

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING BULLETIN

October 22, 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

Heifer "Soup Exchange" this Sunday. Remember to bring your quart of soup to donate, or your \$15 to purchase soup (cash, or check to Heifer). There will be extra soup to purchase if you haven't yet signed up, to take home or to donate to a meeting family in need. Also, look for our new COW to put your donation in!!! Contact Sarah Whitman (sarah.whitman@drexelmed.edu) for details.

Meeting for Holding in the Light: For a long time now Christine Oliger 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 plans to hold this the 2nd Wednesday of the month continuing November 11 at the Meetinghouse, 7-8pm. Members of the Evergreen Worship group have graciously offered to help open and close up the building.

Call for Quaker Rakers and Window Sealers! We need everyone's help to get our Meeting House ready for winter. Outside Crew will be raking leaves- bring rakes and gloves if you have them. Inside crew will be putting up plastic window seal to attack our energy costs and carbon footprint. Come armed with utility knives, scissors, and hair dryers. *Many hands make light work.* **Saturday November 14th. 9 AM - Noon.** Rain or Shine.

Heifer Holiday Gifts Fundraiser: You're invited to give a Heifer donation in honor of at least 1 person on your holiday gift list. You make a donation of "an animal" to Heifer, and give your recipient a Heifer gift card announcing your gift. Suggestions for token gifts to give to your recipients to represent your donation will also be available. (For example, if you're giving a donation of bees, honey will be available for you to buy to represent your gift.) A table will be set up the 1st and 3rd Sundays of Nov and Dec where you can choose an animal donation and get a Heifer gift card. See Sarah Whitman for details.

OUR MEMBERS

If anyone has been looking for an excuse to visit the Massachusetts Quaker retreat center Woolman Hill, Eileen Flanagan will be leading a weekend retreat there on **The Wisdom to Know the Difference** from October 30-November 1. The workshop still has room, so please help spread the work to anyone you think might be interested. (<http://www.woolmanhill.org>)

Helping Hands Week for Christine Oliger, November 9 – 15 -- by Chris Robinson, 215-843-4256 and chrisrecon@netzero.net.

Friends of Christine Oliger will hold a Helping Hands Week at Trolley Car Diner, www.trolleycardiner.com, from Monday, November 9, through Sunday, November 15. Christine, a well-known peace activist, has been diagnosed with ALS (also called "Lou Gehrig's disease"). You can help with Christine's medical expenses by participating in this Helping Hands Week at the Trolley Car Diner, 7619 Germantown Avenue in Mount Airy, from Monday, November 9, through Friday, November

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13 (7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.) and Saturday, November 14, and Sunday, November 15, (3:00 until 9:00 p.m.). In order to participate, you will need a special coupon, which is available at www.friendsofchristine.com.

As part of its Helping Hands Week, the Trolley Car Diner will donate 15% of your spending on food, drinks and desert to the Christine Olinger Trust, if you show the coupon at time of payment. Show your support for Christine by bringing your friends and family for a delicious and fun dining experience at Trolley Car Diner, a child-friendly restaurant.

If you are not able to join in this Helping Hands Week, you may send a contribution to the "Christine Olinger Trust," c/o Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting, 100 East Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19118. For more information or a Helping Hands Coupon, please contact info@friendsofchristine.com and 215-843-4256.

Meals for Jim Cox and family Thanks for all the great meals folks made for Jim Cox and his family. Now that Jim is home from rehab, let Betsy Wallace know if you can cook another meal kenbetsw2@verizon.net

Warren Witte's one-person photo exhibit at Pennswood Village. The exhibit opened October 4 and will remain through October 29. If anyone has questions or needs directions to Pennswood, call or write Warren: 215-518-2259, warrenwitte@comcast.net.

WIDER QUAKER COMMUNITY

350ppm Event: On October 24th there will be over 1800 demonstrations in over 140 countries calling on governments worldwide to make 350ppm (350 parts per million) of atmospheric CO2 the target for the climate talks that will be held in Copenhagen in December.

The principal event in the Philadelphia area will begin at 1:00PM on Independence Mall. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is offering a related event at Friends Center! "Showing the way to 350," a presentation about the Friends Center complex begins at 11:15 a.m. and is open to the public. Miriam Schaefer will offer a brief presentation, followed by questions and answers, a brief update about current climate legislation, and opportunities to make calls to legislators. We're also offering light refreshments. At noon, F/friends will gather at Friends Center and walk together to independence mall to join the rally. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come. This can be a family event – generations coming together to preserve the planet for future generations.

For more information about the event in Philadelphia visit:

<http://www.350.org/node/4421>

For some history of how the desired target became 350ppm visit:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/12/27/AR2007122701942.html>

Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting will meet next at Green Street Monthly Meeting on Sunday 25 October 2009. We will join Green Street for worship at 10:30 am. Following worship there will be time for a brown bag lunch. The Quarterly Meeting for Business will begin as soon after 12:00 as we can assemble."

Los Dias de los Muertos-

The Days of the Dead

October 30-November 1, 2009

Register now. Don't miss the fun. Check out the flyer at <http://www.pym.org/youngfriends/index.htm>

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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!

Documentaries and Discussion film series by the Green Street Friends Meeting

45 West School House Lane | Philadelphia 19144

The Second Saturday of each month, 7:00 PM – 9: PM

Popcorn | Cider | Parking | Politics | Child Friendly | Free

Join us for this opportunity to meet people in the community & watch a powerful documentary and talk about it.

