

Quakerphernalia

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

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 10th day of the preceding months publication

April 2014

- April 5 10am-2pm Bucks Quarter Quakerism Informational Workshop - Makefield Meetinghouse
April 9 1pm Chandler Hall Auxiliary Meets at the Wright Meeting Hall
April 12 9:30am PYM Interim Meeting - Search Committee Presents the Candidate for General Secretary
April 17 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
April 17 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets - Jane Jackson House
April 19 9am PYM Finance Thread Gathering - Chestnut Hill Meetinghouse
April 19 6pm Games Night at Buckingham Meetinghouse - All are Welcome!
April 21 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse
April 26 4pm United Friends School Spring Benefit
April 27 12:15pm Speakers Series - Middletown Meetinghouse

Looking Ahead

- May 4 2pm Create a Vision for Social Media for Bucks Quarter - Wrightstown Meetinghouse
May 16-18 PYM Young Adult Friends Spring Retreat - Chestnut Hill Meetinghouse
May 18 Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Makefield Friends Meetinghouse
June 7 Yearly Meeting-Wide Gathering of Friends to Strengthen Quarters
July 14-20 Pilgrimage to the "1652 Country" England
www.pym.org/calendar/events/2014-pilgrimage-to-england
July 24-27 PYM Annual Session at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

April - Wrightstown May - Yardley June - Buckingham

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

QUAKERISM INFORMATIONAL

Faith, Witness, Process ~ What's it all about?

Wanted: Friends, attenders, seekers to explore the life of Quakerism and being Quaker today.

Come to this exciting workshop led by Melanie Douty Snipes and find out what makes Friends quake

Some topics covered will be our testimonies known by the acronym SPICES, why we don't have ministers...or do we? When and how did Quakerism get started? What do elders do...who do they elder...is it a bad thing to be eldered? Friends and singing. God and Quakers, Jesus and Quakers, do you have to believe in them? Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Meeting...which one do you belong to? All these great questions can be answered plus more at this workshop.

**Join us on Saturday April 5th from 10am to 2pm at the Makefield Friends Meetinghouse
Lunch provided.**

We will have a morning session then break for lunch and sharing, then reconvene after lunch for a general question and answer session.

To register and for more information, contact Holly Olson 215-860-9747 or hollybqc@verizon.net
The workshop is free, registration is necessary for planning lunch.

**Makefield Friends Meetinghouse:
877 Dolington Rd, Newtown, PA 18940**

IMPROVING YOUR LIFE

SPEAKERS SERIES AT

MIDDLETOWN FRIENDS MEETING

On the fourth Sunday of each month through May there will be a Speakers Series at Middletown Friends Meeting.

Guest speaker on April 27th will be Adina Rosenberg.

Everyday Stress Management Skills

This workshop offers participants a space to refocus, reeducate and re-experience the self. Participants will be introduced to controlled breathing, guided imagery and progressive muscle relaxation. When practiced correctly, meditation and mindfulness offer deep and lasting benefits for mental functioning, emotional and physical health and well-being.

Adina Rosenberg is a licensed professional counselor with over 25 years experience working with children, adolescents and adults. A lecturer for Holy Family University's Masters in Counseling Psychology Program and adjunct professor for Drexel University's Department of Creative Arts Therapies, she maintains a private practice in Fairless Hills. She can be reached at 215-431-3111.

12:15 welcome and refreshments. speaker at 12:30.

For more information,

Contact langhorneclerk@gmail.com

These events are free and open to the public.
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CALLING ALL YOUNG FRIENDS AND YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS

Bucks Quarter needs your social media expertise!

There will be a meeting un **Sunday May 4th, 2PM** at the Wrightstown meetinghouse to begin the conversation on how to **Create a Vision for Social Media for Bucks Quarter.**

Most of us over the age of 40 are not richly plugged into social media and we need your help to guide us. All ages are welcome and needed but especially the age groups that make up our future. We need you vision of the future of Quakerism and how to get that word out

BUCKS QUARTER T-SHIRTS & SWEAT SHIRTS

There are just a few T-shirts and sweat shirts still available.

T Shirts - one small and one large - \$10 each

Sweat Shirts - Three medium - \$30 each

If you are interested contact Holly Olson 215-453-7358 or hollybQc@verizon.net

“WHAT IS GOD CALLING US TO DO IN THE 21ST CENTURY?”

This is the question lifted up to the Yearly Meeting at Annual Sessions in July 2012 by the Long Range Planning Group. This Group has noted a dynamic triad for Friends: faith, practice and structure. They find that currently the triad is out of kilter. There isn't as much connection between the structure of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and faith, practice, and the needs for connections between individual Friends, Monthly Meetings, and the Yearly Meeting.

Over the last months, the Planning Group has begun to define a new structure for the Yearly Meeting. Between now and the 2014 Annual Sessions in July, they will work to bring clarity to the details of this new structure and respond to questions Friends raise. In July at Annual Sessions the final report will be brought before the body of the Yearly Meeting for a decision. In order for a decision to be possible, Friends must prepare by reading background information on the PYM website and reading and discussing the updates as they are posted.

To access the information go to <http://www.pym.org> In the search box type Long Range Planning Group and click. The first option listed is the latest report. On the top right hand corner, there are background documents. Further information will continue to be added. We are all encouraged to participate in studying the material, thinking about it, discussing it, giving individual feedback to the Planning Group and/or giving whole-meeting response to what we see on the web site.

LIVES PASSING

Bristol Friends suffer the loss of **Bob Atkinson** who passed on February 11th. A Memorial Service will be held at the Bristol meetinghouse on April 12 at 11:00am.

