

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.

August 2009

- Aug 1-2 Final Days of PYM Summer Sessions at DeSales University, Center Valley, PA
Aug 5 7:30pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meeting ~ All are welcome!
Aug 12-16 Middletown Grange Fair ~ Call Holly to Volunteer as a Greeter at the Quaker tent!
Aug 14 & 15 Teacher Training on Conflict Resolution (**Page 2**)
Aug 17 1-3pm Creative Hands Meets at Wrightstown Meeting ~ Pauline 215-860-5554
August 20 7pm Buck Quarter Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham
Aug 21 6pm Quarterly Meeting Worship and Ministry at Lehigh Valley MM (**Below and page 2**)
Aug 23 9:00am Quarterly Meeting for Worship and Business at Bristol Meeting (**Below**)
Aug 29 9:30am-3pm Annual Gathering of Oversight Committee Members at Plymouth Friends Meeting

Looking Ahead

- Sept 12 8am-3pm Yardley Flea Market ~ Yardley Friends Meeting (Rain Date September 19)
Sept 12 2-5pm Friends Center Transformation Celebration
Sept 26 11am-4pm Peace Fair ~ The Campus of Buckingham Friends School and Meeting

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

August ~ Newtown September ~ Solebury October ~ Wrightstown

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

FRIDAY AUGUST 21, 6:00 PM

QUARTERLY WORSHIP AND MINISTRY PROGRAM HOSTED BY LEHIGH VALLEY MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

6:00 Brown Bag Dinner (desserts and beverages provided by our LVMM Friends)

7:00 Discussion: Tom Gates' pamphlet, The Gathered Meeting Revisited. See article on Page 2

SUNDAY AUGUST 23 9:00 AM

QUARTERLY MEETING SESSIONS FOR WORSHIP & BUSINESS ~ BRISTOL MEETING

FOR DIRECTIONS GO TO : www.quakersbucks.org and click on the Bristol link

If you use a GPS device, the address is 235 Market Street Bristol PA 19007

9:00-9:45: Registration

9:45-10:45: Meeting for Worship (children are in worship first 15 minutes)

10:15-Noon: Children's Program: Kids and teens will write letters to the school children at Ramallah Friends School. There will be an arts and craft project for the younger children. There will also be an opportunity to walk to the waterfront and the Harriet Tubman statue.

Contact Holly Olson if your 0-18 year olds will be attending the sessions.

11:00-Noon: Adult Program: Jim Fine: "Friends in Philadelphia and Friends in Ramallah: Timely Work for Middle East Peace Here and There."

Jim will give a two-part talk about the urgent need for Friends here to support the administration's Israeli-Palestinian peace initiatives and report on the work of the Friends International Center in Ramallah.

Noon-1:00: Luncheon provided by Bristol Friends. Hot dogs, chicken, veggie lasagna, salads and more.

1-3pm: Meeting for Business: During the afternoon business session we will hear all the great news from Middletown, Solebury, Southampton, Wrightstown and Yardley Meetings. The Quarter's Alternate Treasurer will provide his Annual Report and Bucks Food For Friends will share their Annual Report.

Childcare will be available during Meeting for Business

Bristol Meeting is handicapped accessible.

**CHECK OUT THE
THREE NEW LISTINGS IN THE
FRIENDLY SERVICES SECTION!!**

WANTED

NEW OR GENTLY USED BOOKS

The Peace Fair needs your gently used 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.



The Grange Fair is Coming!!

The Middletown Grange Fair in Wrightstown will be held August 12th through 16th. Every year Bucks Quarter has a tent at the fair and Friends generously serve as greeters at the tent. Holly Olson sets the volunteer schedule. **If you are able to help at the tent for a two hour shift of your choice please call Holly at 215-860-9747 or email hollybqc@verizon.net.** Beginning in August, Holly will make phone calls to ask for volunteers and the time slots get trickier. The tent opens at 10AM and shuts down at 10PM. If you've never helped before, it's very easy and Holly will make sure that you are teamed up with someone who has helped in the past. Serving as a volunteer at the tent is a lot of fun and the fair is lots of fun. Come to the fair for the afternoon or evening and volunteer for two hours while you're there!! You may park at Wrightstown Meeting and walk across the ball fields to the fair. Parking at the fair is \$10. Parking at Wrightstown Meeting is good way to offset your gas cost! Please call or email Holly with any questions.

SOUTHAMPTON MEETING CAN USE YOUR HELP

Faced with declining membership and attendance over a number of years, Southampton Meeting would like to "borrow" some energy from Friends in the Quarter. Please join us when you can for Meeting for Worship on First Day at 10 am at the meeting house at the corner of Street Rd, and Gravel Hill Rd. in Southampton. While you're visiting, browse our facilities at the adjoining House on the Hill. We're actively looking to host gatherings and events, both Quaker-related and beyond. In fact, the meeting currently hosts a twelve-step group and a Theosophical Society discussion group. Our wooded surroundings are serene and friendly, our facilities warm and simple. They're suitable for everything from book clubs, study groups, and lectures to jazz bands and poetry slams. So if you have an abundance of enthusiasm, ideas or energy, lend us some, and we'll pay it back, or pay it forward. Our thanks to Friends Doug Meaker, Holly Olson and Chris Lucca for the contributions they have already made toward helping us rekindle our light.

