

# CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING BULLETIN

October 1, 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 weekly.

## **CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS COMMUNITY**

**Q101 on Quaker business meetings and decision making.** Sunday, October 4, 6:00 coffee and 6:30-8:00, rescheduled final session of Phil Anthony and Jean Warrington presenters

**Quaker Quest** Forum program Sunday, October 11, at rise of meeting for worship. Lois and Harry Forrest, PYM facilitators, will conduct a 90 minute Q&A on the program. The new program from Britain Yearly meeting is now being facilitated by Friends General Conference and our Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. <http://www.fgcquaker.org/quakerquest> For more info, Jean Warrington, Jorge Arauz, Sue Betts.

**Meeting for Holding in the Light:** For a long time now Christine Olinger has had a leading that she now feels ready to pursue. She would like to start a once a month meeting for holding in the light. She will have a note book in the gathering room where people can write their joys and concerns (as short or long as they wish). It will also list the next Meeting for holding in the Light date. At the Holding in the light meeting, the book will be read and the participants will be asked to focus on holding the messages in the light. Christine plan to hold this the 2nd Wednesday of the month beginning October 14 at the Meetinghouse, 7-8pm. Members of the Evergreen Worship group have graciously offered to help open and close up the building.

## **OUR MEMBERS**

**Warren Witte's one-person photo exhibit** at Pennswood Village. An opening reception will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 4. The exhibit will be open through October 29. If anyone has questions or needs directions to Pennswood, call or write Warren: 215-518-2259, [warrenwitte@comcast.net](mailto:warrenwitte@comcast.net).

**Eileen Flanagan's newest book**, The Wisdom to Know the Difference: When to Make a Change—and When to Let Go, is coming out this week. Among the many book launch events in the area, Eileen is scheduled to speak at the Chestnut Hill Borders on Thursday, October 8 at 7 p.m. I'm offering to host a potluck dinner beforehand at my place which is only a couple blocks away. Please call or email Laura Melly (contact information in the directory) to RSVP and to clarify what time you can arrive (5:30, 5:45, or 6 p.m.). Email also if you are interested in joining a small group to discuss this book.

**Beef and Beer Benefit for Christine Olinger** on Saturday October 10, 6 pm to 10 pm! I am writing to invite you and your friends to come. We will have a DJ and dancing!!, and auction off three weekend getaways: a pied a terre 20 minutes from the Smithsonian in Washington,DC; a cabin in the Worlds End State Park; and a cabin on a lake in the Poconos.

This fundraising event is a tribute to Christine's zany and rambunctious ways. The place is a VFW Post in Willow Grove, PA. All the beef and beer you want AND, special just for us Quakers, vegetarian and nonalcoholic options available. It is a friendly thing and a surprising venue.

Carolyn Schodt says, I don't know about you but I have never been to a VFW Post!. It is a very Philadelphia kind of place and event. One thing I especially admire about Christine and Dion is the way

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they have gotten us at Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting to do fun things we never thought we would be doing.

I plan to be there, and hope to see you there. Please purchase your tickets ahead of time by contacting me. Twenty-five dollars per person. Please consider making a donation if you cannot attend.

For tickets and location: contact Carolyn Schodt 215-842-2844 or [carolynschodt@lycos.com](mailto:carolynschodt@lycos.com).

Please see our website, Friends of Christine.com for how to make a contribution to defray Christine's expenses.

## **WIDER QUAKER COMMUNITY**

**Shifting from Control to Collaboration: Effective Communication and Discipline with Tweens and Teens** Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7-9pm, Abington Meetinghouse, 520 Meetinghouse Rd. Jenkintown, PA 19046

Child psychologist, Margaret D. Sayers, Ph.D., will present an interactive workshop focused on the special challenges of parenting *preteens* and *young adolescents*. The workshop is appropriate for parents of children ages 10 to 14 and will include discussion, skills training, and role-play practice. There is no cost for the program, but Dr. Sayers will be collecting monetary and non-perishable food donations for the **Interfaith Food Pantry**. Space is limited, so please call 215.355.2011, x203 to reserve a space.