Southampton Friends suffer the loss of **Mimsey Potts** who passed on February 13th. A Memorial Service will be held in Penn Hall at Pennswood Village on April 12th at 10:00am.

The Memorial Service for Buckingham Friend **Margaret Bye Ritchie** will be held at the Buckingham meetinghouse on May 3rd. The time has not yet been established.

DIVERSITY DAY AT CHANDLER HALL

A Personal Note From Your Coordinator

One of the many things that I had the opportunity to do this past month was to participate in Diversity Day at Chandler Hall. I was there with the Bucks Quarter information table to answer questions.

While there I observed all the small children who attend nursery school at Chandler Hall. The children wove in and out of the tables where residents of all levels of ability were seated. It occurred to me that just about every child that will come and go from this environment will leave unafraid of the elderly. This is a huge step from how most children (your coordinator included) viewed the elderly in years past.

This weaving of generations is a gift given to us by Chandler Hall and I for one am grateful.

Holly Olson

SAVE THE DATE!

For those passionate or curious about the life of our Quarterly Meetings

June 7, at Reading Monthly Meeting.

Stay tuned for more details about a morning and afternoon gathering of Friends where we can share about the life of our Quarters: success stories; challenges; our future. This gathering is being planned by a group of quarter clerks, coordinators, and others interested in strengthening community throughout Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and its 13 quarters. To be added to the mailing list for future updates, please send name, meeting and e-dress to philaqtr@pym.org. Registration information will be sent out soon.

UNITED FRIENDS SCHOOL SPRING BENEFIT AND 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 26, 2014, 4:00 PM

Steve Tobin Art Studio, 530 California Road,
Quakertown, PA, 18951

Join United Friends School for its Spring Benefit and 30th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, April 26, 2014. Come celebrate the amazing work UFS has done over the past 30 years to provide children with stellar academics with a soul. This year, the benefit will be an elegant affair at the renowned Steve Tobin Art Studio. It will feature a silent and live auction with unique, high quality items, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and live music. Mark your calendars and save the date as this will be the spring event of 2014! For more information, contact UFS at (215) 538 -1733.

SACRED STEPS: A PILGRIMAGE OF EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, SPAIN

Offered by Calling Lakes Retreat Centre and lead by Valerie Brown of Solebury Friends Meeting.

Dates: September 29 to October 10, 2014

Travel with Valerie Brown for a seven day walk along the Camino de Santiago, Spain's 1,000 year old pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela. This section of the Camino takes us along the most beautiful footpaths of green Galicia, exploring farm villages and tiny hamlets where time has stood still. Walking the final 113 kilometers (70 miles) will allow us to receive the Compostela—the official certificate of completion for this epic journey. Full van support with healthy snacks will be provided. Daily maps and historical information will be given out everyday, as well as comprehensive pre-departure materials.

In true pilgrimage style, nearly each day will begin and end with contemplative practices to provide creative inspiration, including prayer and meditation. Afternoons will be spent exploring cathedrals, picture-postcard villages and wooded countryside, and evenings will offer spaciousness for group discussion of the day's revelations. Following our walking pilgrimage, we travel by coach for four days of leisure, rest and renewal to an oceanside guest house surrounded by pristine beaches and in a spectacular setting with beautiful views and access at the beaches, forests and mountains of the Atlantic coast. Contact Valerie at ValerieBrown95@gmail.com 215-933-9978.

SACRED JOURNEY TO FRANCE

September 9-21, 2014: "Caves to Cathedrals"

Travel with Connie Fenty from Middletown Friends Meeting on a Sacred Journey to France. Discover how our ancestors were inspired to create visual and ceremonial expressions of the relationship between themselves and the Divine Feminine. Travel with us to the Painted Caves in the Dordogne region. There we will be guided by a French man who grew up playing in the caves. Although, the caves can still be entered by visitors, they may not be assessable for much longer. This will be a rich experience. Then on to Cathedrals in Chartres and Paris. View details of the magnificent stone carvings and stained glass windows and hear how Chartres Cathedral was "attuned" to spirit with Sacred Geometry.

For more information contact Connie Fenty at conniefenty@gmail.com or call 215-906-2275.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesdays at Southampton 7:30 PM

Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley 5:00 PM

Wednesdays at Makefield 7:00 AM

Thursdays at Middletown 7:00 PM

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING THREAD GATHERINGS

Thread Gatherings bring Friends from many monthly meetings together for a shared sense of community and calling. Each gathering focuses on one primary thread (topic) and offers workshops, experience sharing of our ministry, wisdom sharing from our experience and more.

For more information go to:

<http://www.pym.org/thread-gatherings/>

The following Gatherings are scheduled for 2014:

Stewardship of Finances April 19

Peace & Social Concerns April 26

QUAKER COLLEGE FAIR MAY 17, 12:00-3:00 ARCH STREET FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE

Arch Street Meeting. Organized by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Friends Association for Higher Education, the Quaker College Fair features panels and small-group discussions on the experience of attending Friends' colleges, as well as college tables with representatives from Friends schools and plenty of information and materials.

Registration will begin in April on the PYM website:

<http://www.pym.org/calendar/events/quaker-college-fair-2014/>

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG FRIENDS

Westtown is offering its annual environmental service leadership program in Mexico during the summer of 2014 and we still have some openings! In recent programs, we have seen a rich exchange of ideas among students from Sidwell, Wilimington, Westtown and Oakwood Friends schools, Haverford, Guilford and Dickinson colleges and others. The experience has led many students to discover a new and enduring sense of calling.

The application form and the flyer may also be found at:

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