

# CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING BULLETIN

Sept 3, 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**

**Community and Cows Celebration** \_You're invited for a community get together on Sunday, Sept 27, from 2-5pm. Re-connect with our community after summer vacation with an afternoon of swimming, games, and enjoying the outdoors and good conversation. This event also starts our fall fundraising for Heifer, and you're invited to make a good-will contribution. Please bring towels and a potluck snack. Location: Diane Dunning's backyard, 300 Lewis Lane, Ambler. See Sarah Whitman to sign up or for question.

**Quaker Quest** outreach program Sunday Sept 20 (time?) and Friday, October 9, 6:30 supper and 7:30 Our Adult RE committee has invited Lois and Harry Forrest, PYM facilitators, to describe the Quaker Quest program briefly on Sept 20 and conduct a 90 minute Q&A on the program on Oct. 9 at Chestnut Hill meeting. 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.

**Chestnut Hill Friends to Visit [an exhibit on Race at the Franklin Institute](#) Saturday Sept 5, 2009**

### **Here's what you need to do.**

- Signal your interest in this excursion by sending an e-mail **by Tuesday September 1**, to [philiphjones@comcast.net](mailto:philiphjones@comcast.net)
  - indicating **how many people** you are responding for,
- Carpool from Meeting House meeting at 1pm in parking lot or arrive on your own at museum by 2pm.
- Specifics of paying for your admission and getting the ticket will be communicated when I know what they are..

The special admission that the Franklin Institute is offering us is half the following prices:

- Adult - \$14.75
- Senior (age 62+), Military (with valid military ID) and Student (12-25, with valid school ID) - \$13.75
- Child (4-11) - \$12.00
- Member – free

Thanks. Phil Jones

**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

**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

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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 new book** will be published by Tarcher/Penguin on September 17. The Wisdom to Know the Difference: When to Make a Change—and When to Let Go explores how the Serenity Prayer relates to discernment. It includes almost thirty interviews, including some who may be familiar, and has been endorsed by the Dalai Lama. Eileen will be speaking about the book on October 1 at 7PM at the Big Blue Marble Bookstore in Mt. Airy and October 8 at 7PM at Chestnut Hill Borders. She will also be leading a weekend on the topic at Pendle Hill October 9-11, with a Pendle Hill bookstore talk at 2PM on Saturday the 10th. For details, please visit <http://www.eileenflanagan.com>

Attender **Shelley Hedlund's art is on display** in the Barn at Pendle Hill through September 24. For more information, see <http://www.pendlehill.org/arts/exhibitions/170-hedlund>.

**BEEF AND BEER FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2009 6pm to 10 pm SAVE THE DATE: FOR FRIENDS AND FRIENDS OF CHRISTINE OLIGER AND DION LERMAN** This is going to be so cool! A Beef and Beer at a VFW is such a Philadelphia thing. Come and enjoy an evening of great food, dancing (!), gifts to be auctioned off. BTW there will be a vegetarian option of stuffed shells in a great tomato sauce. Tickets are going on sale August 30. How can you get involved? We really need your riches and talents to be translated into a gift certificate to be auctioned off. For example, one person is offering a fall weekend at their Poconos cabin on a lake. What am I bid for this?... Perhaps for have items such as a collection of baseball cards from your youth. Whatever occurs to you. You might also help by asking a shop keeper you have a good relationship with for a gift certificate. Contact Abbe Forman, John Florence or Carolyn Schodt. Visit Friends of Christine.com to see the web site. We are meeting every two weeks on Mondays at the Meetinghouse at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting is Monday August 24.

**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).

## **WIDER QUAKER COMMUNITY**

**FGC Committee with Ministry on Racism hospitality:** CHFM will host the FGC Committee with Ministry on Racism meeting to be held in our meetinghouse on the weekend of September 25-27, possibly beginning on Thursday the 24th. We need people to offer housing for those coming from out of town, to help with food, and to help with transportation for those arriving from a distance. To help contact Ellen Deacon at 215-247-0670 or [ellen.deacon@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.deacon@gmail.com)

**ONE- WOMAN PLAY at Abington Friends** Actor/playwright Martha Kemper, member of Abington who has attended CHFM, will present her original play, *Me, Miss Krause and Joan*.

