

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.

JUNE 2009

- June 3 7:30pm Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meeting
June 4 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village (Rescheduled May Meeting)
June 6 9-11am Press Release Workshop for BQ Monthly Meetings with Norval Reece at Newtown Meeting
June 7 11:30am "Walk Gently on The Earth" Forum at Doylestown Meeting ~ Carmen 215-489-0378 (*Below*)
June 11 6pm BQ Oversight Meets at Buckingham for Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Meeting
June 15 1-3pm Creative Hands Meets at Wrightstown Meeting ~ Pauline 215-860-5554
June 18 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
June 19-21 Young Adult Friends Retreat (*Article on page 3*)
June 26 7pm Covered Dish Dessert for Camp Onas Board and Counselors/Camper Aids at Camp Onas

Looking Ahead

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING SUMMER SESSIONS

SAVE THE DATE!

Wed. July 29 to Sun. August 2, 2009

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

June ~ Makefield July ~ Middletown August ~ Newtown

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

WALK GENTLY ON THE EARTH

Doylestown Friends Meeting is Hosting a Green Friendly Meal and Forum presenting ways that we can "Walk Gently on The Earth". The Forum is on **June 7, 2009** at Doylestown Meeting following Meeting for Worship. It starts at **11:30AM** and includes vegetarian and vegan food to sample, literature, and items to purchase. Children and Adults welcome. We hope you will join us. For more info, contact Carmen Berelson at 215-489-0378.

F/FRIENDS WALK TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER

On April 11th, F/friends from Solebury Meeting and Bucks Food For Friends (BFFF) participated in the Walk Against Hunger sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger. The day was cold and wet, but spirits were high and bright. Combined, the two groups raised over \$4,000.00! The \$2,000+ in sponsorships received by Solebury F/friends is designated to support the Lambertville Food Pantry and the \$2,000+ in sponsorships raised by the walkers from BFFF will support their ministry of food service and sharing in the Lower Bucks area.

Thank you Katie Kerr for connecting Friends with this great opportunity to serve our communities!

LIVES PASSING

Newtown Friends suffer the loss of **Kingdon Swayne** who passed away on April 22nd. A memorial service will be held on May 30th in the George School meeting house at 1:00 PM.

SUBMISSIONS WANTED

The Peace Fair Steering Committee is looking for a logo design for use on T-shirts, tote bags, etc. Please submit your creative ideas by July 30th to Peter Ray at info@quakerpeacefair.org.

CREATING PEACE YOGA

On **Thursdays from 7-8:30PM** (ongoing), beginner level gentle Yoga, and reflections on Inner, Outer, and World Peace is offered at the Middletown meeting-house. No previous Yoga experience is necessary and all levels are welcome. The cost is \$10 at the door and the class is taught by Connie Fenty, member of Middletown Meeting. Connie is certified to teach Kripalu Yoga, a form of Hatha Yoga that facilitates inner awareness and peace.

Bring a throw pillow, yoga mat or large towel, and a small blanket. Wear loose comfortable clothing.

For more information: call 215-906-2275,

or email: cfenty@voicenet.com

PRESS RELEASE WORKSHOP

Are you the person in your Meeting who would like to take up the call to write press releases? Then please join us on June 6th from 9-11 AM and learn from one of Bucks Quarter's finest press release writers, Norval Reece of Newtown Meeting. There's no need to register, just show up eager to learn and serve your Meeting community in this very important way.

Contact Holly Olson should you have any questions.


215-860-9747 or 215-453-7358 or

hollybqc@verizon.net.



NEW COOING ADDITIONS

Middletown Meeting welcomes **Lydia Vail Parry-Bogert** born on March 31st.



WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL

Spaces are still available for the Fall 2009 Nursery School Term. If you or someone you know is still looking for a gem of a nursery school, please call Jean

BUCKINGHAM MONTHLY MEETING NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DEDICATION

It was a wonderful day at Buckingham Meeting on April 19th.

The process...

'In 2002, after much research conducted by the National Park Service's Historic American Buildings Survey group, the Meetinghouse was nominated. The final decision was to be made by an advisory group of historians that convenes in Washington DC. Friends learned that this meeting is open to the people associated with the building to come and voice their comments. John Bailey (clerk at the time) knew there was one Friend who must be there. John asked Margaret Richie to go as his guest and speak.

