

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.

May 2011

- May 7 9am BQ Budget & Nominating Meets at Wrightstown
May 7 9:30 to 3:30 PYM Worship and Ministry Meeting at Abington Meeting ~ Meet & greet 9:30, Meeting for worship 10 to 12:30, brown bag lunch, Reflections 1:30-3:30
May 10 7pm BQ Outreach Meets at Pennswood Village
May 12 7pm BQ Oversight Comm. Meets at Buckingham
May 13 6:30-8:30pm Third Annual Coffee House at Solebury Meeting ~ Faith & Practice and Jon Watts Perform
May 13-14 The Peace Center Honors Gandhi
May 15 2-4pm Camp Onas Open House
May 16 1-3pm Creative Hands at Wrightstown Meeting ~ Pauline 215-860-5554
May 16 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington
May 19 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
May 21 9am United Friends School Fun Run at Nockamixon State Park
May 21 10am-3pm Village Fair at Friends Village
May 22 6pm Camp Onas Board Meets at the Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
May 26 7:30pm BQ Singing Group Meets at Makefield
May 28-30 Camp Onas Family Camp Weekend

Looking Ahead

July 27-31 Annual Sessions of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting at DeSales Univ. Center Valley PA

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

May ~ Yardley June ~ Buckingham July ~ Doylestown

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

SUNDAY MAY 15 ~ QUARTERLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP & BUSINESS

PLUMSTEAD MEETING 9:00AM- 3:00PM

JOIN FRIENDS AND SHARE YOUR LIGHT !

9-9:30 Registration, coffee, bagels and fruit

9:30-10:30 Meeting For Worship

Children's Program: After 15 minutes of worship, the children will go out with Beth and a staff person from Camp Onas and build Leprechaun Meetinghouses.

10:30-11:00 Break, coffee, bagels, fruit and fellowship

11-Noon: Adult Program: In the 1960's and 1970's, William Collins, a photographer from the Nockamixon area, began taking slides of structures in Bucks County that were endangered. He started by recording everything that was at the site of Lake Nockamixon, and then expanded. His collection of over 4000 slides includes old houses and school and barns and bridges - and meetinghouses! Jack Fox, who was a member of Doylestown Meeting, and very active with the Hilltown Historical Society, ensured their safe storage over the years. With thanks to his wife Elyse, a member of Plumstead Meeting, Plumstead Friends have the meetinghouse slides available to them to share with us! Along with each set of slides - there are 3 to 5 for each meeting, there is a narrative with William Collins' history of each meeting.

Noon-1:00 Brown Bag Lunch: Plumstead provides beverages and dessert

1:00-3:00 Business Session — More Leprechaun Meetinghouse building for children staying!

Note: All Agenda Items for Quarterly Meeting Must be to the Chris Lucca one Week Prior to QM Telephone Chris at 215-208-1821

SHARE YOUR STORY AT QUARTERLY MTG.

There is a newly created space on the QM business agenda for Meetings to share a quick story about an inreach or outreach event that caused you to feel the vitality and/or growth that is in your meeting.

FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND AT CAMP ONAS

Camp Onas is holding Family Camp Weekend, May 28-30. Families can experience all that Onas has to offer: sleep in the bunks, eat camp food, swim, canoe, play games, explore nature and enjoy roaming the woods and fields together. Information and registration forms can be found at www.camponas.org. All ages of children are welcome and grandparents are very welcome to join in the fun.

CHECK OUT BETSY ESCHALLIER'S BEACH HOUSE RENTAL AD ON PAGE FOUR

EARLY BIRD MIDWEEK WORSHIP AT MAKEFIELD MEETING

Friends are invited to participate in the new weekly early-morning meeting for worship at Makefield meetinghouse, located between Newtown, Yardley, and Washington Crossing. The morning midweek sessions will start on Wednesday, May 4th, and will take place from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m. every Wednesday. Doors to the meetinghouse will open at 6:45 a.m., and coffee, tea, and bagels will be available in the social room before and after worship.

Makefield's meetinghouse is on Dolington Road not far from I-95 and the Washington Crossing bridge to New Jersey; it is close to the morning commute routes many Bucks Quarter Friends travel each weekday. If you would like to receive more information about the new midweek meeting for worship, email Makefield Meeting at info@makefieldfriendsmeeting.org. Directions to the meetinghouse can be found at the Meeting's website at <http://bit.ly/fvXYd8>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AN EVENING OF GREAT MUSIC

An old fashion free evening of coffee, tea refreshments, Solebury Friends invites you to their 3rd Annual Bohemian Style Coffee House, on **Friday, May 13th from 6:30-9PM** at the Solebury Friends Meeting Education Building, 2680 Sungan Road, New Hope, PA. Live entertainment featuring the songs of **Faith & Practice, Will Mckindley-Ward, and Jon Watts with violinist Marina Vishnyakova**. Doors open at 6:15PM. Admission is free and voluntary donations go to benefit the Interfaith Council to support the local Food Pantry of New Hope and Lambertville. Doors open at 6:15 and seating is limited. The property is a smoke free campus.

