

# Quakerphernalia

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

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 11th day of the preceding months publication.

## May 2012

- May 4 7-9pm Coffee House Concert at Solebury Meeting Education Building  
May 5 8am-2pm Yard Sale at Wrightstown Meeting ~ Great Stuff ~ Rain or Shine!  
May 7 13th Annual Chandler Hall Golf Classic at Trenton Country Club - [vfusco@chandlerhall.org](mailto:vfusco@chandlerhall.org)  
May 8 7pm Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee Meets at Pennswood Village  
May 17 9-11am Open House The Quaker School at Horsham [www.quakerschool.org](http://www.quakerschool.org)  
May 17 1pm Friends Home and Village Boards Meets at Friends Village  
May 18 6pm BQ Clerks Meeting at Wrightstown 6:00 Pot Luck, 7:00 Meeting  
May 18-20 Art Show at Middletown Friends Meetinghouse  
**May 20 9am-3pm Bucks Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship and Business at Wrightstown Mtghse.**  
**May 20 4-7pm PYM Long Range Planning Group Meeting with Bucks Quarter at Buckingham**  
May 20 7pm Camp Onas Board Meets at Onas  
May 21 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse  
May 24 7:30pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Makefield - All voices are welcome!!

## Looking Ahead

FGC Gathering July 1-7 University of Rhode Island

**PYM Annual Sessions 2012: "Living the Holy Experiment" at Arch Street Meetinghouse and other locations in and nearby Philadelphia, July 25-29, 2012.**

**Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:**

May ~ Fallsington June ~ Makefield July ~ Middletown

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

**SUNDAY MAY 20 ~ QUARTERLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP**

**FELLOWSHIP & BUSINESS**

**WRIGHTSTOWN MONTHLY MEETING 9:00 - 3:00PM**

**JOIN FRIENDS AND SHARE YOUR LIGHT !**

## Schedule of Events:

**9:00:** Refreshments and registration in Social Hall **10:00:** Meeting for Worship

**10:00-Noon: Children's Program:** For the first hour BQ kids will join Wrightstown Meeting kids in FDS. For the second hour they will enjoy and engage in a great craft project.

**11:00-Noon: Adult Program: "Quaker Witness -- Around the World and Around the Corner"**

Mercer Street Friends is a Quaker-based social service agency that serves nearly 30,000 people in need in and around Trenton New Jersey. For more than 50 years the agency has provided vital services to children, youth, parents, and adults through a wide range of programs. MSF is also the largest source of government and privately donated food in Mercer County. Mercer Street Friends staff and Board members will describe the scope of the agency's programs and impact, as well as the challenges facing the agency and the people it serves. We will also learn about ways that nearby Meetings and their members in Bucks and Burlington Quarters are strengthening their connections to this important local expression of Quaker witness in the world.

[www.mercerstreetfriends.org](http://www.mercerstreetfriends.org).

**Noon to 1:00 pm:** Brown Bag Lunch with desserts and beverages provided by Wrightstown Friends

**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm:** Business Meeting. We will hear stories and reports from Buckingham, Fallsington, Lehigh Valley and Bristol Meetings. We will also hear from Chandler Hall, The Quaker School at Horsham, Wrightstown Friends Nursery School, the BQ Coordinator and the BQ Treasurer will present the draft of the final budget.

**Wrightstown Meeting is located at 535 Durham Road (Route 413), Newtown, PA 18940**

**Note:** All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting must be to the clerk, Amy Ward Brimmer, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting.

[awbrimmer@gmail.com](mailto:awbrimmer@gmail.com)

## SHARE YOUR STORY AT QUARTERLY MEETING

This space on the QM business agenda is 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.

