

Quakerphernalia

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

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SEPTEMBER 2010

Sept 8 7:30pm	Buckingham Meeting social Justice Film Series Presents "Flow for the Love of Water"
Sept 9 7pm	BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse
Sept 11 8am-3pm	Yardley Meeting Flea Market (rain date 9/18)
Sept 14 7pm	BQ Outreach Committee Meets at Pennswood Village
Sept 16 1:30pm	Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
Sept 18 10am-Noon	BQ Monthly Meeting Clerks Meeting at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Sept 18 Noon	Senior Appreciation Luncheon at Middletown Meetinghouse (<i>Below</i>)
Sept 18 All Day	Richland Friends Meeting 300th Anniversary !!
Sept 20 6pm	Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse
Sept 23 7:30pm	Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse
Sept 24 6-8:30pm	Movie Night at Newtown Meeting for 5th graders and up (<i>Page 2</i>)
Sept 25 9am-1pm	Recycle a Bicycle at Pennswood Village (<i>Page 2</i>)
Sept 25 9am	5K Run for Peace (<i>page 2</i>)
Sept 25 10:30am-4pm	Peace Fair at Buckingham Meeting and Friends School (<i>Below</i>)

Looking Ahead

October 16 6-9pm	Peace Center Auction of Your Dreams - Guest Speaker Naomi Tutu
Oct 17 2pm	Doylestown Meeting Speakers Series - A Staging of The Trial of William Penn

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

September ~ Buckingham October ~ Doylestown November ~ Fallsington

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

11TH ANNUAL PEACE FAIR

BUCKINGHAM MEETING AND SCHOOL

The fair this year will be held on Saturday September 25 from 10:30 AM to 4 PM. The keynote speaker for this year's Peace Fair will be CINDY SHEEHAN, nationally-known peace activist, author and host of the radio program *Cindy Sheehan's Soapbox*, will be featured speaker at the 11th Annual Peace Fair in Lahaska in September. Sheehan, dubbed "the Peace Mom" by the media, has been protesting the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2004, the year her son SPC Casey was killed in Iraq.

Small ways that you can help make the fair a success

Baked goods: Please drop off two dozen of any portioned baked good on Friday September 25th or the morning of The Peace Fair. You may also bring your donation to the fair that day if you're planning to attend.

Gently used books: The Peace Fair needs your gently used books. These may be dropped off anytime in September on the porch of the meetinghouse.

For additional information regarding The Peace Fair go to www.peacefair.org or call Peter Ray, Fair Coordinator at 215-794-5816

NEW COOING ADDITIONS

Yardley Meeting Friends welcome **Xavier Jude Fox** who was born in June, weighing 9lbs 11 ounces and measuring 21 inches long.

43rd ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

AT YARDLEY MEETING

Saturday September 11, 8am-3pm (rain date Sept 18th) is the date for the annual Yardley Friends Flea Market. Plan to attend and shop all day...yes, all day! There will be over 100 vendors, plus the Yardley Meeting super-colossal—super-cool White Elephant sale offering you a variety of treasures at bargain prices! As always, there will be plenty of great food, including homemade desserts to keep you well-fueled as you browse and buy. Don't miss this popular event!!

SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

On Saturday, September 18, at 12:00 noon, Middletown Friends Meeting will host a Senior Appreciation Luncheon to celebrate our senior members and their contributions to Quaker life in Bucks Quarter. We want to share and record their memories of everyday life and momentous occasions which they witnessed.

Please plan to join us for this joyous intergenerational event and to learn from these very special members of our community. The event will be held in the Hicks Room at the Middletown Meetinghouse, and will be open to other Meetings in the Quarter. If you have a special Friend or family member that you would like to be included, whether they are a member of Middletown or another Meeting, please contact Claudia Haviland at 215-547-7085 or madisonhav@aol.com with his or her name in the subject line.

RICHLAND FRIENDS MEETING CELEBRATES 300 YEARS !!

Take a drive and join in the celebration of the 300th anniversary of a Quaker Meeting in Quakertown, PA. The days agenda features a Historical Fair. The meetinghouse is located at Main Street and Mill Rd in Quakertown.

WEB SITE!

Bucks Quarter has a new web site!!

The address is the same, www.quakersbucks.org

Thanks to the hard work of the Quarter's Outreach Committee and site designer, Dana Kester-McCabe, we are looking even better!



