

Quakerphernalia

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

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 10th day of the preceding months publication

August 2014

- Aug 2 9am BQ Budget and Nominating Meets at Wrightstown
Aug 13 Chandler Hall Auxiliary Ice Cream Social for Residents, Staff & Campers
Aug 13-17 Middletown Grange Fair - **Contact Holly to Volunteer at the BQ Tent**
Aug 14 7pm BQ Oversight Meets at Buckingham
Aug 17-23 PYM Young Friends Gathering at Camp Onas
Aug 18 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington
Aug 21 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village

August 24 9am-3pm Quarterly Meeting at Plumstead

Looking Ahead

- Sept 6 Yardley Meeting Flea Market (Rain date Sept 13)
Sept 20 Bucks Quarter Peace Fair at Buckingham
Sept 20 8th Annual Recycle Your Bicycle at Pennswood Village
October 4-12 Quaker Week in England, "Let Your Life Speak".
Friends in England suggest that MMs worldwide hold an event this week.
Oct 24 & 25 William Penn Birthday Celebration at Arch Street

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

August - Fallsington September - Makefield October - Middletown

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

Sunday, August 24 ~ Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business

Join Friends and Share Your Light

Plumstead Monthly Meeting 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

4914 Pt. Pleasant Pike, Doylestown PA 18902

Schedule of Events

9:00-9:30 Registration and coffee etc.

9:30 Meeting for Worship. Doors will be closed at 9:30.

Latecomers are asked to wait until the children exit at 9:45 so that worship is not disturbed.

9:45-Noon: Children's Program: Beth Taylor and the children will have fun making birdhouses, boxes and books.

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00: Adult Program - Christie Duncan-Tessmer our new General Secretary will join us. Christie will talk with us about, Leaning In with the Inward Teacher in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

12:00-1:00 Brown bag lunch with desserts and beverages provided by our Plumstead Friends

1:00-3:00: Business Session

Children staying for the afternoon will have a program on Fairy House construction.

Meeting for Business Agenda Items: We will hear news of our Friends at Middletown, Solebury, Southampton, Wrightstown, and Yardley Meetings. We will also receive news from our Coordinator and Treasurer, Bucks Food For Friends and United Friends School.

Note: All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting must be to the clerk,

Boris Simkovich, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting.

boris@simkovich.com

LIVES PASSING

Middletown Friends suffer the loss of William Newbold who passed on June 20th. Yardley Friends suffer the loss of Jean Keltz who passed in May and Monica Cook who passed in July.

"Listen to yourself and in that quietude you might hear the voice of God"

Maya Angelou's Final Tweet.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesdays at Southampton 7:30 PM

Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley 5:00 PM

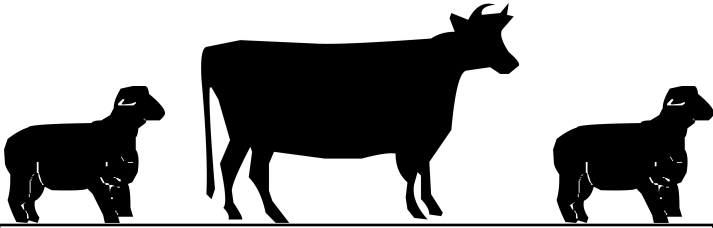
Wednesdays at Makefield 7:00 AM

Thursdays at Plumstead 9:00AM

Thursdays at Middletown 7:00 PM

**FRIENDLY CRAFTERS
RETURNS TO QUARTERLY MEETING!**

Many of you will remember years ago, bringing handmade crafts to sell with the money going to support Friendly causes. Friends would like to bring this tradition back. Please bring anything handmade that you would like to donate, whether it be scarves, baby clothes, candles, jewelry, note cards, stuffed animals, dishrags...you see, the possibilities are endless! The host meeting will decide which Friendly project or cause will receive the proceeds of the day. At the end of the day, you may take back your donated crafts or Holly will box them up for the November Quarterly Meeting Friendly Crafters sale.



THE GRANGE FAIR IS COMING

The Middletown Grange Fair in Wrightstown will be held August 13 through 17th. Bucks Quarter has a tent at the fair and Friends generously serve as greeters. Holly Olson sets the greeter schedule. If you are able to help at the tent for a two hour shift of your choice please call Holly at 215-453-7358. In August, Holly will phone to ask for volunteers and the time slots get trickier. The tent opens at 10AM and closes 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 is a lot of fun and the fair is lots of fun. Our role at the tent is to offer information to those who are interested. 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 around \$10 now. Parking at Wrightstown Meeting is good way to offset your gas cost! Contact Holly with any questions or to volunteer.