### ART SHOW AT

#### MIDDLETOWN FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE

You are cordially invited to the **Middletown Friends Meeting Art Show and Artists' Reception**

Reception is **Friday, May 18** from 5 to 7 PM

The show will be open Friday 5 to 8 PM

**Saturday, Noon to 4 PM** during the Langhorne Garden Tour and **Sunday 12:30 to 4PM**

453 West Maple Avenue, Langhorne, PA

#### MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Tuesdays at Southampton 7:30 PM**

**Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley 5:00 PM**

**Wednesdays at Makefield 7:00 AM**

**Wednesdays at Middletown 7:00 PM**

**Wednesday at Plumstead 8:30 AM**

**Wednesdays at Wrightstown 7:00PM**

#### COFFEE HOUSE AT SOLEBURY MEETING

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TO BENEFIT

#### MERCER STREET FRIENDS CENTER

Mark your calendars for an evening of great music. On **Friday May 4th from 7-9PM** Jon Watts and Pamela Draper will share their diverse journeys with music and the human spirit. You're invited to an evening of great coffees, tea refreshments, and fabulous desserts! Solebury Friends Meeting Education Building, 2680 Sungan Road, New Hope, PA .

Doors open at 6:15PM. Admission is free and voluntary donations go to benefit Mercer Street Friends Center. The property is a smoke free campus.

**For more information, contact Michael Daley, Outreach Committee, Solebury Friends Meeting at [michaeljdaley@comcast.net](mailto:michaeljdaley@comcast.net).**

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**Anyone interested in being a Friendly Presence is especially encouraged to contact us.**

Call Jerry Smith, 215-355-8092.

#### YARD SALE!!!

##### WRIGHTSTOWN MEETING

**Saturday May 5th Rain or Shine -**

**8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Books, Garden Tools, Lamps, Small Kitchen Appliances, Place Settings - to mention a only few of the fabulous items expected for this sale!

There will be a Quaker Craft Table with Hand Knit Items and Sturdy Carry-All Bags - for Books and Groceries

**Come hungry - we will have a Bake Table that includes Fresh Pretzels!**

#### PYM LONG RANGE PLANNING GROUP

SPRING 2012

**FINDING THE HEART OF THE MATTER:**

**SEEING OUR WAY FORWARD**

**AS A QUAKER COMMUNITY**

The PYM Long Range Planning Group needs you to help find the heart of our community life as a yearly meeting. We are at a crossroads in a time of change and challenge and together must find new ways forward. Please come share the experiences, passions, priorities of your Meeting and our collective spiritual journey and witness at any one of 8 regional sessions.

⇒ \* Plymouth Meeting Saturday April 28th 2-5 pm

⇒ \* Lancaster Meeting Saturday April 28th 10-1 pm

⇒ \* Burlington Meeting Sunday April 29th 4-7 pm

⇒ \* Central Phila. MM Saturday May 5 2-5 pm

⇒ \* Buckingham Meeting Sunday May 20th 4-7 pm

For more information, please contact Melanie Douty ([melanie.douty@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.douty@gmail.com)) and John Hayden ([jbhayden1@gmail.com](mailto:jbhayden1@gmail.com)) with any questions, comments, or concerns.

#### DON'T HIDE YOUR LIGHT UNDER A BUSHEL

##### A REQUEST FROM YOUR COORDINATOR

If your meeting is planning an event that is open to the public, please let Holly Olson know as soon as possible so that it can be published in Quakerphernalia. Articles need to be submitted by the 11th day of the preceding month's publication. For example for the May Quakerphernalia, articles need to be to Holly by April 11th. If you have a hint that something may be happening, give Holly a heads up so that she can reserve space.

Email print ready articles to [hollybqc@verizon.net](mailto:hollybqc@verizon.net)

#### WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

**A Gathering of Friends for a morning of**

**Unprogrammed Worship**

**Saturday, May 19th, 9:30am to 1:30pm**

**Abington Friends Meetinghouse**

Are you looking for Deep Fellowship among us and Deeper Community with the Divine?