For more information, contact Michael Daley, Outreach Committee, Solebury Friends Meeting at michaeljdaley@comcast.net.

BUCKINGHAM MEETING FILM SERIES PRESENTS

"The Cats of Mirikitane"

Eighty-year-old Jimmy Mirikitani survived the trauma of WWII internment camps, Hiroshima, and homelessness by creating art. But when 9/11 threatens his life on the New York City streets and a local filmmaker brings him to her home, the two embark on a journey to confront Jimmy's painful past. An intimate exploration of the lingering wounds of war and the healing powers of friendship and art, this documentary won the Audience Award at its premiere in the 2006 Tribeca Film Festival.

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

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. May will be led by Dan Seeger and the pamphlet will be:

#318 Silence. Our Eye on Eternity by Dan Seeger

YOGA CLASSES AT NEWTOWN MEETING

Weekly yoga classes are offered at Newtown Meeting House on **Saturdays at 8:30 am**. The instructor, Jim Whitmoyer, has over 10 years experience as a Hatha Yoga teacher. Classes are open to all; no prior experience is necessary. There is no charge, although small a donation to the Meeting House is humbly requested. For more information, contact Jim at 215-968-0927, or jim.whitmoyer@verizon.net

THE VILLAGE FAIR!!

FRIENDS HOME AND FRIENDS VILLAGE FAMILY FUN DAY AND FUNDRAISER

The "Village Fair", for the benefit of Friends Home and Village, will take place at Friends Village on Saturday, **May 21st, from 10AM – 3PM**. There is no registration for the fair, which will include educational sessions from Snipes Farm and other vendors on "Going Green", live music, flea market and bake sale. Additionally, individual tickets will be sold for fair events such as pony rides, a moon bounce, face painting and lunch will be served by our talented dining staff. Join us on May 21st at Friends Village, 331 Lower Dolington Road, Newtown. Call for more information: (215) 968-9222.

UNITED FRIENDS SCHOOL 2ND ANNUAL FUN RUN

Join friends and family for a morning of fun on **May 21 at 9am**. United Friends School will hold its 2nd Annual Running with Friends. You may choose to participate in a 5k, 10k and/or 1 mile Fun Run at **Nockamixon State Park**.

Register at: <http://www.active.com/running/quakeertown-pa/united-friends-school-running-with-friends-2011>

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS HAVE A BLOG!!

The Young Adult Friends finally have a blog on the Young Adult Friends page of the PYM website. This will regularly feature posts by YAFs about their life and experience in PYM. If you have ideas of topics you'd like to see covered, feel free to let Sadie Forsyth know sadief@pym.org.

Please consider posting a comment, and sharing the link with other Friends who may be interested to read about the experience of YAFs in their own words! Here's the link to the YAF page rather than the direct link to the blog post so you can know where to check back for more entries soon: www.pym.org/yaf It appears about 1/2 down the page, under the heading of 'Recent Blog Posts'. Please take a look!

THE PEACE CENTER'S GANDHI CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Friday, May 13 benefit party with Arun Gandhi

5:00–6:00 Private Reception

6:00–8:00 Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres & Keynote Address at the Ramada in New Hope. 6426 Lower York Rd, New Hope. Tickets are \$125 / \$75

Saturday, May 14

Family day with Arun Gandhi

10:00–12:00 Crafts, Music, & Conversation

New Hope-Solebury Upper Elementary School

186 West Bridge St, New Hope, tickets \$10

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

For details go to www.thepeacecenter.org or contact Barbara Simmons, bsimmons@thepeacecenter.org 215.750.7220

This version of the February Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in May at Plumstead Monthly Meeting for consideration.

BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

FIRST DAY, SECOND MONTH 20, 2011 HELD AT PENNSWOOD VILLAGE, NEWTOWN

Clerk: Chris Lucca (Yardley MM) **Alternate Clerk:** Amy Brimmer (Fallsington MM)

Recording Clerk: David Rose (Lehigh Valley MM)

Friends gathered at the appointed hour of 1:00 pm settled into worship after being led in singing.

Business Issues: Those on the head table introduced themselves and guests introduced themselves. They were Thomas Swain: Middletown MM (Concord Quarter) as PYM Clerk and Jennie Sheeks (Central Phila MM) PYM Director of the Annual Fund.