YOU'RE INVITED ~ THE GATHERED MEETING REVISITED

The Bucks Quarterly Worship and Ministry program on **August 21** at Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting will center around, **The Gathered Meeting Revisited** by Tom Gates.

If you don't have the pamphlet or the time to read it, please join us for the discussion anyway. LVMM has copies of the pamphlet that can be used by visiting Friends that evening.

Friends who can make the time to read this pamphlet in advance are encouraged to do so. It is available from Quaker Books of Friends General Conference for \$7.50. Your Meeting library may also have copies that you can borrow.

Tom Gates opens the pamphlet with this quote from Thomas Kelly's essay, The Gathered Meeting: In the practice of group worship on the basis of silence come special times when the electric hush and solemnity and depth of power steals over the worshippers. A blanket of divine covering comes over the room, a stillness that can be felt is over all, and the worshippers are gathered into a unity and synthesis of life which is amazing indeed. A quickening presence pervades us...and awakens us in depths that had before been slumbering. The Burning Bush has been kindled in our midst, and we stand together on holy ground.

Tom Gates writes that these words "...raise questions, even doubts. Do we in fact live up to these high ideals? Why does it seem we so seldom experience a truly gathered meeting? And some of us may even ask, have I ever really had this experience? Do I know it experientially, or is it just a bit of quaint Quaker lore, part of the Quaker museum, and no longer relevant to us today?"

Tom gates explores the topic in a beautifully articulate way from his own spiritual experiences and also with accounts of how his Meeting has over time deepened their worship. He references Elizabeth Watson, Michael Sheehan and others as he draws the reader along with him to greater insight into worship that inspires us, "to listen, to be gathered, to be led, willing even to be transformed."

Please come join in a discussion that promises to be rich and hopefully inspiring to us as we return to our home meetings

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

BARRIERS FACING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

- ◆ Lack of sufficient money for basic needs, e.g., rent, gas, heat, electric, food.
- ◆ Lack of reliable transportation or access to public transportation.
- ◆ Low self-esteem, depression, feeling overwhelmed; "not in the same class" of people due to finances (Kohl's vs. Salvation Army)
- ◆ Lack of family support/understanding: family and friends can sabotage your efforts.

PEACE VIGILS AND MEDITATIONS

Doylestown: Tuesdays at State & Main Sts 6-7pm

Newtown Meeting: 4th Tuesdays, 7pm

Newtown: Mondays at Routes 332 & 413 5-6pm

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Send to:

Rich Richardson

1 Atkinson Lane, Newtown, PA 18940

FARM TOUR AT MANOFFS

In cooperation with The Bucks County Food Shed Alliance, there will be a farm tour on **Wednesday, September 2**, at Manoff Market Garden, 3157 Comfort Road (between Laurel and Paxson roads), Solebury PA 18963. There will be a **pot luck meal** starting at **6:30** with the **farm tour at 7:30**. Bring chairs or blankets, your own plates and utensils, and food to share if you wish.

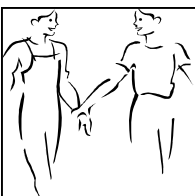
Gary and Amy Manoff, members of Solebury Meeting began farming on Comfort Road in 1984. They are known for their white and yellow peaches and nectarines and 20 different varieties of apples, as well as strawberries, blackberries, melons and pumpkins. Depending on where the peaches are in the season, visitors will take a look at the peaches that haven't been picked yet; probably White Hale and maybe JH Hale.

The Manoffs will show off their tunnel raspberries that will be in full swing and they'll enjoy showing off all the apples that should be ripening by then, and some new strawberry plantings that should be looking quite good.

The evenings at that time are delightful!

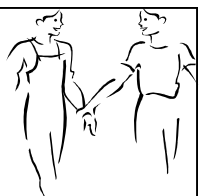
TEACHER TRAINING ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Register now for the PYM Non-Violence and Children Working Group's annual training for elementary and middle school educators -- "Building Safe Communities in our Classrooms and Conflict Resolution Skills in our Students" -- **Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM** at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia. This two-day workshop will provide participants with practical strategies to build a caring classroom community, teach kids creative conflict resolution skills, help kids learn to manage their anger, integrate conflict resolution teaching into an ongoing classroom curriculum and support kids' resiliency. Act 48 credits available for Pennsylvania educators. Scholarships are available to PYM members. Childcare gladly provided by request. A \$40 fee includes training, meals, information packet and handouts. For more information and to register contact Elke Muller at elkem@pym.org or 215-241-7223.



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hh65adolphin@gmail.com to discuss details.

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