**Come join us in extended Meeting for Worship.** We invite you to gather with us for two hours extended worship, followed by lunch and worship sharing. The extended worship is an invitation for the Spirit to work within each person and through the group in transforming ways. Many find much spiritual nourishment in the silence, where vocal ministry can ripen and be spoken in keen discernment about the movement of the Spirit within each of us. Many are surprised at how quickly these hours can pass.

We share a brown bag lunch and fellowship afterwards. Worship sharing that follows will flow out the morning worship.

**ALL ARE WELCOME. BRING A BAG LUNCH.**

Please contact us in advance if you need child care or other information.

Amelia Diamond, [aediamond7@gmail.com](mailto:aediamond7@gmail.com). John Brady, [johnbrd69@gmail.com](mailto:johnbrd69@gmail.com) or Barb Smith, [quake-down@yahoo.com](mailto:quake-down@yahoo.com). The meetinghouse is located at 520 Meetinghouse Rd, Jenkintown, PA 19046

#### FRIENDS HOSPITAL

##### CELEBRATING 200th ANNIVERSARY

The Thomas Scattergood Foundation shares its history and grounds with the Hospital and is hosting a series of anniversary events during the month of June.

For more information email: [cdelgado@scattergoodfoundation.org](mailto:cdelgado@scattergoodfoundation.org)

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**kfreedman@chandlerhall.org**

## YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS (YAF) SPRING RETREAT MAY 18-20 (LOCATION TBD)

Join Young Adult Friends (age 18-35ish) for the annual Spring Retreat. Expect workshops, worship sharing, games, and fellowship as YAFs build their community and explore questions like "What does it mean to be a Quaker?" "How do we find/create our spiritual homes?" "How do I listen to the Divine?" YAFs are at different places on our journeys, and we come together for rejuvenation, relaxation, and to deepen our connection to one another & the Spirit. Good food and fun are also assured, and all YAFs are invited - whether it's your first time at an event or if you are a regular attendee! The cost of the weekend is \$35 and financial aid is available. [www.pym.org/yaf](http://www.pym.org/yaf) or contact Elizabeth Piersol Schmidt at [YoungAdultFriends@pym.org](mailto:YoungAdultFriends@pym.org) or 215-241-7075

*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 Wrightstown Monthly Meeting for consideration.*

### BUCKS QUARTER RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

#### MEETING FOR BUSINESS

**First Day, Second Month 15, 2012**

**HELD AT SOLEBURY MEETINGHOUSE**

**Clerk:** Amy Ward Brimmer (Fallsington MM) **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley MM)

**Friends gathered** at the appointed hour of 1:00 PM and settled into a period of worship during which the business meeting queries from Faith and Practice were read.

**Agenda** reviewed and accepted.

**Roll Call of Meetings:** Bristol: 9, Buckingham: 0, Doylestown: 7, Fallsington: 7, LehighValley: 1, Makefield: 2, Middletown: 5, Newtown: 4, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown NJ: 1, Solebury: 6, Southampton: 1, Wrightstown: 3, Yardley: 3

**Clerk's Comments:** The new Quarter Clerk, Amy Ward Brimmer, introduced herself and reviewed some ground rules for conducting business in the manner of Friends. .

**Minutes from November 2011** reviewed and approved with the following clarification offered: Abington Quarter was invited to the New Year's Day Skating Party, not the New Year's Eve Skating Party.

**Stories of Vitality and Growth:** Stories of vitality and growth were offered by many meetings.

**Coordinator's Report** given by Holly Olson (Middletown). Complete report is available. The Inreach portion of the report covered the busy visitation period during the holiday season and the report of annual New Year's Day Skating Party. Outreach portion included the program that was given at Chandler Hall "Experience Quakerism" and the upcoming "Quakerism in a Nutshell" to be held at Makefield on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The report also noted the effect to other Quarters of the elimination of Coordinator funding by PYM. Holly shared the many interesting programs that she has attended with the wider Quaker community. Holly requested whenever possible, all articles for Quakerphernalia be sent to her one and a half months in advance. At the least, give Holly advance notice that something is planned so that she can hold space. Report received.