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BUCKS QUARTER LOGO

Do you like letting your creative juices flow? The Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee is seeking ideas for a logo for Bucks Quarter. Send your ideas to Holly Olson.

**HELP WANTED
PEACE FAIR VOLUNTEERS**

Contact Peter Ray, Coordinator for the Bucks Quarter Peace Fair if you can volunteer.

peacefair.org@gmail.com or call 215-794-5816

Young Friends will be with us again!! Come join Young Friends for a weekend of fun community and service! On Saturday Young Friends will provide the people power for setting up, running and taking down the Bucks Quarter Peace Fair, taking staggered breaks to explore the Fair or visit Peddler's Village. A pizza dinner to celebrate our efforts follows on Saturday night. The gathering closes Sunday after worship. Here's a [flyer](#) with the attached paper registration to print and give to your F/friends or post at your meeting!

**YOUNG FRIENDS CAMP ONAS GATHERING
August 17-23 Ottsville, PA**

Join high-school-aged Quaker-affiliated Young Friends at Camp Onas for our big bash beginning of the year gathering! We'll get to enjoy the regular aspects of a gathering, like worship sharing, workshops and work crews along with the special 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! Financial aid is available! Visit www.pym.org/calendar/events/young-friends-camp-onas-gathering or contact Hannah Mayer, hmayer@pym.org, 215-241-7222.

THE BUCKS QUARTER PEACE FAIR

The 15th Annual Bucks Quarter Peace Fair, will take place on **Saturday, September 20th from 10:30am to 4pm**, on the campus of Buckingham Friends Meeting and School - 5684 Old York Rd, Lahaska PA 18931. The Peace Fair provides a comfortable family-friendly atmosphere in which adults and children can learn about how others promote peaceful relations in their organizations and their own lives. There will be over 50 vendors this year! Information tables from organizations with peace-related messages and missions.

Non-competitive Fun for Children: human-powered Peace Train, Fish Pond, Beanbag Toss, Darts for Peace, face painting
Family-friendly live musical entertainment
Food including hamburgers, organic hot dogs, and veggie options.
Crafts by local artisans

**DO YOU KNOW ANYONE IN NEED
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ON THE BACK PAGE**

YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Solebury Friends Meeting/Bucks Quarter
2680 Sугan Road, New Hope, PA 18938

The PYM Spiritual Formation Program: Spiritual growth in a community of seekers, all supporting each other on individual journeys.

Designed and facilitated by PYM, this program represents a unique opportunity to energize and elevate your spiritual practice, to deepen your spiritual life and in turn, the spiritual life of your Meeting. The program starts with a weekend retreat on October 17 (evening), 18 (full day) & 19 (morning), 2014, midway through the program there is a one day retreat on February 28, 2015 (full day), and the program ends with a weekend retreat on June 5 (evening), 6 (full day) & 7 (morning). During the 9 month program:

Each person undertakes a commitment to spiritual discipline for the entire program. This is a critical component of spiritual formation.

Each person is a member of two groups: a reading group and a spiritual friendship group

Through the nine months the reading groups (eight to twelve people) gather to share, worship and discuss responses to readings from devotional works. These are books about spiritual experience, scripture, prayer, community, the Religious Society of Friends and ministry.

Smaller groups of three to six persons within the larger reading groups are also formed and meet on another day each month, usually over a meal. They relate their on-going experience of the daily spiritual practice undertaken and other aspects of their spiritual journey during the nine-month cycle. Jesus said, "You did not choose me but I chose you (John 15:16). Similarly, we do not choose our spiritual discipline; rather, we experientially open to discern that which deeply speaks to and calls us. In that way, our discipline chooses us.

There is a \$50 registration fee and the cost of books is estimated at \$100. We do not want cost to foreclose someone from participating. If cost is a breakpoint, talk to us about subsidizing a part of the cost. You can register by completing and returning the registration form with the registration fee to Ed Ehler (registrar), 19 Rock Creek Woods Drive, Lambertville, NJ 08530. For further information contact: Ed Ehler, (609) 460-4266, edward.ehler@comcast.net or Marybeth Snyder, (610) 322-8611,

msnyder@superiorbenefitplans.com

Registration Form

Your presence is important! Each and every person adds depth and strength. It would be very helpful if everyone did so by September 20, 2014. Thanks!