LIVES PASSING

Newtown Friends Meeting suffers the sudden loss of **Connie Clovis** who died in late July. The Memorial Service will be held at Newtown Meeting on September 12th at 3:00PM.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP IN THE QUARTER

7-8PM Wednesdays at Middletown

5-6PM Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley

If your Meeting holds a midweek worship and would like it listed in Quakerphernalia, please let Holly know.

YOU'RE INVITED - MOVIE NIGHTS AT NEWTOWN MEETING (for 5th graders and up)

Friday, September 24 - 6:00-8:30pm

the movie will (hopefully) be **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**

\$5 admission includes pizza and refreshments

Friends of Friends are welcome.

Please RSVP to Melanie Parry 267-987-0538

An adult volunteer is NEEDED and appreciated

RUN FOR PEACE

BUCKINGHAM FRIENDS SCHOOL SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25

1 MILE FUN RUN/WALK – 9:00 AM

5K TRAIL RUN / WALK – 9:30 AM

The 5k course is a beautiful trail run through the hills and wooded campus of Buckingham Friends School.

Everyone is welcome – athletes, amateurs, runners, walkers, adults, children and groups. **T-SHIRTS:** Custom-designed souvenir t-shirts provided for all advance registrants. Youth and adult sizes, including women's style tees. **AWARDS:** Prizes for top three men and women overall, top team, and top three men and women in each age group: under 10, 10 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 +.

COURSE MAP & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION available at www.bfsrunforpeace.org

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$25 for 5k; \$15 adults/\$10 children 12 and under for fun run fun

if received by Wednesday, September 22nd. **Register**

online at www.bfsrunforpeace.org OR **BY MAIL:**

Make checks payable to Buckingham Friends School, PO Box 159, Lahaska, PA 18931

Race Day Registration: 7:30 am, \$30 for 5k and \$20/\$10 for fun run.

PARKING: Parking is available courtesy of Peddler's Village. Park south of the carousel near the entrance to Buckingham Friends School. **PROCEEDS:** All proceeds benefit Buckingham Friends School and its programs to promote equality, peace, service and community.

After the Run,

enjoy Buckingham Friends 11th Annual Peace Fair.

Coupon to all race participants for a free Peace Fair activity or refreshment.

BUCKINGHAM MEETING FILM SERIES PRESENTS

Wednesday, September 8, 7:30PM

Flow: For Love of Water

This documentary examines the harsh realities behind the mounting water crisis. Learn how politics, pollution and human rights are intertwined in this important issue that affects every being on Earth. With water drying up around the world and the future of human lives at stake, the film urges action before more of our most precious natural resource evaporates. 84 min.

Free Admission

Refreshments and Discussion After Each Film

Buckingham Friends Meeting House

5864 York Road, Lahaska For more information, go to

www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org

or call 215-794-5816

RECYCLE A BICYCLE!

Do you have a bicycle that you're not using? PUT YOUR OLD BIKE TO GOOD USE! DONATE IT TO **BIKES FOR THE WORLD!** Saturday, September 25, 9AM – 1PM. Deliver your bike(s) to Pennswood Village, 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road (Rt 413), Newtown PA 18940. This opportunity is sponsored by the Pennswood Village Residents Association, with the support of George School and Newtown Friends School.

For info, contact George Kurz @ ghkurz@comcast.net or 215-579-6974, or Linda Krause at krause@pennswood.org or 215-504-1123, Or visit www.bikesfortheworld.org.

Sewing machines and all usable bicycle spare parts and accessories, bike books, and bike tools also accepted. A \$10 per bike donation is suggested to defray the cost of shipping to overseas charity partners, who repair the bicycles and distribute them to people who need them. A receipt for taxes will be provided for all material and cash donations. Checks accepted.

JOB POSTING:

ABINGTON QUARTER COORDINATOR

Abington Quarter is seeking to fill the new position of Coordinator.

- ◆ Provide support for programs and facilitate communication between Meetings.
 - ◆ 16 hour per week position beginning January 2011
- For job description and more information, contact Lynn Biddle at lcbiddle@hotmail.com
Cover letters and resumes accepted until October 15.

JOB POSTING :

Position Description

Director of Annual Giving

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Position Summary:

The Director of Annual Giving plans, organizes, and implements fund raising and development programs that benefit PYM's Annual Fund.

