

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING BULLETIN

May 7, 2009

The bulletin informs the Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting community of news and events as a supplement to the monthly newsletter. This interim communication focuses on time-sensitive information, usually semi-monthly.

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QUAKERISM 101 will be offered at Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Six Sunday evenings 6:15-8:00pm May 3, 17, 31, June 7, 14, 28

Topics to be covered:

- Introduction to Quaker History
- Spiritual Ideals in Quaker History
- Meeting for Worship and Discernment
- Nurturing the Inward Life
- The Testimonies
- The Facing Bench: Friends Ministry and Business

Each session will be led by a member of CHFM. To register for the class or for questions or suggestions, please email Jorge or Sue at Amigo.Jorge@aol.com or SusanBettsNJ@comcast.net. For the curriculum and reading list, please go to <http://www.austinquakers.org/q101/index.php?page=home>
From Adult RE Comm., Jorge Arauz, Sue Betts, helped by Ruth Pauley, Laura Melly and Jean Warrington.

CHMM TAG SALE Saturday May 9th 9AM to Noon (TIME CHANGED FROM LAST BULLETIN). Drop off Thurs May 7th 6-8pm and Friday May 8th 6-8pm. Best selling items are books, housewares, furniture (large items can be displayed by photo), and sports equipment.

MAY'S FORUM

Mother's Day Mural Arts Tour, May 10th

We will leave from Meeting Parking lot at noon. Please RSVP to Kerryak2@verizon.net. Please send checks, \$20 per person to the meeting house in an envelope labeled Mural Arts Tour. **Money is needed by April 27th**. Thank you Kerry Krieger, Forum Committee, 215-880-6662

HONOR TRUDE FUCHS and her dream for a new meetinghouse

Sunday, May 31, 2009 3:00 to 5:00 pm

The Francis Cope House, Awbury Arboretum, 1 Awbury Road, Philadelphia 19138

Friends are invited to pay tribute to Trude and her long years of service to Quakerism and to Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting. One of Trude's passions is a new meetinghouse for CHFM. At this event you will learn more about the project that Trude has staunchly supported for many years.

Invitations are being sent soon. All are invited. RSVP by returning the invitation's reservation slip with your gift to the new Meetinghouse Project NO LATER THAN MAY 15th.

Questions? Please contact the meeting secretary, Viv Hawkins at 215-247-1477 or secretary@chestnuthillquakers.org

If you have stories or pictures to share for the event, please contact Gay Johnson _gayjohnson@verizon.net

OUR MEMBERS

BOOK RELEASE - TIME CHANGE!!

Eileen Flanagan will be appearing at the Big Blue Marble Bookstore in Mt. Airy on Saturday,

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May 9 at 2pm to promote the new book [Who's Your Mama: The Unsung Voices of Women and Mothers](#)
This collection of essays explores aspects of motherhood often omitted from mainstream mothering books, such as lesbian adoption, unexpected parenthood, and the experiences of working class and racially diverse women. Eileen's essay is about exploring her mother's racism to try to give a different legacy to her own children. She will be appearing with author Lori Sharps, whose piece is about raising bi-racial children.

http://web.me.com/eileenflanagan1/Eileen_Flanagan/Press_Room/Entries/2009/4/20_Entry_1.html

Andrew Posmontier is a member of the Keystone State Boychoir which will present its spring concert on Sunday May 10, 3 pm and 6 pm, at the First Presbyterian Church on Cheltenham Avenue in Germantown.
<http://www.paboychoir.org/>

Memorial for **Richard Stine** will be at Stapeley 10:30 am on Saturday May 9, 2009.

WIDER QUAKER COMMUNITY

April 25 (Sat.; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) – **Financial Support for Our Meetings in Hard Times.** Arch Street Meetinghouse. This workshop is sponsored by Financial Oversight Working Group of PYM. Topics include: "Financial Support of our Meetings" and "Examples of Innovative Fundraising by Our Meetings". To request childcare, contact Kathy by April 13. Contact: Kathy Reilly at 215-241-7205; kathyr@pym.org.

April 24-26 (Friday evening—Sunday noon). **Adult Young Friends Workcamp with Friends Neighborhood Guild** (8th & Fairmount). Childcare will be provided. The Weekend Workcamp Program of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting has a powerful, decades-long history of inviting Quakers and non-Quakers to spiritually-based service in low-income communities of Philadelphia. It offers an opportunity to increase awareness of economic, racial and cultural differences and inequalities as well as discover similarities, seeking to recognize that of God in everyone. Contact: Sadie Forsythe at 215-241-7075; sadief@pym.org. Register online at: www.pym.org/education/yaf.

