

# CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING BULLETIN

October 8, 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**

**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 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 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**

**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.

**Memorial service for Joe Hartzell** will be at Abington Friends Meeting on Saturday morning October 10 at 10am and all are welcome. We send our love to his wife Betty Hartzell, daughter Kerry Krieger, children, and other family members. - Jean Warrington

**Beef and Beer Benefit for Christine Oliger** 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 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.

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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.

## **Meals for Thomas and Jessica Taylor and family.**

If you can cook and deliver a meal during the week of Oct 12 please let their friend Emily know. Emily Carner [ecarner@comcast.net](mailto:ecarner@comcast.net) (215) 242-0337 The family is not vegetarian or kosher-- they are enjoying eating lean meats, salads, rice, pasta dishes, vegetables, and are somewhat flexible eaters-- trying to keep things comforting but healthy.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:warrenwitte@comcast.net).

## **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 is three weeks away!

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>

**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:

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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 10 October *First Person***

Producer/Director, Benjamin Herold

Co-Producer/Editor, Sharon Mullally

Discussion leaders: Director and four of the featured students. About the film: 78% of low-income high school students expect to attend college. Fewer than half of them make it. What happens to their dreams along the way? In *First Person*, six promising Philadelphia teens take us along on their journey through the last two years of high school toward their goal of a college education. They allow us into their classrooms and living rooms, and invite us to share their dreams and their fears.

### **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 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)*

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[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)

## **OUR WIDER COMMUNITY**

### **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

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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

**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

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 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

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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**

**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

<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

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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.