## YOUNG FRIENDS Halloween Gathering

### Los Dias de los Muertos - The Days of the Dead

October 30-November 1, 2009

<http://www.pym.org/youngfriends/index.htm>

**Arts On Arch (Nov 5-7)**, where all manner of arts will be on display at the Arch Street Meetinghouse for one cool weekend of fun, benefiting the PYM Annual Fund:

- A Juried Art Show and Sale - opening with a Preview Party on Thursday, Nov 5th (running through Saturday, Nov 7th)
- A Live Concert with Livingston Taylor and Liz Longley - in the West Room on First Friday, Nov 7th. (Tickets: \$30)

*Arts On Arch* promises to bring us together in a whole new way to celebrate and support artists among us. You are not going to want to miss a minute! Ticket sales begin today and all the information you need to join the fun is online at <http://www.pym.org/artsonarch>.

Get Involved:

1. Spread the word to the artists among us. This is a great chance for Quaker Artists to share their work! The [Artist's Guide](#) (PDF) is available online and entries are due by Sept 30, 2009.
2. Buy your [Preview Party Tickets](#) for Nov 5th - You can meet the artists, enjoy mingling with Friends/friends, and have the first opportunity to view (and shop) at the Show.
3. Buy your [Concert Tickets](#) online - Tickets are limited to 600 seats and we want you to have first dibs!

**Hospitality Needed:** FGC will be having an Executive Committee meeting the weekend of 10/2. Some Friends who are attending are in need of hospitality. We have 3 requests for just Friday night 10/2 and 7 requests for both Friday 10/2 and Saturday 10/3 (one request out of the 7 is for a couple). If you can

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provide hospitality please contact Nicole Rayborn at [nicoler@fgcquaker.org](mailto:nicoler@fgcquaker.org) or at 215 561 1700 x3008. Please let me know if you have pets, this will make a difference since some Friends are allergic to pets.

**Quaker Youth Pilgrimage**, sponsored by Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC), brings 28 high-school aged youth (ages 16-18) from all parts of the world and all forms of Quakerism for a month of travel, learning, and service. The 2010 Pilgrimage will take place in the Pacific Northwest **July 16 - August 13, 2010**. Please go to the [Pilgrimage website](#) for more information.

Applications for pilgrims and leaders should be received in the FWCC Philadelphia office by **November 30, 2009**. *(This date is correct, it was just changed today)*

[Pilgrim applicants click here](#)

[Leader applicants click here](#)

**Who Do You Say That I Am?** Speaker series at Pendle Hill coordinated by Marcelle Martin Fall 2009 Tuesday evenings, October 13 to December 8 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the Barn

**Oct 13 Rebecca Mays and Marcia Prager: A Jewish-Quaker Dialogue About Jesus**

Both are local and should be invited for dinner. Email addresses: [rgkmays@hotmail.com](mailto:rgkmays@hotmail.com)  
[marciaprag@aol.com](mailto:marciaprag@aol.com)

**Oct 20 Trish Magyari: Knock and It Shall Be Opened**

Trish will be coming from Baltimore and will need reimbursement for travel expenses, as well as dinner, an overnight stay, breakfast, and lunch the next day. Email address: [trishfortrees@yahoo.com](mailto:trishfortrees@yahoo.com)

**Oct 27 Trayce Peterson: Jesus, My Ethical Teacher & Friend.**

Trayce will be coming to Philadelphia for an AFSC Board meeting the previous weekend and will need travel expenses (perhaps to be shared with AFSC? Last year she drove from Richmond, Indiana). I have offered her overnights and meals on Sunday and Monday as well as Tuesday. Email: [petertr@earlham.edu](mailto:petertr@earlham.edu)

**Nov 3 Pastors Norberto Guerra-Chacon and Elser Galvez: The Presence of the Living Christ**

Norberto, Elser, and Helene are local. They will come for dinner beforehand. Helene is the contact person. Her email address: [pollockhelene@yahoo.com](mailto:pollockhelene@yahoo.com).  
home phone: 215-849-9195.