When the time came, Margaret stood at the podium and began to speak about the Meetinghouse. Within moments, this distinguished group realized that they were not just hearing from a person with a passion for this building, but they were hearing from a peer, Buckingham's own Margaret Richie, herself a well known Bucks County historian and author of many books and articles on the subject. John could see by the look on the faces of committee members that they were in! Once Margret finished, it seemed only moments before the committee decided to recommend the Buckingham Meetinghouse become a National Historic Landmark.' So, on this wonderful day in April, the Plaque was unveiled, read and officially dedicated. Following the dedication was the "Feast of the Plaque" luncheon. The important thing is, Landmark or not, the spirit that built this building is still here. This building is more than just wood and stone, it continues to help nurture spiritual lives of Buckingham Friends. After all these years.....

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PEACE VIGILS AND MEDITATIONS

Doylestown: Tuesdays at State & Main Sts 6-7pm
Newtown Meeting: 2nd Tuesdays, 7pm
Newtown: Mondays at Routes 332 & 413 5-6pm

WANTED

NEW OR GENTLY USED BOOKS

The Peace Fair needs your gently books. If you can make a collection site at your Meeting, Holly can pick them up when she visits. You may also leave them on the Buckingham meetinghouse porch.

HABITAT WORK DAY WITH TRENTON FRIENDS

Join with Trenton Friends Meeting for a day of work with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday June 13. All Yearly Meeting Friends are invited

8:15 AM: Begin with a light breakfast provided by Trenton Friends at the Meetinghouse, 142 East Hanover Street, Trenton NJ 08608.

9:00 AM: Orientation at the Habitat for Humanity of-fice.

12:00 PM: Brown Bag Lunch

4:00 PM: Work usually ends

Dinner Trenton Friends will provide pizza while we discuss the day.

6:00 PM: Workday ends

Wear work clothes. (We may be working inside or out, so dress accordingly.) Wear sturdy work boots or shoes. Please bring work gloves if you have them.

Registration is necessary. Contact: Sandra Johnson 609-443-3782 srjohn3@verizon.net

Participants must be 16 years old or older. All participants will be asked to sign a liability waiver.

ONE BOOK ONE YEARLY MEETING

The "One Book, One Yearly Meeting" working group has selected the new book "Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy" as the 2009 title.

Monthly Meetings are invited and encouraged to build connections among Friends of all ages by facilitating conversations, discussions and activities around "Right Relationship" and a companion book selected for children, "Earth Care: World Folktales to Talk About."

The working group has created a FREE, downloadable curriculum available at www.pym.org/education/onebook. This curriculum includes queries, book extracts and activities for adults, children and multi-generational groups. Both books are available at a 10 percent discount through QuakerBooks of FGC, www.quakerbooks.org, 1-800-966-4556. Free copies can be borrowed from the PYM Library, library@pym.org, 215-241-7220.

EARTHCARE IS FOCUS FOR CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

PYM Children's Sessions this summer at DeSales University will focus on the query, How can we "Live up to the Light" around earthcare? The children's program will feature activities and stories built around the book "Earth Care: World Folktales to Talk About" by Margaret MacDonald. Earth Care is the 2009 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting "One Book, One Yearly Meeting" children's book. Children at Summer Sessions will grow into a close community taking time for spiritual growth through play, worship, service, children's business, fun activities and F/friendship. Children's Sessions will meet morning and evening -- at the same time as the adult sessions. Afternoons will be left free for Friendly community building, relaxation, spiritual nurture, fun and workshops for Friends of all ages. All the children's

activities will be led by gifted, joyous and enthusiastic adults. Mark your calendars for July 29-August 2 to join us for five wonderful days of PYM "summer camp" at Yearly Meeting Sessions! For information or to join our fun-loving crew of volunteers, please contact Kathy Foster Singer, Children's Religious Life Coordinator, at 215-241-7526, kathys@pym.org

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

IRAQI REFUGEES IN NEED

The Nationalities Service Center in Philadelphia which deals with refugees arriving in this area has had an enormous increase in the number of refugees (275 will arrive between May and August 2009 of whom 75% will be Iraqis). There is an urgent need for help.

