaker values inform discernment of vocation, choosing a job or seeking a promotion in your current work? Can Quaker values influence difficult, even corrosive work environments? Has Quaker faith and practice changed your experience of retirement?

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.

QUAKER COMMUNITY DAY AT SOLEBURY MEETING

Plan to attend this great community event at Solebury meeting on **April 30**. Community Day will be from **11am till 3pm** with such happenings as a bake and plants sale, music by **Faith & Practice**, food, kite making, children's cookie baking contest and much more.

The meeting will be collecting bikes and sewing machines in good order for Pedals for Progress. If you want to donate something or just come to eat and greet call John Mathieu for further info. (609) 397-4568

2nd SUNDAYS AT 7

Every second Sunday from January to June 2011, join Friends at Newtown Friends meetinghouse for an evening of discussion of spiritual matters focusing on a different Pendle Hill Pamphlet each month. Please purchase your pamphlet before hand at www.pendlehill.org/bookstore. April will be led by Mark Ratliff and the pamphlet will be:
#408 An Art of Small Resurrections by Walter Long

BUCKINGHAM MEETING FILM SERIES PRESENTS

"Soldiers of Conscience"

Wednesday April 13, 7:30pm

A thoughtful and respectful documentary about killing in war, about conscience, and about morality. It profiles 8 soldiers in the Iraq war and is meant to provoke reflection, dialogue and action. And, because this is a film about a taboo topic- killing – the first step is to break the taboo and talk about it.

Free Admission

Refreshments and Discussion After Each Film

Buckingham Friends Meeting House

5864 York Road, Lahaska For more information, go to

www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org

or call 215-794-5816

LIVES PASSING

On February 9th, the oldest member of Solebury Meeting, **Dan Tinsman** died.

FRIENDS VILLAGE TO PRESENT FORUM ON ENERGYWORKS

On April 30 at 2:30pm, Tom Wells (Fallsington Meeting) and Friends Village will team up to present a 40 minute informational talk: **What is an Energy Audit and the EnergyWorks/Keystone Help program?** The EnergyWorks program is an ideal way for homeowners who want to save money on their energy bills. Energy costs are rising; learn about this terrific program to save money.

EnergyWorks is a new loan and rebate program designed to help homeowners in Philadelphia, Montgomery, Bucks, Delaware and Chester counties save money by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes. EnergyWorks is funded through the State of Pennsylvania's Keystone Help program and with Federal stimulus money. EnergyWorks can provide a \$300 rebate on energy audits and low interest rate loans, starting at 0.99%.

Refreshments will be served.

Friends Village is located at 331 Lower Dolington Rd, Newtown, PA 18940

QUAKER SCHOOL AT HORSHAM ANNUAL AUCTION

This year's auction will be held at The Manor House at Commonwealth in Horsham on **April 29th at 6:00 pm**. Tickets can be purchased with cash, check or credit card. The event includes heavy hors devours and light dinner fare. Cocktails will be available for purchase. Attire is cocktail or business attire. Tickets are \$75 dollars per person. Through March, tickets are available at the discounted rate of \$60. To purchase tickets or make a donation of goods and/or services. Contact Mia Glenn at 215-674-2875 x 19.

MARGARET HOPE BACON

Margaret Hope Bacon Quaker historian, journalist and activist, passed on February 24th at Crosslands in Kennett Square. Until now, Margaret was probably one of the most prominent living Quaker historians.

"Drawing upon a lifetime of activism, much of her work as an historian, journalist and fiction writer explored the historic and contemporary role of Quakers in movements for women's rights and racial justice, including the dialogue and common causes between those movements"

JUNIOR INTERIM MEETING

April 9, 2011 (Saturday; 9:30am-1:30pm). Arch Street Meeting House. Come join us for Junior Interim Meeting, a program for grades K-5 and leadership opportunities for grades 6-8. Junior Interim Meeting is held concurrently with (Adult) Interim Meeting, on the second Saturdays of 8 months of the year- September, October, November, January, February, April, May, and June- from 9:30am-1:30pm. Junior Interim Meeting is an opportunity for PYM's children to take part in God's Big Idea - as discerned by them. It builds on the Children's Priority, a calling that the children of PYM hear as a group. For this term, the Children's Priority is as follows: "We are called to share meals and play team-building sports with poor or homeless children. We also will give money, food and sports equipment to the kids." Contact: Ben Camp, Children's Religious Life Program Coordinator at: 215-241-7228; benc@pym.org. Register online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RegisterJIM2010-11>

ART FOR RELIEF

Saturday, April 9 featuring local artists, student and faculty work at George School.
Silent Art Auction at 6:00 pm in Meetinghouse
Performance at 7:30 pm in Walton Center
Admission is FREE - donations encouraged
Beneficiary: The members of George School's **Art for Relief** realize that we are all part of a wider community, and wish to fulfill our responsibility to other members of the community.
 All proceeds from **Art for Relief 2011** will benefit the **Philly Youth Poetry Movement. PYPM** provides a safe space for at-risk, empowered youth ages 13-19 to use their voice to promote social change, leadership, cultural diversity, and build self-esteem.
 T-shirts will also be sold at the event (cash will be encouraged).
Art for Relief is a student-run George School event.
 For more info: artforrelief@georgeschool.org

2011 AFRICAN GREAT LAKES INITIATIVE WORKCAMPS BURUNDI and RWANDA

Saturday, June 25 to Saturday, July 30, 2011

1) Burundi Workcamp – Kamenge

Host Partner: Friends Women's Association (FWA) – <http://www.aglifpt.org/Program/fwa.htm>. **Location:** Kamenge, Burundi - on the outskirts of Bujumbura **Objective:** The Workcamp Peace Team will work at the FWA Clinic which primarily serves HIV+ women and their children. Details of the work project are still on the planning stages but most likely the team will build a security wall around the plot behind the clinic where there will be a dormitory for patients. To learn more about the clinic www.fwaburundi.com/

2) Rwanda Workcamp – Gisenyi

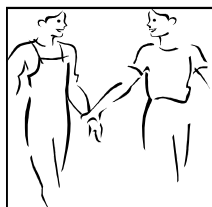
Host Partner: Gisenyi Friends Church. **Location:** Gisenyi, Rwanda, on the northern edge of Lake Kivu, just across the border from Goma, Congo **Objective:** plan in process - The Workcamp Peace Team began construction of a conference hall, this may be completed or a new project begun. Afternoons the Workcampers will also help local residents improve their English. Housing: Workcampers will stay with local families

General Requirements: We accept all ages, our goal is for each team to include 6 international (non-African) and 6 local workcampers, plus professional builders. **Physical & Skill requirements:** Good health and willingness to do manual labor. Construction skills and experience are not necessary.

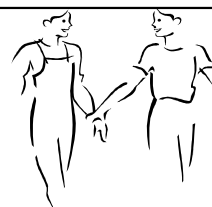
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Wee long camps run from June 20th to July 31st from 8:30-3:30 with extended care available.

To make a reservation for your children:

Tel: 215-295-1139 x 102

Web site: www.snipesfarm.org

Back by Popular Demand!

2nd Annual Quaker Farm Camp - A Nature Camp with Spirit!

August 15-19 For Children ages 6-11

Quaker Farm Camp is a fun farm camp where Quaker children have adventures together! Quakerism comes alive through singing and worship out in the beauty of the farm, and as we explore the testimonies through art, theater, stories and service. Old children are welcome to come as Jr. counselors.

Tel: 215-295-1139 x 105

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