Name: _____

Special dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Monthly Meeting: _____

Enclosed is a check (payable to Solebury Friends Meeting) for \$50 (registration fee). Cost of books is approximately \$100 - \$120, which will be collected at the start of the program.

*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
Plumstead Monthly Meeting for consideration.*

BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

May 18, 2014 at Makefield Friends Meeting

Clerk: Boris Simkovich (Makefield)

Recording Clerk: David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol: 2, Buckingham:1, Doylestown: 0, Fallsington: 2, Lehigh Valley: 3, Makefield: 2, Middletown: 8, Newtown:7, Plumstead: 2, Quakertown NJ: 2, Solebury: 2, Southampton: 2, Wrightstown: 1, Yardley: 5.

Minutes approved

Stories of Vitality were shared by Wrightstown, Plumstead, Lehigh Valley, Middletown and Solebury.

Coordinator's Report presented by Holly Olson (Middletown MM). Holly reported on her involvement with the Religious Education and Clerks meetings, the PYM-wide *Quarter Gathering: Revitalizing our Quarterly Meetings*, Peace Fair, Quakerism A-Z, social media for BQ, Grange Fair, PYM Leadership, and PYM Thread Gatherings.

Fallsington MM Annual Report given by Melanie Douty-Snipes, clerk. First day school is enjoying renewed energy, Friends hold "Welcome Day" every fall which causes Friends do a personal inventory of who we know that we could share our Quakerism with. The report concluded with the query, "How can we mean more to each other?"

Chandler Hall Annual Report was not presented. Written report was available.

Chandler Hall Auxiliary was given by Kathie Parry (Middletown MM). Auxiliary meetings are held second Wednesday every month with either a speaker or entertainment. Friends are welcome to become Auxiliary members. Worship services provided by Friends is greatly appreciated.

Bucks Quarter Worship and Ministry:

Minute on Quarter's Worship and Ministry Committee presented.

- **Friends gathered at Bucks Quarterly Meeting on May 14, 2014 approved the laying down of the Worship and Ministry Committee of Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. This action was considered at the February 16, 2014 Bucks Quarter Business Meeting and thought through discussed and threshed by a group of Monthly Meeting Clerks representing most of the Meetings that comprised this Quarter. We appreciate the work in years past by those who served on the Worship and Ministry Committee. Minute APPROVED**

Break.

Budget and Nomination Committee Nominations presented by Janet Baker (Newtown Meeting).

- Allen Gray (Plumstead MM) as Auditor: **APPROVED**
- Ed Snyder (Yardley MM) as Quarter Treasurer to start July 1st. **APPROVED** with gratitude.
- Jenna Seuffert (Middletown MM) as Assistant Treasure: **APPROVED**.

2014-2015 Budget presented by Treasurer Tim Dwyer (Bristol MM). Tim noted that operating expenses are projected to be higher. Concern was expressed about the gap between projected meeting contribution and total revenue needed of 3%. It was noted that projected meeting contribution was based on response provided by only half of the meetings in the Quarter. Budget **APPROVED**.

Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting Annual Report given by Rick Dow, Clerk. Rick highlighted the opportunities that the meeting provides for Young Friends to report back to the Meeting on their activities. Meeting has utilized PYM resources with a retreat on Aging conducted by PYM staff. The involvement of a meeting member with FCNL is a great asset.

Auditor Report given by Ed Snyder (Yardley MM). All payments and revenue receipts were found to be in order.

Income and Expense Report given by Treasurer Tim Dwyer. Balance sheet shows that we are in healthy financial position. Report accepted. Minute of appreciation for the work of Tim Dwyer as Treasure was expressed. **APPROVED**

Buckingham Monthly Meeting Annual Report given by Bethann Morgan (Co-Clerk). Two large issues that provided both joy and opportunities are the aging building and the sharing of the grounds with the school. Spirit moves strong and members feel held in the light. Games night brings between 10 and 30 Friends (from BMM and other meetings).

Bristol Monthly Meeting Annual Report given by Tim Dwyer for Clerk Paul Shaffer. Tim highlighted that membership has grown by 3 to a total of 23. Meeting continues its work with the homeless in lower Bucks County. Historical Bristol Day is planned again this year, which was a great opportunity last year to bring people into the Meeting House.

Oversight Committee Annual Report given by David Rose (Lehigh Valley MM). One meeting reported that their participation in the annual review process caused them to realize the extent of the Coordinator's penetration into their meeting.

Closing: After announcements and appreciation expressed to Makefield MM for the wonderful job they did hosing Quarterly Meeting, the Business Meeting ended at 3:05 pm with a period of worship.

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