Specific ways Friends could help are:

Prepare welcome baskets for families.

Prepare gender neutral backpacks for refugee children.

It would be particularly appropriate if First Day Schools could help prepare the backpacks.

Please email kwj1@hotmail.com for details on what should be included in these items.

Cash donations are also welcome to provide items such as:

- \$10 Electric Fan
- \$30 English as a Second Language Text Book
- \$50 School Supplies and School Uniform
- \$100 Window Air Conditioner
- \$500 Home Security Deposit

Such donations are tax deductible and should be sent to: Nationalities Service Center: 1216 Arch Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Ken Johnson, Clerk, Doylestown Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or need assistance.

FRIENDS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Care and Aging Resource Development Coordinator (part-time 70%; term limited: 18-24 months). Position will assist in establishing programs, trainings, tools, and resources for the Care and Aging Coordinator.

Administrative Assistant (part-time 60%). This position supports and collaborates with the Associate Secretary for Program and Religious Life to enhance the vitality of the standing committees, working groups and programs in the care of the department through administrative and clerical support, data collection and maintenance, referrals and communication facilitation.

Contact: Ginny Connolly, Human Resources Coordinator at ginnyc@pym.org; 215-241-7255.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS RETREAT

June 19-21 (Fri.-Sun.) -A PYM Young Adult Friends Retreat will take place at a meetinghouse to be announced. This retreat will focus on community building, fun, relaxation and exploration of joy in our spirituality. The retreat is being planned by the new Young Adult Friends Working Group, in collaboration with PYM YAF Coordinator Sadie Forsythe, 215-241-7075, sadief@pym.org. More information will be coming on the YAF website:

www.pym.org/education/yaf.

GET REAL TEEN CAMP

Here's the skinny... If you are between the ages of 13 to 15 and looking to do something with your time this summer – you, my friend, are in luck. GET REAL is only four days but it will be jam packed. We are going to be getting you those much needed community service hours, working on some cool team-building skills, and hopefully having loads of fun in process.

Dates: June 29th – July 2nd (Monday through Thursday). Yes, you have that Friday available for holiday festivities still. **Times:** scheduled 9am – 3pm, days might be so filled that we will go past 3pm. **Ages:** Young and old, as long as you are 13, 14, or 15 years of age. **Cost:** \$100, one hundred dollars, a 100 bucks, or 10,000 pennies **Location:** The Peace Center ... with lots of "field trips" in the surrounding area. There may be a day where we meet at Tyler State Park (wink). And there may be an afternoon of pool party type festivities (wink, wink).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call **The Peace Center 215-750-7220**.

More details to follow with registration.

PEACE CAMP 2009

Three weeks of personal, interpersonal and global awareness. Campers will be learning about emotional intelligence, healthy coping strategies, conflict resolution skills, cooperation and teambuilding, embracing diversity and environment all through lessons, activities, games, skits, crafts, guest presenters and much more.

Peace Camp is running three 'week' sessions, July 20-24th July 27-31st and August 3-7th from 9AM to 3PM geared toward ages 7-12. The cost of camp at full price is \$260 per camper per week. Camp will take place at the Newtown Friends Meetinghouse in Newtown, Pa. Aftercare is available for separate fees. All information and forms are available at The Peace Center's web page www.thepeacecenter.org.

Friendly Reminders

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

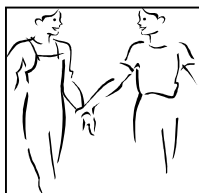
Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting presently has two mid-week Meetings for Worship on Wednesday at 5:30pm. at the Meetinghouse and from 12 to 1pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 514 Third Ave in Bethlehem.

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

The third Wednesday is Worship Sharing at 7pm.

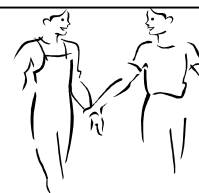
Pennswood Village Meeting for Worship: Every first day morning at 10:30am in the activities room in the Woolman House. Take elevator down to first floor.

* Send notifications of births, adoptions, and deaths to the coordinator so that the members



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Friendly Services Needed



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