

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.

SEPTEMBER 2011

- Sept 8 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham
Sept 10th 8am-3pm Yardley Meeting's 44th Annual Flea Market (rain date 9/17)
Sept 11 9:30-11am Forum at Fallsington Meeting - Non-Violence and 9/11: Setting a Course of Action for Change
Sept 11 11:30 Middletown Meeting to Hold Worship at The Garden of Reflection in Lower Makefield
Sept 11 2-3:30pm Forum at Doylestown Meeting—Nonviolent Responses to Terrorism
Sept 14 7:30pm Buckingham Meeting Film Series Presents "The 800 Mile Wall"
Sept 17 10am-Noon MM Pastoral Care Committees Gather at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
Sept 19 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meeting
Sept 20 7pm BQ Outreach Committee Meets at Pennswood Village
Sept 22 7:30pm BQ Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meeting – All are welcome!!
Sept 24 8:30am Run For Peace - Buckingham Friends School
Sept 24 10:30am-4pm The Peace Fair!! Campus of Buckingham Friends School at Meeting
Sept 30-Oct 2 **Tri-Quarter Gathering—See page 4 for important details**

Looking Ahead

- Oct 23 The Peace Center Annual Auction at Solebury School ~ Special Guest Naomi Tutu
Oct 15 10am-3pm Lehigh Valley Meeting Annual Craft Fair

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

September ~ Makefield October ~ Middletown November ~ Newtown

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

12TH ANNUAL PEACE FAIR — BUCKINGHAM MEETING AND SCHOOL FEATURED SPEAKER

NATIONALLY-KNOWN PEACE EDUCATOR COLMAN McCARTHY

The Peace Fair this year will be held on **Saturday September 24 from 10:30am to 4:00pm**. Local artists, crafts, live music, food, poetry, kids' games, and non-profits whose focus is peace, community service and the environment. Families can participate in cooperative games, browse craft and book sale booths, and listen to entertainers like Ecoman (Kids' songs) and Fred's Mobile Homes (Bluegrass band). Bucks County Poet Laureate Lorraine Lins. Featured speaker: nationally-known Peace Educator Colman McCarthy. Tour the Buckingham Quaker Meeting-house, a National Landmark.

5K Run/Walk for Peace, 8:30am. Fair 10:30am-4:00pm, Routes 263 & 202, Lahaska (just south of Peddler's Village). Free to the public. Website: www.peacefair.org

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.

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

RUN FOR PEACE BUCKINGHAM FRIENDS SCHOOL SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24 1 MILE FUN RUN/WALK – 8:30 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.

SCHEDULE:

♦ Registration 8-9:00am Warm Ups: 8:30am Fun Run Start 9am 5K start 9:30am Awards 10:30am

Course map and additional information available at www.bfsrunforpeace.org

PRE-REGISTRATION by Wednesday September 21st.: 5k: \$25 for individuals; \$20 for team members. Fun Run: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under.

Register on line at <https://www.runtheday.com/app/find/register/419>

OR BY MAIL: Make checks payable to Buckingham Friends School, PO Box 159, Lahaska, PA 18931

Race Day Registration Fees: \$30 for 5k and \$20 adults \$10 for children 12 and under.

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.

All race participants get a coupon for a free Peace Fair activity or refreshment.

CONFRONTING TERRORISM NONVIOLENTLY

At **2:00 PM on Sunday, September 11, 2011**, Doylestown Friends will host a forum on Nonviolent Responses to Terrorism.

There is a growing body of research showing that terrorism is a political problem, and that responding with military force only helps terrorists recruit more terrorists. Right after the attacks of September 11, 2001, we heard over and over that everything has changed. However, we went to war immediately, the conventional reaction to a threat, and we have been at war ever since.

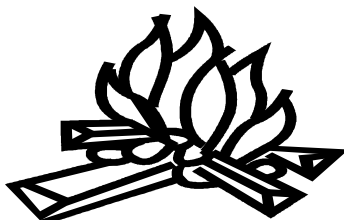
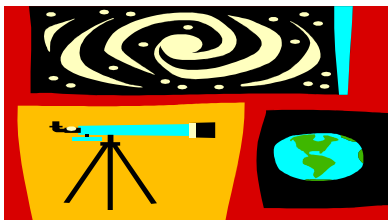
On September 11, 2011 we will outline protective and preventive measures to fight international terrorism. The presentation is based on the writings of David Cortright and George A. Lopez, professors at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at The University of Notre Dame. There is a role for the military to protect us from the threat of international terrorism, but it can be minimized. To prevent terrorism now and in the future, we need to turn to nonviolent measures that do not perpetuate the problem. Such measures exist and they are viable.

The meetinghouse is located at 95 E. Oakland Ave., Doylestown, PA 18901

LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN AT NEWTOWN MEETING

Newtown Meeting will hold a letter writing campaign on **September 11th**. The letters will be sent to President Obama and will focus on a Non-Violent Response to Terrorism, Friends may go onto the Newtown Meeting web site as the date draws near and print off a copy of the letter.

www.newtownfriendsmeeting.org



NON-VIOLENCE AND 9/11: SETTING A NEW COURSE OF ACTION FOR CHANGE

On **September 11th**, Fallsington Friends Meeting and The Peace Center will take on this question through the wisdom and experiences of Brian and Dawn Conklin of USAID, who will speak about their time in Iraq, which was focused on building peace through economic and agriculture projects. Brian served as executive director of The Peace Center from 1998-2000, while Dawn worked as a peace educator in several schools in Bucks County. Since leaving Bucks County, they have served in the Ukraine, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Iraq, Uganda and soon, Senegal, West Africa. **Time: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Coffee and light refreshments at 9 a.m.**

The meetinghouse is located at 9300 Falls Road, Fallsington, PA 19054

EVENING WORSHIP AT PLUMSTEAD

Plumstead will have a special evening worship at **7:00pm on September 11th**.