**Quakertown (NJ) MM Annual Report** was given by Gerry Kirwan. Complete report is available. He announced that the recently published book on the history of Quakertown MM will be given to all meetings in the Quarter. Quakertown is a small meeting with arrival of a new family and wedding being major events this past year.

**Doylestown MM Annual Report** given by Elizabeth Eschallier (outgoing clerk DMM). Complete report is available. The Meeting is hosting many programs which are open to the public and has held a number of events which strengthen the bonds within the Meeting Community.

Carol Ashton-Hergenhan (Newtown MM) gave the report **for Friends Home and Village**. This past year, a marketing study was commissioned in an attempt to deal with unused capacity. Survey indicated that name recognition of FH&V is very low. Another concern during the past year has been to improve its governance and to make clear to all the responsibilities of board membership. The Clerk urged Meetings to visit their members who are living there.

**Budget and Nominating:** Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown MM) gave the report.

Rich Friar and Betsy Bayardi were presented for re-nomination to PYM Nominating committee. APPROVED.

**Treasurer's Report** given by Tim Dwyer (Bristol MM). Complete report is available.

**Preliminary Draft Budget** for 2012-13 presented for consideration. Complete draft budget is available. Current budget is balanced but does not include covenant pledges from two meetings.

Proposed draft budget, in order to be balanced, reduces the PYM contribution by \$690 from last year. The distribution of the monies received from the Quarter and to Yearly Meeting is around 65% to PYM. Currently (2011-12) is at 67.5%. Suggestion made that there be a discussion about the portion that goes to PYM with possibility open for either a decrease or increase.

- **Doylestown MM announced that they had a minute** regarding PYM financial stewardship with suggestions for improvement. Several Friends shared their concern about this issue as well. The Clerk recognized that many questions and concerns are being held by Friends about the issue of the Yearly Meeting's financial needs and its stewardship going forward, and since there was not time in this business meeting to consider them all, she suggested that we schedule a Called Meeting to discuss the issues, at which time Doylestown's minute could be presented. Friends approved this plan.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET ACCEPTED, RETURNED TO BUDGET & NOMINATING FOR FURTHER REFINEMENT AND LAID OVER FOR FINAL APPROVAL AT THE MAY MEETING FOR BUSINESS.

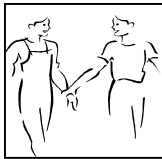
**United Friends School Annual Report** given by Nancy Donnelly (Head of School, member Unami Meeting, Abington Qtr). Complete report is available. Report written especially for the Quarter and highlighted the Annual Exploration of a testimony. This year it is Equality.

**Makefield MM Annual Report** given by Boris Simkovich (Clerk). Building for the Future was the theme that he wanted to highlight with examples from the report given. Question was raised about the ways that outreach was done. Response was that first internal review and changes needed to occur.

**Outreach Committee Report** given by Kellie Schluskel-Edens (Yardley Meeting). Complete report is available. The Grange Fair, as usual, was the major outreach effort for the year. She also highlighted the new pamphlet that provided a short response to the question, "What is a Quaker?" Kellie concluded with the open invitation for anyone with ideas to share them with the committee, and that there is always the need for additional volunteers, especially someone willing to monitor a Quarter Facebook page.

A Friend from **Quakertown MM** asked why there is no Peace & Social Concerns committee for the Quarter, and wondered if one should be formed. The Coordinator explained that it had been attempted before, but it was difficult to find a core issue or project that met the needs of all MMs. Friends expressed the general sense that the time is ripe to revive our efforts in this area. The clerk suggested that perhaps we could create a support group for the clerks of Peace committees from monthly meetings which have them, in the same way that pastoral care and religious education clerks have started to gather. The Coordinator agreed to pursue this possibility.

After Announcements, **Meeting ended** with a period of silence at 3:05 pm.



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