**Nov 10 Ben Pink Dandelion: The Inward Supper**

Ben will be on campus for the short course that week.  
His email: [b.p.dandelion@bham.ac.uk](mailto:b.p.dandelion@bham.ac.uk)

**Nov 17 Betsy Blake: He Lives!**

Betsy Blake will be coming from North Carolina. When I contacted her she was thinking of being a resident student. Since she's not enrolled, we will need to reimburse travel expenses and provide an overnight stay and meals. Email: [hellobetsyblake@hotmail.com](mailto:hellobetsyblake@hotmail.com)

**Nov 24 Lloyd Lee Wilson: Who Do You Say I Am?**

Lloyd Lee will be coming from North Carolina. I expect he will drive and need travel reimbursement and an overnight stay and meals. Email: [lloydleewilson@gmail.com](mailto:lloydleewilson@gmail.com)

**Dec 1 Christopher Sammond: Fire in the Storm: Jesus as Lover, Healer, and Persistent Invitation**

Christopher Sammond will be coming for the early December PH workshop. My thought was that he would stay after the speaker series for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights before the weekend. Walter thinks he may go home between, in which case we wouldn't need to offer the extra overnights, but would have to reimburse his transportation costs. Email: [c1sammond@aol.com](mailto:c1sammond@aol.com)

**Dec 8 Colin Saxton: "Thou art the Christ!"**

Colin will be coming for the early December PH workshop. We need to offer him overnights between that weekend and the speaker series, ie Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. Email: [csaxton@nwfriends.org](mailto:csaxton@nwfriends.org)

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## **OUR WIDER COMMUNITY**

**Mentors needed** for freshman at Parkway High School NW for Peace and Social Justice. This is a small time commitment and requires once-a-week check ins and monthly meetings with your mentee (location and time to be determined by mentor/mentee pairs). Contact Sarah Derbew the Haverford fellow coordinating this at [sderbew@haverford.edu](mailto:sderbew@haverford.edu) She writes, "I encourage you to welcome this experience as this can help the lives of these students and positively affect yours as well."

### **Finding Our Ground: Living with Reverence for Creation**

At Lake Absegami in the New Jersey Pine Barrens October 2-4, 2009

Join Brad Sheeks and Patricia McBee for a retreat in the pine barrens. We will allow ourselves to tune to the rhythm of the trees, the breeze, and the water—to renew our awareness that we are part of nature's flow—to sit quietly with our soul which is the solid ground upon which we stand.

The retreat will provide ample time for solitary walks on wooded trails and paddling on the lake as well as journaling in response to selected writings, and sharing our stories as we gather in front of the fireplace. Grounded in the natural world, we will open ourselves to living with greater reverence and harmony in a suffering world.

We have reserved two rustic cabins with two bunks in each of three partitioned areas, full bath with hot showers, and a full kitchen. Also, participants can choose to tent on sites a short walk from the cabins. We will share hearty, simple food. The retreat will be limited to twelve people.

Brad Sheeks & Patricia McBee are members of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, where Patricia has a minute of ministry of concern for the environment. For many years, they have co-lead couple enrichment retreats sponsored by Friends General Conference. For further information contact Brad at 215-349-6959 or [bsheeks@juno.com](mailto:bsheeks@juno.com)

**Loss and Grief: A Spiritual Journey** Loss is a part of life. A caring community can provide a safe place for rest, comfort and support. If you have lost a loved one, walking the path of grief together can help you to:

- Experience and express your feelings
- Find emotional and spiritual support
- Identify sources of hope and strength
- Cultivate your capacity to meet the ongoing challenge of loss
- Begin the work of acceptance and healing through the practice of mindfulness meditation, guided relaxation, sacred silence and prayer.