Application Process:

Please provide a letter of interest, resume, and three references to the attention of:

Ginny Connolly, Human Resources Coordinator
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

humanresources@pym.org

Review of resumes will begin on September 15,

Report of the 330th Annual Session of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

On July 28th, Friends gathered on the hills of Center Valley, PA. The theme for the 330th session was titled "We Make the Road by Walking - How Are We Called to be Prophetic in our Witness?". Witness to the Truth you have with a joyful noise and a firm conviction! Be A Friend to Friends who are walking a path into the unknown! Be faithful to a call to be that lonely voice in the wilderness!

Below are many highlights from the week:

Prophetic Witness School: The "school" had a playful format for exploring the idea of Prophetic Witness. It provided an opportunity to share skills and inspiration that support us in our work of prophetic witness.

On Wednesday evening, Friends heard from **Shane Claiborne** who spoke on the Economics of Rebirth. Saturday evening Friends listened and prayed into the ministry of **Noah Baker-Merrill**. I invite you to look both Shane and Noah up on the web.

On Saturday late morning, when I walked into the auditorium where plenary sessions were being held, only a handful of empty seats were available!

General Secretary's report revealed that it is becoming increasingly clear that one of the prime needs of our Yearly Meeting is to strengthen the ties to the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings while increasing their vitality.

The **budget** was approved. The deficit money comes out of financial reserves. In the last few years it's gone from 600K to 180K at the end of '09. The planned draw down for the next three years is more than is available. It must be noted that according to our Treasurer, TylaAnn Burger the budget for 2011 is not sustainable.

The revisions to our **policy on War Tax Refusal** by PYM Employees and on IRS Levies and Other Collection Efforts was approved.

Friends gathered could not reach unity on how to move forward on the **location and frequency of holding sessions**. Finally, we approved a two year experiment on where to hold sessions. We will not hold sessions in March (the fiscal year will probably change to a 15 month budget running 10/1 to 9/30. Annual Sessions in 2011 will be at DeSales and Sessions in 2012 will be held somewhere in Philadelphia. The Arch Street meetinghouse cannot support all the needs of a five day session. These decisions did not come easily to Friends.

All **nominations to PYM committees** were approved as well as the Clerk, Alternate Clerks, Treasurer and Asst Treasurer.

Eco-Justice Vision Statement: "Led by Spirit, PYM is a powerful force in co-creating an equitable and sustainable world in which human cultures hold sacred, actively respect and support the full beauty, diversity and resilience of the entire commonwealth of life."

Lane Taylor of Plumstead Meeting and Chris Lucca of Yardley Meeting (along with three Friends from other Quarters) serve their Meetings as representatives to **Interim Meeting**. These five Friends were asked to reflect upon their service to Friends at Interim Meeting, and offer these reflections to those gathered on Thursday night.

A Friend from Sweden Yearly Meeting was with us all week!

We were encouraged to make signs marking **where we found God**. An example was the tree where Dante Collinelli and Bill Heinemann of Newtown Meeting spent the better part of an hour watching a locust emerge from its shell. If you ever get the chance to witness this stage in the life of a locust, you'll know that this is a special gift.

There were **countless workshops** and interest groups to sign up for.

Below is virtually the same the paragraph I closed my report with last year and upon reflection I see no reason to make many changes. One addition is that, this year there was an overwhelming sense of calm. I didn't see anyone struggling under the weight of too much to do, or too much to think about. From the youngest child to the oldest adult, there was a sense of ease.

"Friends departed with love and fulfillment in their hearts for having spent five days together doing the good work of our Yearly Meeting. Friends were moved by the workshops, the enlightening speakers, sharing thoughts, sharing stories, sharing the peaceful space that lies between the chaos and havoc of our lives. Friends spent five days in the company of happy, loving, tender, smiling people. Friends departed glad in the spirit that leads and stirs each of us. There is great and wonderful work for us to do individually, for each other and the greater world beyond our Summer Sessions privacy hedge. We are called to go forward in the love and Light and know that we are blessed and able."

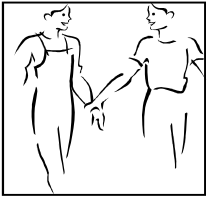
"This was the best day of my life." was what one **Middle School Friend** said on Friday.

"It is like a family reunion." another **Friend** said

Become part of the Annual Sessions family and plan to attend in July 2011 !!

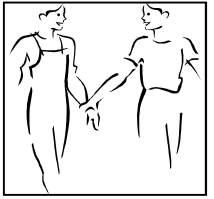
I encourage you to visit the PYM website to read the 2010 Outgoing Epistle.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Olson



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