TESTING THE WATERS: A RETREAT DAY

Facilitated by core teachers of the School of the Spirit Ministry

Saturday, May 16, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm at the Gwynedd Friends Meeting in Philadelphia

This retreat day will be facilitated by the core teachers of the School of the Spirit Ministry's program "On Being a Spiritual Nurturer." The retreat day is intended for those discerning whether they are led to apply to the two-year program beginning in September 2009. Friends seeking a short retreat are also very welcome. There is a requested \$25 donation at the door.

The program "On Being a Spiritual Nurturer," now gathering its eighth class from across the country, is designed for those led to pay particular attention to God's transforming, guiding, and healing work. The program is grounded in the traditional Quaker practices of deep listening and of individual formation within community. The program begins in September 2009 with an application deadline of May 25. Late applications may be considered. Scholarships are available.

Much more information about the program can be found at www.schoolofthespirit.org or by contacting Mike Green at (919) 929-2339 or info@schoolofthespirit.org.

May 9 (Sat.; 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.) - **Woolman Spring Fair.** Come to the grounds of the historic John Woolman Memorial for a Spring Fair. The John Woolman Memorial is located at 99 Branch Street (Route 537) in Mount Holly, NJ. The fair features Mother's Day plants, herbs, bluegrass music, food, books, crafts, tours and children's activities. Proceeds benefit the John Woolman Memorial Association.

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(www.woolmancentral.com). Contact: Laura Blaetz-Price at 856-313-0240 or MaryAnn Bacon at 609-654-5388.

May 10 (Sunday; 11:15 a.m.) - **Plymouth Meeting and the McCarthy Era**. Plymouth Meeting (PA) will host a presentation about that Meeting's experience in the McCarthy era when the local librarian refused to submit to the loyalty oath of the time. This will be the main topic for the annual spring outing of Friends Historical Association (FHA) that day. Meeting for Worship begins at 11:15 a.m. Contact: Ann Upton at 610-896-1161, for more information.

May 13 (Wed.; 5:30 p.m. – dinner at 6 p.m.) - **Quaker Artists Spring Gathering**. Arch Street Meeting House. Co-sponsored by the Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Artist Zan Lombardo will be the guest speaker after dinner. There will be a \$15 charge to cover dinner. Invitations will be sent to FQA members. If you'd like an invitation or more information, call Elke Muller at 215-241-7223.

May 16 (Sat.) - **PeaceWay Festival at Providence Meeting**. Providence Meeting at 105 North Providence Road (Route 252) in Media PA will host its fourth annual PeaceWay Festival. Two speakers have been invited to start thoughtful, timely conversation about peace making in our homes, our nation and the world. Joe Sestak is a 3-star Navy admiral currently serving as U.S. Congressman from the 7th district of Pennsylvania. Bob Edgar is President of Common Cause, formerly Congressman from the same district (1975 – 1987), and formerly General Secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. The day's program also includes peace and justice literature, food, music, children's crafts, a peace labyrinth and more. Public invited. Bring your friends. Watch for program details on www.peaceway.net.

Quaker Quest - Meetings Schedule Presentations. Quaker Quest, the new and exciting Inreach/Outreach program developed in England, has captured the attention of monthly and quarterly meetings throughout PYM.

Two monthly meetings hosted Quaker Quest presentations in January; one quarter and three other monthly meetings have scheduled presentations before May 1st; and one meeting has already decided to begin planning its own Quaker Quest.

Contact: Lois and Harry Forrest, Co-clerks (Quaker Quest Working Group) at callighrf@medleas.com or 609-654-3673, to learn more about this new "spiritual path for our time" and its potential for your own meeting and for the Religious Society of Friends in general!

The Gathering Garden at Gwynedd Meeting. Gwynedd Meeting (PA) announces the following programs for spring 2009.

- May 16, 2009 (Sat. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.) - **A Spiritual Garden** — Herbs in Containers. Suggested donation is \$10.00. This year in our garden workshop, we will look at herbs and their interconnectedness with spiritual practices. Bring your own pots and you will be able to take home a container that will help you to build a relationship with herbs. Plants and potting soil will be provided. Space limited to 15 participants. Please pre-register (by May 9, 2009) Contact: Wayne Stratz 215-412-2838; e-mail: stratz@earthlink.net.