Six Wednesdays: October 7, 2009 through November 11, 2009

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church, 22 E. Chestnut Hill Ave, Phila., PA 19118

Register by October 1, 2009 at 215.242.2055 or [ndilliplane@stpaulschestnuthill.org](mailto:ndilliplane@stpaulschestnuthill.org)

or call for more information

Suggested donation for the series: \$200.00

Facilitated by Kathy Corbett, certified grief counselor and Nancy Dilliplane, Assistant Rector

**March and Rally for Peace:** On Saturday, October 17, there will be a major demonstration in Philadelphia to end the occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq. Please endorse this event as an individual or (better yet) as an organization. The March and Rally for Peace will begin at 11:00 am on the west side of City Hall, 15<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets in center city, Philadelphia. The march will proceed to Independence Mall, where there will be brief rally. We have created an October 17 Mobilization Committee, <http://phillyagainstwar.org/Philly-Oct17-Mobilization-committee.html>, to organize this

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event, which will be part of hundreds of peace events being held nationally. The local events are being coordinated by the National Assembly to End the Occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq. I have included (below) the most recent list of local sponsors for the Philadelphia peace event. I hope that you and your organization will join us as a sponsor and that you will organize your members and friends to participate on Saturday, October 17. You may join us by sending an email to: [philly.october17.mobilization@gmail.com](mailto:philly.october17.mobilization@gmail.com). –Chris Robinson

**Stop the Draft Peace Event, October 18** Twenty-three peace groups will hold a Stop the Draft Peace Event from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, near the home of Senator Arlen Specter on West Schoolhouse Lane (at Vaux Street) in Germantown. They want Specter to cut off funding for the U.S. occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan. On this date in 1967, thousands of young people defied the U.S. occupation of Vietnam by turning in their draft cards at induction centers around the nation. More information from [nwgreens@yahoo.com](mailto:nwgreens@yahoo.com) and 215-843-4256.

**Building an Inclusive Church** training events will be held in Lancaster, PA on October 9 and 10, 2009. You can learn more (check links in the left column) here: <http://www.welcomingresources.org/communityorg.htm> Registration fee is \$60 and includes training, materials, dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday, and snacks. Housing and travel are your own responsibility. Additional events are planned around the country, which also may be of interest (<http://www.welcomingresources.org/trainings.htm>). All the events are presented from a Christian/Protestant perspective, but we have been told that some Jewish participants have attended and found the information and skills to be helpful as well. If you are uncertain whether the trainings might be useful or appropriate for people from your faith tradition, please contact Anita at [nfo@welcomingresources.org](mailto:nfo@welcomingresources.org) or 612.791.8217 to inquire further.

## **PERSONAL**

**Personal Aide Care** I have been approved for personal aide care and am looking to hire some people. If you or someone you know might be interested in doing this, please be in touch by email. I am looking to have people start around the end of September. (Christine is away on vacation so will respond upon her return). – Christine Olinger

**Cat-sitting in exchange for housing** I am in search of someone/someones to stay in my West Mt. Airy home for six weeks, from the beginning of November til approximately December 15. The house is a charming row house - 5 minute walk from Carpenter Lane R8 stop. Easy walk to Weaver's Way Food Co op, and the Wissahickon creek. There's a great deck in the back, and off street parking. (It is possible that we might work out a shorter or longer term, regular housemate agreement for before the period of time I am away, until my return.) I would ask payment for heat. In exchange for rent, I ask you keep the place clean, make sure the pipes don't freeze, and take care of my cat. That would include food/water/treats, daily litter scooping, and medication for a chronic urinary tract condition. If you may be interested, email Martha Kemper [mlk11@psu.edu](mailto:mlk11@psu.edu)

## **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 children and adults alike.

**On-line calendar** for Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting can be viewed at

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<http://www.quaker.org/chestnuthill/e-calendar.htm> Please submit updates to [calendar@chestnuthillquakers.org](mailto:calendar@chestnuthillquakers.org)

**Bulletin announcements** Please submit copy-ready announcements to [secretary@chestnuthillquakers.org](mailto:secretary@chestnuthillquakers.org) or 215-247-3553 by Noon on Thursdays

**Use of Meeting House:** Please ensure that the Meeting House is reserved and confirmed through the secretary before publicly announcing events. Include purpose of event, number of people expected, room(s) required, date and times needed (start and end), and contact information. The on-line calendar can be viewed at <http://www.quaker.org/chestnuthill/e-calendar.htm> If reserving by e-mail, use [calendar@chestnuthillquakers.org](mailto:calendar@chestnuthillquakers.org)

## **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.

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