

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter, November 2010

Meeting Events

Workday at the meetinghouse



Please join the Property Committee at the meetinghouse on the morning of Saturday, November 13th. We will prepare our building and grounds for winter. Friends will be putting up plastic insulation on the windows and sprucing up the grounds. Bring along what you like to use for working: pruners, trowels, shovels, scissors for cutting plastic. This a great time to catch up with meeting folk and to make a difference as well. For more info, contact John Florence at (215) 913 8701.

Interested in Exploring Your Charitable Giving?

Our group met in October and discussed how we discern where to give, how much to give, and what charitable giving means to us. It was an interesting, personal discussion. Friends are invited to join us at our next meeting, Sunday, November 28, at the rise of meeting, in the office. (How appropriate – Thanksgiving weekend!) Here is a link to [Peter Singer's moving article on charitable giving](#). [Contact Sarah](#) at if you'd like to attend or be on the e-mail list for future meetings.

Our Fall for the Arts booth



Once again this year, our Meeting had a booth on Germantown Avenue for the Fall for the Arts festival. Although we were prevented from distributing our trademark – oatmeal cookies – we did talk to many people about the many things we're up to. [Read more>>](#)

November Calendar

See the [printable November calendar](#), which shows other groups' uses of the building as well as our own.

Links in the list below jump to more information about the event.

- Sun., 31 October — Blue Moon Potluck — 12:00 pm at Meetinghouse ([see note](#))
- Sun., 7 November — Outreach Committee meeting — 9:00 am in “Couch Room”
- Sun., 7 November — Community Lunch — 12:00 pm at Meetinghouse ([see note](#))
- Sun., 7 November — Worship & Ministry Committee Meeting — 12:30 pm
- Sun., 7 November — Last day to see [Windows and Mirrors](#) exhibit at 4th & Arch
- Sun., 14 November — New Attenders' and Members' breakfast — 9:00 am
- Sun., 14 November — [Forum](#): Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts — 12:00 at Meetinghouse
- Tues. 16 November — Men's Support Group — 7:30 pm at meetinghouse in “Couch Room”
- Sun., 21 November — Meeting for business — 12:30 pm at Meetinghouse
- Tue., 23 November — Peace & Concerns — 7-8:30 pm at Meetinghouse (4th Tuesdays)
- Wed., 24 November — December newsletter deadline — noon, via [e-mail](#)
- Sun., 28 November — Early worship on lower lot, weather permitting — 9:00 - 10:00 am
- Every Sunday
 - Early Meeting for Worship — 9 - 10am in meetingroom; also on lower lot on 4th Sundays, weather permitting
 - Hymn-singing, in Social Room by piano — 9:45 am to 10:15 am
 - Meeting for Worship ([see note](#)) (childcare available) — 10:30 - 11:30 am

Our growing community

Ann Temkin reception



On Thursday September 30, Signe and Jon Landau hosted a gathering of 30 friends and supporters of the CHFM New Meetinghouse Project. Ann Temkin, chief curator of Painting and Sculpture at New York's Museum of Modern Art, Claudia Gould, director of Philadelphia's Institute of Contemporary Art, and Gail Harrity, president of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, were in attendance. They are all advisors to the Campaign. [Read more>>](#)

Outreach to other Quakers

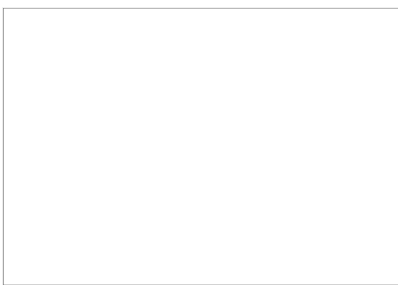
Our capital campaign is moving along with a new effort to reach out to Quakers outside our meeting. On four late afternoons in October, Friends came to visit the lower lot, visualize the footprint of the building and admire the white pines and the rocky beginnings of the Cresheim Spur. We then walked up to our meetinghouse, and saw the narrow driveway and the vans waiting to pick up clients from UCP. Over cider and apples, we looked at the model and the drawings and talked about what a new meetinghouse might mean. [Read what visiting Friends said>>](#)

Still wondering what a Turrell Skyspace looks like?