Saturday 14 November *Kabul Transit & Rethink Afghanistan – Snapshots*

Kabul Transit Filmmakers: David Edwards, Maliha Zulfacar, Gregory Whitmore

Rethink Afghanistan: Brave New Foundation

Discussion leader: Peter Lems. About *Kabul Transit*: In the broken cityscape of Kabul Afghanistan, amid the dust and rubble of war, Afghans adjust to uncertain possibilities of Peace. *Kabul Transit* shuttles through the broken streets of the city, moving between public space and private, listening in on conversation, posing questions, probing the darker alleys mainstream media avoids. About *Rethink Afghanistan*: *Rethink Afghanistan* is a ground-breaking, full-length documentary focusing on the key issues surrounding this war. By releasing this film in parts for free online, we are able to stay on top of news of the war as it continues to unfold. We strive for more discussion among experts on Afghanistan, like the debates seen below released in conjunction with our documentary campaign.

Saturday 12 December – Hanukkah - No Film Showing

Saturday 9 January *Concrete, Steel and Paint: A Film about Crime, Restoration and Healing*

Co-Directors/Producers: Cindy Burstein and Tony Heriza

Panel Discussion: Filmmakers and a Criminal Justice Panel

About the film: When men in a prison art class agree to collaborate with victims of crime to design a mural about healing, their views on punishment, remorse, and forgiveness collide. At times the divide seems too wide to bridge. But as the participants begin to work together, mistrust gives way to genuine moments of human contact and common purpose. Their struggle and the insights gained are reflected in the art they produce. * funded in part by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council

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

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

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

Nov 10 Ben Pink Dandelion: The Inward Supper

Nov 17 Betsy Blake: He Lives!

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

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

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

Job opening: Philadelphia Yearly Meeting seeks Administrative Assistant to the General Secretary.

Learn more at http://mysite.verizon.net/chestnuthillquakers/Exec_Asst_to_GS_PYM_10-9-09.pdf

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Please Join us as we honor "Children's Champions" at NIM's 2nd Annual Children's Sabbath



"Create Change for Children Today: Bring Hope and a Better Tomorrow"



Keynote Speaker:
Shelly Yanoff, Executive Director
Public Citizens for
Children and Youth (PCCY)

Awards honoring outstanding
child care providers

Performances by
Nest Presbyterian Preschoolers

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and other youth

Featuring
Grammy nominated Sharon Katz
with music from South Africa

Sunday, October 25, 2009, 3:30 to
5:00 pm

Nest Presbyterian Church
70th and Cheltenham Avenues,
Philadelphia, PA

A program of the Neighborhood Interfaith Movement
7047 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19119



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? DEVELOPING A THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE OF RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Tuesdays, October 20 – November 24 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Project H.O.M.E. 1515 Fairmount, Philadelphia
As people called to be a blessing, Jewish and Christian communities have rich and ancient histories of practicing hospitality--the love and care for the other, the outsider, the alien in our midst. In contrast, church history is also replete with examples of institutionalized exclusion, often in grotesquely violent terms. Modern, mainstream church teaching has done little to articulate a theology of hospitality or to inspire Jesus' followers to imitate his example of radical inclusion. Synthesizing a shared vision and mission to practice hospitality both in the Church at large and in our local communities of faith could be a key for working through so many issues of "otherness" that challenge us in our world today – including issues like immigration, economic justice, ethnic and racial strife, gender and sexuality. This six-week course will examine some beautiful traditions of hospitality from Jewish and early Christian roots through more modern expressions, especially in the Catholic Worker movement, Quakerism, and Anabaptist communities. In addition, we will explore writings on hospitality by Henri Nouwen and Christine Pohl, as well Miroslav Volf's vision of the divine embrace--as we struggle to respond to Jesus' radical challenge: "Who is my neighbor?"

This course will be facilitated by **Liz Richner**, a self-described "calico Christian"—born and baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, raised (and re-baptized) in an Appalachian-flavored fundamentalist congregation, and nurtured into adulthood in a Mennonite community. Along the way, Liz has done stints in evangelical Bible college and academic psychology, where she has learned, taught, and thought about identity formation, social understanding, narrative, play, gender, sexuality and spirituality.

The cost for the course will be \$60 (or whatever you can afford), which will include the cost of textbooks and written materials. Register right away with Will O'Brien WillO'Brien@projecthome.org

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Wissahickon Charter School will hold an open house for parents to enroll kindergarteners for Fall 2010 on Thurs. Nov. 12 6:30-8:00 PM at the Wissahickon Charter School, located on Wissahickon Ave. just south of Roosevelt Boulevard. Wissahickon is a progressive, tuition free-public school which has many of the values and practices of Friends Schools. Application deadline is Nov. 30. For more information see wissahickoncharter.org or call 267 338 1020.

PERSONAL

Sarah Whitman is looking for **furnished office space in Chestnut Hill** to sublet 1-2 days per week. Sarah is a psychiatrist, so needs a space appropriate for her therapy practice. Wheel-chair accessibility required. Contact her at Sarah.Whitman@drexelmed.edu or 267-265-2082.

Are you considering counseling? Friends Counseling Service is a network of Quaker mental health professionals for Quaker members and attenders which is affiliated with PYM. Counselors are available with a variety of expertises and include psychologists, social workers, therapists, family therapists, and a psychiatrist. The mental health professionals in the Friends Counseling Service have been chosen for this service because of both their counseling experience and a commitment to Quakerism. Some financial support is available if needed.

Both Betty Hartzell (therapist) and Sarah Whitman (psychiatrist) participate in the Friends Counseling Service, and although they don't provide services to those in our Meeting, either would be happy to share more information about this service. Information can also be obtained from the PYM website.

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 <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

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

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.

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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.