- Tuesdays (7:30-9:00 p.m.) - **Silent Meditation**. Come join the Meditation Group at Gwynedd Friends Meeting as we connect with the divine of the inner self through stillness and silence. Help and guidance is available for interested beginners. Contact: Ranvir Bakshi 215-699-325

AFSC CHINA SUMMER WORKCAMP

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The AFSC China Summer Workcamp will be held July 27 to August 22, 2009. Details listed below. For more information go to: <http://www.afsc.org//ht/d/sp/i/70154/pid/70154/TPL/China/displaytype/raw> or e-mail: chinasummer@afsc.org Download China Summer application (PDF). Deadline for applications is March 15th.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY



Pam Yaller, a member of Upper Dublin Meeting, who lives in Philadelphia, is coordinating the food for walkers. She seeks \$250-500 for Friends to donate pretzels. The Sikh's donated water, The buddists fruit.

Details available soon at:

www.InterfaithPeaceWalk.org

USED ELECTRONICS DRIVE - Ethical Recycling

DATE: Saturday & Sunday, May 9 & 10 (rain or shine)

TIME: 12 Noon – 3 p.m.

PLACE: Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting

100 E. Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19118

COST: \$1.00 per pound (ethical recycling fee)

May be tax-deductible. Cash or checks only, please. Net proceeds from this event will benefit peace and social justice projects of the Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting.

CONTACT: yostevik@yahoo.com, 215.242.4419

Nothing we collect will be tipped into landfills, incinerated as solid waste, or dumped in developing countries! Where do your old electronics go?

WE WILL ACCEPT:

Televisions	Stereo Equipment	Answering Machines
Computers	Speakers	Camcorders
Monitors	CD & DVD Players	Electric Typewriters
Keyboards	Telephones	Video Game Systems
Drives	Remote Controls	Pagers
Cables	VCR's	Microwaves
Cords	Projectors	Toasters
Peripherals	Digital Cameras	USB Media
Fax Machines	PDA's	Magnetic Media
Scanners	Speakers	Zip Disks
Laptops	Radios	Audio Tapes

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Floppy Diskettes

Ink Cartridges

PERSONAL

STANDARD REMINDERS

Please help center Meeting for Worship: Friends are invited to arrive early for meeting for worship to help the meeting settle and provide a more meaningful worship experience for our children and adults alike.

On-line calendar for Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting can be viewed at <http://www.quaker.org/chestnuthill/e-calendar.htm> Please submit updates to calendar@chestnuthillquakers.org

Bulletin announcements Please submit copy-ready announcements to secretary@chestnuthillquakers.org or 215-247-3553 by Noon on Thursdays

Leaving the Meetinghouse.

Whenever you are the last one to leave the meetinghouse, you must turn off lights and lock doors. You can lock the meetinghouse and leave even if you not have a key. If you find yourself being the last to leave the meetinghouse but do not have a key, lock the other doors from the inside. Then, leave the building through the door beside the "office." This door can be opened from the inside but is always locked from the outside. Please check the door from the outside as you leave to be sure that the door is tightly closed.

Please leave the meetinghouse at least as orderly as you found it. The meetinghouse is used by several groups throughout the week. In order to respect their needs as well as ours, please move furniture back to the way it was when you moved it for your use and put all trash to the large can in the kitchen. If the large can is full, please take the trash to the dumpster across the driveway.

If you or your children remove things from the RE closet or the bookcases, please return them. If you use dishes in the kitchen, please wash, dry and put them away.

Stuff Left Around the Meetinghouse

"Stuff" has begun to appear in the meetinghouse. The property committee is charged with keeping the meetinghouse orderly and uses the tag sale to dispose of things (coats, furniture, dishes) that have no purpose. Please talk to someone from the property committee if you need to leave something in the meetinghouse and please label it (including a date when it will be removed) so that we won't think it was intended for the tag sale.

Tables and Chairs in the Social Room

Please return chairs and tables to the closets after an event in the social room. Please leave out four large tables and about 10 chairs in the social room. Read the instructions inside the table closet and chair closets. The instructions tell you what to do with the four tables that are to be left out.

If you or your committee is having a meeting or hosting an event or pot luck, please be sure that someone is responsible for returning the tables and chairs to the correct configuration.

Assistive listening devices: A "hearing helper" system amplifies spoken messages in meeting. These devices can also be used for people in the gathering room who wish to hear spoken messages in the

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worship room. Contact a member of Worship and Ministry if you want to learn more.