

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 2011

- Aug 11 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham
Aug 15 7pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse
Aug 17-21 Middletown Grange Fair ~ **Call Holly to Volunteer as a Greeter at the Quaker tent!**
Aug 18 1pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
Aug 25 7:30pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse

Aug 28 9am-3pm Quarterly Meeting at Quakertown Meeting

Looking Ahead

- Sept 10 Yardley Meeting Flea Market
Sept 11 Doylestown Friends Meeting Forum: Nonviolent Responses to Terrorism
Sept 24 12th Annual Peace Fair—Buckingham Meeting and Friends School Campus
Oct 23 The Peace Center Annual Auction at Solebury School ~ Special Guest Naomi Tutu

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

August ~ Fallsington September ~ Makefield October ~ Middletown

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

SUNDAY AUGUST 28 ~ QUARTERLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP & BUSINESS

QUAKERTOWN MONTHLY MEETING 9:00AM- 3:00PM

JOIN FRIENDS AND SHARE YOUR LIGHT !

Schedule of Events:

9:00: Refreshments and registration

9:30-10:30: Adult Program “Grass Roots Action for a Peaceful World” with Virginia Ahern (NJ Peace Action board member) and Milton Horowitz (development committee member)

9:30-noon: Children’s Program -”Bottles to Fish”

10:45-11:45: Meeting for Worship:

Noon to 1:00 pm: Brown bag lunch with desserts and beverages provided by our Quakertown Friends

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm: Business Meeting

Directions to Quakertown Meeting can be found on the Quarter’s web site, www.quakersbucks.org
For those with GPS, the address is Route 529 and Whitebridge Rd Quakertown, NJ 08868

Quakertown Meeting is really not so far, and the drive is beautiful. Spend a cooler day under the trees at QMM...cooler and friendlier since you’ll spend the day with Quakers!

Note: All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting must be to the clerk, Chris Lucca one week prior to Quarterly Meeting .
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.

WHAT IS YOUR MEETING PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 11TH?

In response to the minute approved at Quarterly Meeting in February, meetings agreed to hold events on September 11th that center around nonviolent responses to terrorism and that are open to the public. This may be a joint project between a few meetings or a solo project. It might be something as beautifully simple as having your doors open for worship as many were that evening ten years ago.

Please let Holly Olson know so that she can post your event in Quakerphernalia and also perhaps a press release if there is a well turned out schedule of events.

For the full text of the February Quarterly Meeting Minutes, go to the quarter’s website www.quakersbucks.org and click on Newsletters and Minutes, go to Minutes Archive and click onto the February 2011 link.

MORNING MID-WEEK WORSHIP AT PLUMSTEAD MEETING

Beginning Wednesday August 10, Plumstead Meeting will hold mid-week meeting for worship at 8:30AM. Please feel free and welcome to join Plumstead Friends at this time and on Sundays at 9:30AM.



The Grange Fair is Coming!!

The Middletown Grange Fair in Wrightstown will be held August 17th through 21st. 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 your car at Wrightstown Meeting but please be mindful not to park on the grass. It's an easy walk across the ball fields to the fair. Parking at Wrightstown Meeting is good way to offset your gas cost! Parking in the recent past has been \$10. A portion of the parking fee goes to our local fire departments.

Please call or email Holly Olson with any questions.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS WORSHIP WITH CAMPERS AT CAMP ONAS

Summer Meeting for Worship at Camp Onas

Third session – July 31

- ◆ Doylestown
- ◆ Wrightstown

Changeover between third and fourth session – August 7

- ◆ Newtown
- ◆ Fallsington

Fourth session – August 14

- ◆ Plumstead
- ◆ Middletown

Meeting starts at 9:50. Park by the Dining Hall and follow the kids to Meeting. You may want to bring a towel, blanket or chair.

CALLING QUAKER SINGLES

There is an interest in restarting the former Bucks Quarter singles group. If this is of interest to you, contact Holly Olson as she is compiling a list of interested Friends. This is open to members and attenders of Bucks Quarter.