Join us to go see James Turrell's Meeting at MoMA PS1 in Queens. Two Saturday trips are planned, November 20 and December 4. Leave CHFM at 10am, return by 10pm. Bring a lunch. Cost is \$30, not including supper. We will visit Flushing Meeting (1694) in Queens, and then see James Turrell's Skyspace at [MoMA PS1](#), (1986.) Dinner at Italian restaurant near MOMA PS1. Don't let cost keep you away; scholarships are available. [Contact Phil Jones](#) if you are interested.

Outside the Meeting

News from Historic Fair Hill Burial Ground



The 5-acre historic burial ground in North Philly has been a busy place this fall. Young children from local elementary schools and Head Starts and older students from YouthBuild and Quaker high schools have visited. The young students planted bulbs, found birds' nests, hunted for worms, jumped in the dry leaves, found acorns, walnuts, horse chestnuts. The older students prepared the soil, trimmed trees, helped the little ones pick tomatoes, and heard block captain Peaches' story of the struggle to take back the neighborhood from the drug dealers. One Youthbuild teacher said, "Listening to Peaches, our students finally get it. One person can make a difference. They can get involved and change things for the better." [Read the rest.>>](#)

Thanksgiving Baskets

New(ish) attender Colette Kleitz, says: "I am on the board at [Northern Home for Children](#) – a social service agency that serves at-risk children and families in Philadelphia – and we are having a Thanksgiving Basket Collection. It's a great opportunity for giving in the holiday season. Baskets may be dropped off at Northern Home ([on Ridge Avenue in Roxborough](#)) the week of November 15th or I can collect them and take them over." [Read what goes into a basket>>](#)



Windows and Mirrors: Exhibit at 4th and Arch

As AFSC's traveling mural exhibit, *Windows and Mirrors: Reflections on the War in Afghanistan*, enters its final week in Philadelphia, we're all invited to come and get inspired and engaged with efforts to end this war. In particular, please

put Friday, November 5, on your calendar. An exciting program is scheduled to coincide with the First Friday gallery events that happen once a month in Philadelphia's Old City neighborhood. Six artists will be on hand to talk about how they developed their pieces, and a number of cutting-edge poets and spoken word artists are contributing their talents. That evening the exhibit will be open from 5-9 PM, with two half-hour programs from 7-7:30 and 8-8:30. [See more about this exhibit>>](#)

Are you considering counseling?

The Friends Counseling Service is a network of Quaker mental health professionals under the care of PYM, designed to serve Quaker members and attenders. 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. [Read how CHFEM is involved with FCS>>](#)

NPIHN Empty Bowl Dinner

Empty Bowl Benefit Dinner for Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network at Chestnut Hill College, Sorgenti Arena, 9601 Germantown Ave. Phila. PA 19118 on Thursday, November 18, 2010 from 4:30 PM through 8:30 PM (open seating-come anytime). Adults \$15; Children/Students \$5 (minimum donation at the door). Special Dinner Host: Mike McGrath, of WHYY's "You Bet Your Garden." Organic Gardening advice for all special donors. [Read more details.>>](#)

One of our own quoted in the NY Times!

From an article about head injuries in professional football:

Jon Landau, an immigration lawyer in Philadelphia, is an ardent football fan as well as a devoted Quaker. Like most other Americans who love football, Mr. Landau is still watching.

[Read the entire quote from Jon here, and get a link to the whole article in The Times>>](#)

Poem

**ON 155TH STREET,
IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
IN THE SEETHING CITY OF NEW YORK,**

[Read the whole poem>>](#)