WHAT: ME, MISS KRAUSE AND JOAN, written and performed by Martha Kemper

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 26, 2009 at 7:30pm

WHERE: Abington Friends School Muller Auditorium 520 Meetinghouse Rd, Jenkintown, PA 19046

TICKETS: \$15 at door

INFO: (215) 884-2865 or [amm@abingtonfriends.net](mailto:amm@abingtonfriends.net)

This "emotionally powerful and spiritually insightful play about passion and perseverance" (*Philadelphia City Paper*) reveals what goes on in an actor's homework, in search of answers to the question, "How

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would I play Joan of Arc?" The performance weaves scenes from the life of Joan of Arc with moments and people from the performer's life experience, particularly one special teacher, Alvina Krause. The re-living of a violent assault from the life of the actress is woven into the trial of Joan of Arc. A theme is revealed: there are things so true that no violence can kill, so real that they can never die. The play is recommended for mature audiences. Audience discussion follows the 1 hour performance. Proceeds will benefit the Right Sharing Fund of Abington Friends Meeting and the Women's Center of Montgomery County.

## **OUR WIDER COMMUNITY**

**Neighborhood Interfaith Movement Leadership Institute Pyramid:** NIM is once again seeking the best and brightest youth from our neighborhoods, school and congregations to participate in the next class of its highly successful Leadership Institute! Over the last two years, more than 40 teens have graduated from this 9-week program of team-building, leadership development and community service, acquiring new friendships as well as the tools to give back to their community.

The course, developed in partnership with [Spark the Wave](#) and [Outward Bound](#), begins with a series of classroom sessions on leadership and organizing skills and ends with a 5-day Outward Bound wilderness expedition. Through the Institute, young people have the opportunity to challenge themselves and reach new and exciting heights. Participants graduate from the program after creating service projects to benefit their neighborhoods or congregations.

Graduates have developed projects ranging from fundraising for a service trip to Guatemala, to leading arts and crafts sessions for nursing home residents, to repainting church facilities. NIM, along with adult mentors, works with teens to recruit support and promote exciting and beneficial projects.

To see a detailed brochure about the Leadership Institute, [click here](#). (Feel free to print out and share!) Leadership Institute classes start in February, but recruitment has already begun. We expect the class of 2010 to fill up quickly, so if you know a high school student who would benefit from this program, please pass on this information or send their contact info to us! For more information, email Eric Wilden at [ewilden@nimphilly.org](mailto:ewilden@nimphilly.org) or call 215-843-5600, extension 104.

**Weird Waste Day** As a service to the community the Mt. Airy Business Association in conjunction with Valley Green Bank invite everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to properly dispose of all unwanted electronics, including televisions, computers, printers, hard-drives, monitors, vcrs, radios, video games, transformers, and even batteries! Bring your weird waste to the Valley Green Bank parking lot on Sept 26th between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. and we'll make sure that it gets responsibly recycled. Cost to you is \$0.32 per pound. We have engaged, IRN, a recycling network that helps businesses and institutions find the most responsible, efficient and cost effective way to recycle all materials. All products are hand dismantled and shredded. Each item is directed to the right end market and recycled safely, in full compliance with all environmental regulations. Kim Miller, Mt. Airy Business Association, 7208 Germantown Avenue, Suite 7, Philadelphia, PA 19119 [www.mtairybiz.com](http://www.mtairybiz.com)  
Office: 215-242-0777 Cell: 215-681-1471

**Close the Army Experience Center, September 12** A major demonstration to Close the Army Experience Center, [www.shutdowntheaec.net](http://www.shutdowntheaec.net), will take place on Saturday, September 12 at 2:00 p.m. at Franklin Mills Mall, Knights and Woodhaven Roads in Northeast Philadelphia. The Army Experience Center houses a tactical operations center in which children as young as 13 play violent video games. The demonstration has been endorsed by Northwest Greens and many other peace organizations. Carpools to this event are being organized. Please contact 215-843-4256 and [nwgreens@yahoo.com](mailto:nwgreens@yahoo.com).

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**War on Terror Peace Event, September 20** Twenty-three peace groups will hold a War On Terror Peace Event near the home of Senator Arlen Specter from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 16, 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 2001, President George Bush II declared a “War on Terror,” to a joint session of Congress. This was later used to justify illegal invasions, continuing occupations and human rights abuses (including torture) by the U.S. More information from [nwgreens@yahoo.com](mailto:nwgreens@yahoo.com) and 215-843-4256.

Bring in your **food donations** for the food cupboard at Germantown Crisis Ministry on third First Days August 16

**2nd Annual Philly Bike Ride for Pain Relief:** An 18-mile bike ride I've organized for Saturday, September 12 to raise money for RSDSA, a pain organization working to end Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy. RSD (also called CRPS) is a neurologic pain condition that, as many of you know, I've personally been affected by. Registration flyer is available from Sarah Whitman, if you'd like to register to ride. You can donate at: <http://www.firstgiving.com/phillybikeride> (If clicking on the link above doesn't work, just cut and paste the web address into your browser, and it should work. Drexel's firewall sometimes prevents just clicking on the link and going directly.) - Sarah Whitman

**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-led 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)

## **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 Oligier

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**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 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

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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.