Unfinished Business: Minute of Appreciation for Beth Ann Morgan. The following minute was proposed:

Minute 1: Bethann Morgan served a Clerk of Bucks Quarter from 2007-2008. She regularly attends Annual Sessions to represent Bucks Quarter and continues to serve on our Oversight Committee. Bethann often steps in where there is no one else to serve. We unite in our deep gratitude to her. **MINUTE APPROVED**

Approval of Agenda was done with minor adjustments.

Roll Call of Meeting: Bristol :1, Buckingham:1, Doylestown: 5,Fallsington, 7,Lehigh Valley:2, Makefield:3, Middletown:6, Newtown:2, Plumstead: 0,Quakertown: 2 ,Solebury: 2, Southampton: 5,Wrightstown: 2, Yardley: 4,

Minutes of November 2010 were read and approved with clarification regarding the minute of appreciation which will be requested for Bob Atkinson

Appreciation was expressed to those groups involved in facilitating today's meeting.

Stories of Vitality and Growth. **Lehigh Valley MM** will be having Quaker Quest in March and April; **Wrightstown MM** has completed renovation of upstairs classrooms to comply with insurance requirements; **Fallsington MM** is uniting with **Yardley MM** in having a Contra Dance. Jon Watts, a singer songwriter, is living in the meetinghouse and recording an album there; **Southampton MM** has been able to find a place for the caretaker to move to; **Fallsington MM Finance Committee** has been dealing with Financial issues that raise questions regarding purpose and growth.

Coordinator's Report: Holly Olson prefaced her report by sharing the excitement she experienced in providing childcare for the Quaker Parenting Initiative. Inreach : Quaker Parenting Initiative, Skating Party, the called meeting of the Quarter Worship and Ministry Committee and the Clerks Meeting. Report received.

Doylestown MM Annual Report: Betsy Eschaller highlighted the series on Social Justice. The meeting has been experiencing irregular attendance for First Day School and has adjusted by changing from a planned curriculum to providing activities.

Minute from Doylestown MM to PYM through BQM regarding response to 9/11/2001 Ten Year Remembrance:

Minute 2: At Bucks Quarter Meeting held on February 20, 2011, members of Doylestown MM presented a minute on "The Non-Violent Response to Terrorism". After discussion and consideration, we united in endorsing the minute from Doylestown as a way to reaffirm our Peace Testimony. As a Quarterly Meeting we will help in supporting Doylestown MM with its call to show that there is a Non-Violent Response to Terrorism that can be strategic and effective. We request that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting help in this concern by: Sharing a list of Peace Committee Clerks of all Monthly Meetings in PYM (or a list of all Monthly Meeting Clerks) for contacting them for inviting them in planning and informing its members,

Asking Philadelphia Yearly Meeting staff to help with the planned event on 9/11/11, the tenth anniversary of the terrorists attacks of 2001. Asking for help from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting staff in communication with Monthly Meetings with plans for the event on 9/11/11.

Announcements: Robert Green (Princeton MM) introduced himself as a PYM representative to FCNL. Jennie Sheeks introduced herself as the new Director of PYM Annual Giving.

Solebury MM Annual Report : George Rhoads highlighted the number of activities that are being planned; Annual Pancake Breakfast, the utilization of the facility by both Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops and Community Day.

Friends Home and Village Annual Report : Tim Dwyer, Board Member reviewed activities of the past year.

Treasurer's report : Tim Dwyer reported that finances are on track regarding both income and expenses.

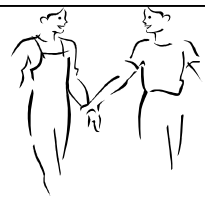
Budget and Nominating: Betsy Bayardi reported a tentative draft budget is not being presented due both a meeting which was canceled due to weather and incomplete information. The Meeting was asked to improve the requested increase of 1% of our commitment to PYM to \$178,450. Meeting approved the increase of 1%.

Makefield MM Annual Report: Boris Simkovich reported that Makefield MM is a small, settled meeting that is engaged in building the internal community as a basis for future outreach.

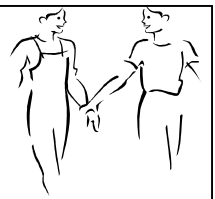
Outreach Committee report: Kellie Schlusel-Edens. Time was used to deputize everyone present as an Outreach committee member and get them to offer ideas to promote Quakerism. Suggestions offered will be considered at the next committee meeting.

Quakertown MM Annual Report: Doug Meaker reported that Quakertown Meeting is very visible in the community. They have found that inquirers were having a problem "finding their way in".

Friends settled into closing worship at 3:25 pm.



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

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Tel: 215-295-1139 x 102

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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.

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