The vision is that this will be a self directed group with Holly serving as a support person in ways such as sending out reminders, postings in Quakerphernalia and securing a location for gatherings.

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LIVES PASSING

Makefield Friends suffer the loss of **Anne Twining** who passed on May 19th. Middletown Friends suffer the loss of **Elizabeth “Betty” Markley** who passed on June 6th. Middletown Friends also suffer the loss of **Elizabeth “Betty” Newbold** who passed on July 6th.

WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS MEETING CHILDS CHAIR FUNDRAISER

The second floor of the Wrightstown Friends Meeting-house is undergoing a major renovation and as a fundraiser they have five beautiful circa 1800's child chairs of 2nd or 3rd grader size. The chairs need basic refinishing, but other than that they are tight. There are four chairs with half spindles and one with full spindles. The meeting is requesting a \$100 donation per chair.

For more info: Kathryn Permar at 215-598-7352

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WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL HAS OPENINGS...

PASS IT ON!!!!!!!

It's your little loved ones lucky year, Wrightstown Friends Nursery School has openings.

Wrightstown Friends Nursery School still has openings for this year's fall classes!

WFNS offers a unique opportunity for children to experience the difference a Friends' education can offer a child.

If you have questions, wish to tour the school or to apply, please e-mail Jean Dineen at dinn10@comcast.net or call her at 215-322-1026.

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, and imbues each class with a theme which evokes a positive attitude for the practice and our lives in general. 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

YOUNG FRIENDS SUMMER GATHERING AT CAMP ONAS

**Sun, 08/21/2011 - 3:00pm through
Sat, 08/27/2011 - 12:00pm**

Calling all Young Friends to join us at Camp Onas for our big bash beginning of the year gathering from August 21st- 27th. Come play!! We'll get to enjoy some of the regular Camp Onas treats, like flying through the air on the rope swing, the hike to the Sheep's hole, and opportunities for boisterousness in the swimming pool (until the lifeguards says to stop!). This week is an important time for Young Friends to come together and create their sense of community for the upcoming year-discerning nurturing committee members, bidding those graduates who are taking their next steps in life “bon voyage,” (at least until Christmas gathering!) and giving a great big warm welcome to our rising 9th graders and other new attendees.

For more info go to www.pym.org and search Young Friends or contact Cookie Caldwell at 215-241-7222 or cookiec@pym.org

ANNUAL PEACE AND JUSTICE POTLUCK PICNIC

On **Sunday, July 10**, Friends are invited to gather from **4:00 to 7:00 pm** at Taylors' River Side Homestead Farm (usually cool and breezy) on the Delaware River in Cinnaminson, NJ. The theme this year is **"Passing on the torch to the next generation"**. Please join us! Taylors Lane & Rte. 543/River Road, Cinnaminson, NJ. Hosted by PYM's Peace & Concerns Standing Committee. For more information, contact: Pat Finley (Clerk of P & C SC) at 610-642-2941.

TWO DAY WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

Two-Day Workshop for Teachers – **Aug. 12-13 (Friday-Saturday; 8:30 am-4 pm)**. Making Classrooms Safe for Kids: Community Building To Reduce Conflict and Bullying. Organized by the *Non-Violence and Children Working Group*, this annual teacher's workshop is scheduled for **August 12th and 13th from 8:30 -4:00 at Arch Street Meeting House**. Act 48 credits are available. For a registration form, contact the Friends in Education Coordinator, Grace Cooke, at gracec@pym.org, or call Grace at 215-241-7224.

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

BUCKS QUARTER RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS MEETING FOR BUSINESS First Day, 15 Fifth Month 2011 HELD AT PLUMSTEAD MONTHLY MEETING

Clerk: Chris Lucca **Assistant Clerk:** Amy Ward Brimmer **Recording Clerk:** David Rose

Friends gathered at the appointed hour of 1:00 p.m. and were prepared for settling into worship by first being led in song.