WORSHIP AT THE GARDEN OF REFLECTION LOWER MAKEFIELD

Middletown Friends Meeting will hold worship services at The Garden of Reflection in Upper Makefield on **September 11th**. Worshipers are asked to arrive and begin settling between 11:30 and noon. There will be signs directing people where to go. Please bring a chair as seating is limited.

1950 Woodside Rd, Yardley, PA 19067

SEPTEMBER 11TH COMMEMORATIONS

If your meeting is planning an event on or near to the 11th, please let Holly know in order for it to be included in a Press Release to the newspapers.

SOMETHING SPECIAL IN SOUTH JERSEY FOR BUCKS QUARTER FRIENDS

You've probably never heard of the "Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends" which is an event that takes place in Medford, NJ every Fall. It is a weekend of rest and renewal, of stimulation and contemplation, of community and solitude, of playfulness and prayer.

Although a function of three South Jersey Quarters -- Salem, Haddonfield and Burlington -- all within PYM are most welcome ...with **Bucks Quarter Friends specifically invited this year**.

What awaits is a weekend -- **September 30 through October 2** -- at a well-kept YMCA facility known as Camp Ockanickon. What is offered are activities for Friends of all ages, including Saturday morning workshops, intergenerational games, a challenge course for Young Adult Friends, boating and canoeing, hayrides, bonfire, stargazing through the camp's large telescope, free time to enjoy the pineland setting, six meals and an outdoor lakeside Meeting for Worship. Accommodations range from screened-in cabins to heated lodges.

The theme this year is "Gathered Among Friends: the 2011 Tri-Quarter Experience", drawing from the special meaning of "gathered" in Quaker parlance. Shall Bucks Quarter Friends gather with our neighbors across the river and add our presence to this spirit-led event?

For more information about activities, accommodations and fees-- or to receive a registration form that explains all --

Contact the clerk of the Tri-Quarter, Marsha Gaspar, at Mstar8000@yahoo.com or (856) 869-3431.

**BUCKINGHAM MEETING FILM SERIES
PRESENTS**

Wednesday, September 14, 7:30PM

The 800 Mile Wall

This film (made in 2009) highlights the construction of the border walls along the U.S.-Mexico border as well as the effect on migrants trying to cross into the United States. It documents, in great detail, the ineffective and deadly results of a border policy that many believe has caused the death of thousands of migrants and violates fundamental human rights. It offers some thoughts and on how the current human rights crisis may be resolved. 90 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

MAKE A NOTE ...

Energy efficiency loans in Tom Wells add on the back page! Energy Efficiency loans are available from EnergyWorks/Keystone Help.

**44th ANNUAL FLEA MARKET
AT YARDLEY MEETING**

Saturday September 10, 8am-3pm (rain date Sept 17th) 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!!

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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.

hollybqc@verizon.net or 215-860-9747 or 215-453-7358

WONDERING WHAT YOU CAN DONATE...

Give blood, The American Red Cross is in dire need of blood. Call 800-GIVE-BLOOD.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP IN THE QUARTER

Makefield Meeting: 7:00AM Refreshments following

Plumstead Meeting 8:30AM

Middletown Meeting: 7PM

Lehigh Valley Meeting; 5:00PM

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

BIKE TOUR OF

LOWER BUCKS QUARTER MEETINGHOUSES

October 15 - Join fellow Friends on a bike tour to Yardley, Makefield, Newtown, and Wrightstown Meetinghouses. The ride will be approximately 20 miles long with stops and potentially snacks at the Meetinghouses. The terrain will be hilly at times. Express your interest with Holly Olson and someone will contact you with further details.

Bicycles without brakes or gears will not be permitted. Helmets must be worn. Children must stay with their parents/guardians.

COORDINATOR ON VACATION

Holly Olson will be on vacation, Sept 11th-Sept 18th

PYM ON FACEBOOK

For those on Facebook, there's a new place to visit! Search under "**Families of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting**" and you will find us! It's a great way to connect with others in PYM, to find out whose attending a PYM event, or to share thoughts and ideas about raising Quaker kids in popular culture—or maybe to just hang out electronically! If you have any thoughts or ideas about making this Facebook page more interesting or inviting to families, contact Greta Rech at gretar@pym.org or Ben Camp at BenC@pym.org

SHALE GAS OUTRAGE

On September 7th and 8th, Shale Gas Industry converges on Philadelphia. The Marcellus Shale Coalition, a powerful gas industry lobbying group, is staging a major conference in Philadelphia. CEOs from Chesapeake Energy, Range Resources, and CONSOL are confirmed participants, along with other gas drilling giants. Dubbed "Shale Gas Insight," this is not only a key trade show for the industry, but also an expression of its political muscle. Former PA governor and U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, now a paid gas industry advisor, will deliver the keynote. Current Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett will also appear along with other pro-fracking politicians. **John Ellsworth, clerk of Gwynedd MM**, has been in touch with the organizer of the Shale Gas Outrage, and learned the following: We expect to have the permit from the City in hand for the rally and demonstration by Tuesday. We will be right outside the Convention Center.

Please continue to check shalegasoutrage.org updates on exact location.



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