



News!

Hello Friends,

I'm delighted to announce my recent status as your new Abington Quarter Newsletter Editor. It's with pleasure that I accept the responsibility to compile all of the relevant information and bring it to you each quarter in a way that is clear and simple. I've updated the look a bit, and as a tribute to the late Christine Greenland, our previous editor extraordinaire, I've selected the theme color **green**. This serves also to remind you that if you are reading this in a printed format, please recycle!

For your convenience, I've set up an email account just for the purpose of collecting news, essays, digital photos, and announcements from you. Please send these items to AQNewsletter@gmail.com. All other items for the AQM or PYM website should be directed to Dan Turner at m-turner@verizon.net or call 215.884.5127.

In peace,
Margaret Anderson

AQ Announcements

It's Picnic Time for Abington Quarter! We are making the final plans for the annual picnic that's open to all members and attenders of the Meetings in our Quarter. This is traditionally a wonderful time to get to know Friends outside of our MMs. Enjoy Meeting for Worship en plein air, a brief Meeting for Business, children's fellowship and activities, food, and more food. Here are the details:

First day, August 6, 2017

9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

@ Abington Meetinghouse and Grounds

520 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown PA 19046

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| 9 a.m. | Morning hospitality |
| 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Outdoor Meeting for Worship with Abington Friends; childcare provided |
| 10:45-11:15 a.m. | Outdoor Meeting for Business (craft table for children, weather permitting) |
| 11:30 a.m. | LUNCH (bring a pot-luck dish to share; grills available for use) |
| 12 noon-3pm | Supervised swimming. Nature walking. Fellowship. |



**click here for [Picnic Flyer](#) ! to print for your Meeting*

RAIN or SHINE

AQ Updates:

JFC/MSFC 2017

Our theme, Voices of Change, was explored in classes and evening activities. We had discussions about issues of importance to us and asked ourselves how we could use our voices to make positive changes with our families and friends in our schools, communities and the world.

The 40th conference week was held at Westtown campus for the first time. We adapted to a new environment and are thriving! We worked to create a Friendly intergenerational community of love and fun! Daily Meeting for Worship offered reflection time before an active day for both JFC and MSFC. We felt God's love surrounding us.

The 22 Junior Friends Conference and 13 Middle School Friends Conference students contributed to creating community in our new location. They demonstrated thoughtfulness and consideration with each other and staff. They asked questions, offered thoughtful statements, played with enthusiasm, created works of art, told silly jokes and sang!

The MSFC students began their week together with a Meeting for Worship for Business to consider the ways they would live together in a community of Friends. They developed a Voices of Change Story Workshop for the JFC students in which they shared meaningful events related to the SPICES in their lives and encouraged the younger children to share their own stories.

The Faith and Leadership program included sessions that allowed them to explore living their lives as Friends, learn about different issues of concern to themselves and our participants, and prepare for the role of a counselor. The four students also provided program support and worked with JFC students for a part of each day.

The programs spent most evenings together. Activities included a camp fire, scavenger hunt, Voices of Change workshop, Service and Fun (soup project, labyrinth, arts and games) the Story Workshop, and Talent Show.

The 28 staff from Quarter Meetings ranged in age from 15-60 and provided loving care for all the children and for each other.

We are appreciative to the representatives from Monthly Meetings who helped to connect with all eligible families. We are grateful for Abington Quarter's financial and spiritual support.

Karen Shanoski

Junior Friends Conference and Middle School Friends Conference - For more information about how your child can participate, please contact Karen Shanoski shanoski@comcast.net

Of Thee and Thine

Please send announcements of births and passages to aqnewsletter@gmail.com for inclusion in the upcoming Newsletter.

AQ Business Calendar 2017

August 6	Abington MM	Quarterly Meeting and Picnic*
August 27	Upper Dublin	Representative Meeting
October 1	Norristown	Quarterly Meeting
November 5	Foulkeways	Representative Meeting

AQ Events *Weekly Happenings*

When

Where

What

Mondays		
Tuesdays	Gwynedd MM	Meditation Group 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sharing 8:30-9 p.m. Guidance for interested beginners offered. Contact: Beth Roberts luobaifeng3@yahoo.com for questions.
Wednesdays	Plymouth MM	Mid-week worship 7:00 p.m. Contact: Dave Miller d.j.miller@verizon.net
	Richland MM	"Light Group" 7:00 p.m. Explore a type of meditation used by early Quakers to "find the Truth in the Light", centering. Contact: Susan Abbott, naisma@aol.com , 610-346-1937 OR Jack Schick, sjckschc@aol.com .
	Upper Dublin	Unplug and Recharge, 2nd Wednesday. 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays	Gwynedd MM	6:00pm Yoga
Saturdays	Gwynedd MM	First Saturdays 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. AFSC Sale. Community room

Other Events

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Annual Sessions 2017 @ The College of New Jersey Jul 26 – Jul 30

Annual Sessions is for all ages! Worship grounding all we do. Fellowship in a peaceful setting, time for friendships to flourish. Fun all over, ReCreation tents, down time to play and connect. Learning & Active Work Spirit-led discernment in Meetings for Business. Keynote Speaker Affordable-Financial Aid available for all ages. Learn more here: [Annual Sessions - Philadelphia Yearly Meeting](#)

PYM Scavenger Hunt Jul 26 – Sep 30

Join the PYM community in this quest that transcends geographic, historic and communal barriers to offer a vehicle for a deeper connection with others in our Yearly Meeting community. The Scavenger Hunt will go live July 26th at Annual Sessions. We will be handing out physical copies of the necessary documents during Annual Sessions.