The Clerk expressed appreciation for the work of Newtown Meeting in preparation for the last Quarterly Meeting held at Pennswood Village.

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

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

Minutes: With the following corrections noted, the minutes of February 2, 2011 were approved.

Clarification of Memorial Garden in Makefield as the Lower Makefield Township "Garden of Reflection".

Meeting "approved", not "improved", the budgeted commitment increase of 1%.

Stories of Vitality and Growth: The Clerk provided time for Meetings to share stories of vitality and growth within their meetings.

Coordinator's Report given by Holly Olson. Complete report available. Report accepted. Inreach portion enumerated the variety of programs around the Quarter that she has participated in. Outreach included attending and or planning outreach events.

Committee of Oversight for the Coordinator Annual Report given by David Rose. Report described the work of the committee in both oversight and support of the Coordinator.

Bristol MM Annual Report given with enthusiasm by Paul Shaffer. The Meeting is involved in a number of local events to make people aware of the presence of Friends again in Bristol.

Annual Report of Bucks Quarterly Meeting given by Chris Lucca. Report of activities during the past year were grouped as Service to Others: Looking Outward, Service to Others: Looking Inward, Connecting with Others: Looking to Others, and Celebrating: Connecting with Each Other.

Budget and Nominating Committee Report presented by Betsy Bayardi. Budget is ready to be presented at this meeting. With "Additional Contributions" of \$1,109.00 which were added to income, budget presented will be balanced.

Treasurer's Report presented by Tim Dwyer. Current revenue and expenses indicate that we are in financially good shape. **Budget for 2011-2012** presented by Tim Dwyer. The budget was approved with some changes. Total approved budget is \$261,311.00

Chandler Hall Annual Report given by Clara Coan. Chandler Hall continues to show a high satisfaction response, but a decrease in average length of stay as many people are coming in much later in their life. The Chandler Hall Auxiliary is looking for participation from all meetings.

Buckingham MM Annual Report given by Katherine Kay. Complete report available. The Meeting has a First Day School program that engages children and an after meeting discussion group called "Quaker Conversations" to engage newcomers.

(At this time, Clerk Chris Lucca relinquished the Clerking of the Meeting to Amy Ward Brimmer, Assistant Clerk.)

Update on preparations for 9.11.11 forums on Nonviolent Responses to Terrorism given by Carole Wicker. Written report from Rick Howe is available. Several Friends indicated that there is still a lack of clarity around the Quarter and PYM regarding these forums.

Fallsington MM Annual Report given by Bill Bowers. Complete report available. Meeting constantly deals with the issues of maintaining stuff and questioning the keeping of stuff. Going green is an exciting current concern with the simple solution of planting flowers in an area reducing the need for mowing.

Discussion of the PYM Budget Shortfall: Member who attended Interim Meeting said that the discussion yesterday was informed by the information that although it is recognized that personnel cannot be maintained at the same level there has not yet been a decision made regarding a reduction of programs.

Lehigh Valley MM Annual Report given by David Rose. Complete Report available. The report spoke of the difficulty of building community in a membership which covers such a wide area, and the potential impact of advertising Quaker Quest.

Next Quarterly Meeting will be Sunday, August 28th at Quakertown NJ. Appreciation expressed to Plumstead for hosting the meeting. Before adjournment, Friends settled into silence at 3:35 p.m.

DISCUSSION GROUP: WORKING WITH ADDICTIONS

If you or someone you care about is struggling with substance abuse or addiction, you are not alone.

Meets **2nd & 4th Saturday mornings 10:00 - 11:30**, at **Fourth & Arch Meetinghouse**

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Questions? Contact Bill Procyson at 484-680-6457 or procyson@verizon.net

Bill Procyson, M.S. Licensed Professional Counselor **Friends Counseling Service**, a program of PYM, sponsors and facilitates support groups for those struggling with the effects of addiction on their daily lives. All counseling providers are fully licensed mental health professionals and active members of PYM.



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