

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING ELECTRONIC BULLETIN FEBRUARY 11, 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 and is distributed as needed to provide timely information.

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS COMMUNITY

Evening with Hiram Butler Wednesday February 17 at CHFM

The Coordinating Committee invites Friends to an informal meeting with Hiram Butler, a member of Live Oak Meeting in Houston and James Turrell's friend and art representative, Wednesday evening, February 17th, 7:30-9PM, at the meetinghouse.

Hiram was intimately involved in their building project and has continued as an active member of their meeting including serving on their environmental concerns committee. He and his partner Andrew were married in the meeting two years ago. He will talk about the Live Oak experience, both during the building and since, answer questions and generally have a discussion about what's on our members' minds. Hiram is a thoughtful and active Friend with wide and eclectic interests!

We particularly hope that members not already involved in the building process will join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

- The Coordinating Committee

Meeting for Grief and Loss

Next Meeting for Grief and Loss will be Friday, February 19, from 7:30 to 8:30pm at the meetinghouse. Jude Brandt and Sue Betts are coordinating. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Quaker Quest March 6

Saturday, March 6 from 9-3 Chestnut Hill meeting will participate in the new PYM program to deepen our understanding of Quaker faith and practice and talk with each other about the wide range of our experiences. To learn more about Quaker Quest, [click here](#) Quaker Quest PYM coordinators Lois and Harry Forrest who presented at October Forum will lead this session along with several other facilitators. The day promises to be a meaningful, informative, shared experience for our meeting. After this day long workshop, the meeting will consider whether we wish to take the next step to offer Quaker Quest programs to the general public, starting next fall. Lunch will be provided by the Adult RE Committee. Child care available by reservation. To register, please email Sue Betts <susanbettsnj@comcast.net> or sign up in the gathering room. - The Adult Religious Education committee

Nominating Season

This is the time of year when our Nominating committee will call everyone in meeting to ask about and to suggest committee assignments. Members of CHFM are asked to serve on at least one committee, and attenders are invited to join a committee to become more a part of the community as well as to help with the work.

The list of CHFM committees is in the back of the yellow meeting directory. You are welcome to call committee clerks or a member of the Nominating committee for more information before they call you. Committee meeting schedules are posted at the top of the monthly newsletter. Many committee meetings are open to visitors. - John Nordlof, clerk Nominating Committee

Yarnall Fund Applications invited

Peace and Social Concerns Committee is pleased to invite you to apply for a grant from the Yarnall Fund of the Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting. The grants process is administered by the Peace and Social Concerns committee, which makes recommendations to the Meeting for Business for approval. Funded projects must be actively supported by a member of the Meeting, and may be Quaker or community organizations.

If you wish to apply for a grant, please submit a brief letter explaining your involvement in the organization, what the organization does, and why the funding is needed. If you have a particular project needing support, we always appreciate that opportunity. We also recognize that many organizations have difficulty raising money for general operating expenses, and will consider such proposals. Due to the economic crisis, it is unlikely that we will be able to give grants of more than \$500 each.

The application deadline is Wednesday March 17th. Grant requests can be mailed to Brie Radis at 58 W Gowen St., Philadelphia, PA 19119 and/or sent by email to her at radisbr@hotmail.com

Please call Kathy at 215 247-8105 if you have any questions or concerns.

Slippery Snow and Insidious Ice are here.

Please consider signing up for a week or two of snow shoveling standby coverage for the meeting sidewalks and steps. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board, shovel and salt on the back porch. Priority is front and rear entrance within 24 hours.

Fire makers.

Anyone interested in taking turns making and tending fires for the 10:30 AM meeting for worship, please contact Irene McHenry, pyrology coordinator.

Art Show

The Chestnut Hill Meeting Art Show will open on Sunday February 14. We will be accepting your items from 6:00 to 7:30 on Friday evening, February 12 and from 9:30 till noon on Saturday February 13. We encourage those who have or work with children in the First Day School to solicit their contributions. Also, if you have a spouse, parent or other relative who creates art, please bring in one of their pieces so our show can represent the wider Chestnut Hill Meeting community.

For questions, please contact [Roberta Foss](#), John Bieniek and Carolyn Schodt are assisting in making this happen and Storm Evans has offered to help set it up. Any other help will be greatly appreciated!

Tag Sale

Do you want to clean out your home? Are you interested in making a little cash? Want to help out a good cause? Are you interested in meeting your neighbors? Saturday, May 8, 9am – 1pm Located at 100 E. Mermaid Lane \$15 To Reserve a Space; \$25 To Reserve a Table (Tables will be limited). The fees are tax deductible. The tag sale proceeds go towards social justice projects. Email Kathy Miller Kathy.miller127@gmail.com to sign up by May 1.

OUR MEMBERS

Brazilian Dance Party

Saturday, March 6, 6:00 p.m. – until ?? Don't miss this party! It will be a night to remember! Brazilian Dance Party fundraiser for Christine Olinger at 7165 Germantown Avenue (formerly North-by-Northwest) in Mount Airy. Project Brasil Dance Band, featuring Anne Simoni, will make you shake your bootie and the winter blahs. It will be a great opportunity to show off your Brazilian wax (or not). Fabulous fun, rum punch, snacks and dance lessons.

You may reserve your space at the Brazilian Dance Party for Christine by making a donation of at least \$20/person to "Christine Olinger Trust," c/o Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting, 100 East Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19118. Want to help make it even more memorable? Please contact info@friendsofchristine.com for more information. - Chris Robinson, 215-843-4256, Friends of Christine

WIDER QUAKER COMMUNITY

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Friendly Links

Our web clerk, Terry Foss, has compiled a list of links to various Quaker web sites that have information about Quaker programs and other organizations with similar interests. Checking those sites regularly can help you understand what is going on in our wider community. [Click here to see the links.](#)

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.

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.

On-line calendar for Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting

The [on-line calendar](#) can be viewed by clicking the blue link or going to the [meeting web page](#).

If you would like to have your event put on the calendar, please send an email message to calendar@chestnuthillquakers.org.

Newsletter Submissions

Please submit articles for the newsletter to newsletter@chestnuthillquakers.org by the end of the day on Thursday before the first Sunday of the month. Phil Jones is our newsletter editor.

Bulletin announcements

Please submit copy-ready announcements to secretary@chestnuthillquakers.org or 215-247-3553 by Noon on Thursdays. Bulletins are produced only when sufficient time-sensitive news is received. Viv Hawkins, meeting secretary prepares the bulletin. The ad hoc communications committee determines whether it is sent.

Use of Meeting House

The property committee reminds us that all meetings or other gatherings at the Chestnut Hill meetinghouse must be reserved and confirmed through the meeting secretary before the events are publicly announced.

- Review the [on-line calendar](#) as you plan your event.
- Go to the meeting webpage and download a [meetinghouse use request form](#).
- Complete the form and deliver it to the meeting office (either in paper form or through a scanned image sent [via email](#)).
- The meeting secretary or someone from the property committee will confirm the time and date of your event and put it on the on-line calendar.

To see how to leave the meetinghouse without a key and other information about the meetinghouse, please [click here](#).

Standard Office Hours

Viv Hawkins, meeting secretary, is in the meetinghouse on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 4:30.

Phil Jones is in the meetinghouse on Tuesday mornings doing work for the campaign committee.

Please call the meetinghouse during those times if you need to speak to a real person, otherwise, please leave a message on the meeting's voice mail.

Blue Links

Words in this bulletin that are blue are links to email addresses or web pages with more information. Click on the blue wording to open the link or send an email to the meeting secretary.

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[Viv Hawkins](#)

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