Wake Up! Poetry Coffeehouse @ Pendle Hill Art Studio Jul 30 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Darius Lantz and Jesse White 2-4pm, Firbank Art Studio. \$5, includes light refreshments. Come to share or just to listen. All are welcome. Each month we gather to share our words of waking up. Bring to share poetry about your social activism, your spiritual and personal epiphanies, and your love of coffee. We will celebrate themes beginning with each letter of **W.A.K.E. U.P.** Read more <https://pendlehill.org/learn/>

Creative Spirits @ Pendle Hill Aug 13 @ 4:00 pm – Aug 17 @ 12:00 pm

Creative Spirits Aug 13-17, 2017 Melanie Weidner (Sunday through Thursday.) \$905/private room; \$830/shared room; \$545/commuter Materials fee included ** Register by May 31, 2017 and get a \$40 discount! ** Explore the rich interior of your life through meditation, reflection on sacred poetry, and paper arts collage. Simple inspiring exercises and a community of seekers awaken fresh insights and perspectives, ...Read More [Other Quaker Events Art Pendle Hill Workshop](#)

Young Friends Camp Onas Gathering 2017 @ Camp Onas, Ottsville PA Aug 20 @ 5:00 pm – Aug 26 @ 12:00 pm

Young Friends gatherings create a fun and vibrant community of high-school-aged Quaker and Quaker-friendly folks! Come play! We'll get to enjoy some of the regular Camp Onas treats, like flying through the air on the rope swing, the hike to the Sheep's hole, and opportunities for boisterousness in the swimming pool. Read more....[Events - Young Friends - Philadelphia Yearly Meeting](#)

**Bucks Quarter Peace Fair @ Buckingham Friends Meetinghouse and School
Sep 23 10:30-4pm**

The 18th Annual Peace Fair, will take place on Saturday, September 23rd from 10:30am to 4pm, on the campus of Buckingham Friends Meeting and School –**5684 Old York Rd, Lahaska PA 18931**. Participants include organizations like the Bucks County Area Agency on Aging, Camp Onas, LEPOCO, the United Nations Association, The Peace Center, and ...read more...<http://www.pym.org/event/bucks-quarter-peace-fair-3/>

**Quaker College Fair 2017 @ Friends Center
Sep 23 @ 11:45 am – 3:00 pm**

Register here! Colleges represented at the Quaker College Fair offer a values-based education rooted in Quaker tenets. Appropriate for all high school aged students, and particularly relevant to Juniors and their families, this Fair allows for one-to-one personalized contact with Admissions officers, and offers insight into the college search process. Information about financial aid and campus life are also provided.

**Young Adult Friends Fall Retreat @ Fallsington Friends Meeting
Oct 6 @ 5:30 pm – Oct 8 @ 12:00 pm**

Young Adult Friends (YAF) age 18-35ish come together from across the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting region and beyond for a weekend retreat! We'll be spending much of our time at Snipes Farm, focusing on service and connection with the earth. Expect worship sharing, games, and fellowship at this retreat focused on service and nature! We'll be spending much of our time at Snipes ...Read More [Young Adult Friends - Philadelphia Yearly Meeting](#)

Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups of Abington Quarterly Meeting

Abington MM: 520 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046
<http://www.abingtonmeeting.org>

Byberry MM: 3001 Byberry/Southampton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154

Gwynedd MM: 1101 DeKalb Pike, Gwynedd, PA 19454
www.gwyneddmeeting.org

Foulkeways WG: Foulkeways at Gwynedd 1120 Meetinghouse Road, Gwynedd PA

Pottstown WG: Bethel Community Church, 575 Keim St, Pottstown PA 19464

Horsham MM: 611 and Meetinghouse Road, Horsham PA 19044

Norristown MM: 20 E Jacoby Street (at Swede Street), Norristown PA 19401

Upper Providence Meetinghouse: 807 Black Rock Rd Oaks PA 19426

Plymouth MM: E Germantown and Butler Pikes, Plymouth Meeting PA 19462

Richland MM: S. Main St. & Mill Road (just off Rt. 309) Quakertown, PA 18951
www.richlandquakers.org

Upper Dublin MM: 1506 Fort Washington Avenue, Maple Glen PA 19002

Unami MM: 100 E Fifth Street, Pennsburg PA 18073

Monthly Meetings for Business Days and Times

Abington: First day may vary; generally 9 a.m. on 1st day; check calendar

Unami: 2nd First Day, 9 a.m.

Richland: 2nd First day, 12 noon

Plymouth: 3rd First Day, 9 a.m.

Gwynedd: 3rd First day, 10:45 a.m.

Byberry: Last First day, 10 a.m. unless otherwise arranged

Horsham: Last First day, 11 a.m. unless otherwise arranged; Soup Sunday follows

A big big thank you!

To all the contributors to this newsletter, please know that your time and interest is very much appreciated.

If anyone would like to submit photos, articles, essays or the like to this Newsletter, please send to aqnewsletter@gmail.com and if possible, we will include your submission as received. Thank you!

Margaret Anderson, Editor

