

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting  
June 2011

Meeting Events

On Sunday, June 5, following Meeting for Worship there will be a community lunch with a birthday theme. Friends are invited to bring their favorite birthday foods to supplement the community lunch. Following the meal, we will have the Well-Seasoned Friends Celebration. The "celebrations" will be read and presented, we will have cupcakes and punch, and then we may have circle dancing inside or out, weather depending.

KISTA Trust update

KISTA Trust is the charitable organization that Elizabeth Walmsley and some others in the Meeting have set up to aggregate funds that will serve as a source of micro-loans for two Bhutanese families. On Wednesday evening, April 27th, the KISTA Trust group met for the third time ever. Seven of the nine members of the two Bhutanese families, Subedis and Tamangs, attended along with some extra supporters. Our wonderful supporters were Lynn Mather, Cyane Gresham, Krishna's uncle and two of Kul's friends.

Electronics Recycling on June 25

The Weavers Way Environment Committee and Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee are co-sponsoring a free electronics recycling collection on Saturday, June 25 from 10am to 2 pm at 100 E. Mermaid Lane, in the parking lot at the Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting. All materials received will be handled in a safe and ethical manner by Materials Processing Corporation (MPC). A wide variety of items will be accepted, including computers, printers, TVs, audio equipment, cameras, cell phones, DVD players, VCRs and telephones. For a complete list of items or for questions, email [weaverswayrecycling@yahoo.com](mailto:weaverswayrecycling@yahoo.com).

While this event is free, voluntary donations will be requested. Half of the donations received will go to the Environment Committee's fund, from which small grants are given to community groups for environmental projects and education. The other half will fund community gardening projects in the Fair Hill neighborhood.

We hope to see you on the 25th. There is no rain date planned, so we'll be there rain or shine. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors! Volunteers are needed to help with the collection. If you'd like to help, email us at [weaverswayrecycling@yahoo.com](mailto:weaverswayrecycling@yahoo.com) or call Stevik at 215-242-4419. Here's a link to a flyer for the event -

June Calendar

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

- Sun., 5 June -- Outreach Committee Meeting -- MS room, 9-10:30
- Sun., 5 June -- Community Lunch -- 12:00 pm at Meetinghouse
- Sun., 5 June -- Well-Seasoned Friends Celebration -- following community lunch
- Sun., 5 June -- Worship & Ministry Committee Meeting -- 12:30 pm in the office
- Sun., 5 June -- Memorial Service in meeting room -- 1:00 - 2:30pm
- Sun., 12 June -- Forum: Books! -- 12:00 at Meetinghouse; child care
- Sat., 18 June -- Workday -- 9:00 am to noon
- Sun., 19 June -- Meeting for business -- 12:30 pm at Meetinghouse; child care
- Tues. 21 June -- Men's Support Group -- 7:30 pm in Middle School room
- Sat., 25 June -- Electronics recycling w/Weavers Way
- Sun., 26 June -- Meeting for worship @ 20 E. Mermaid Lane -- 9:00 am
- Tue., 28 June -- Peace & Concerns -- 7-8:30 pm at Meetinghouse (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)

Wed., 29 June -- July newsletter deadline -- midnight, via email -

Every Sunday

Early Meeting for Worship -- 9 - 10am in meetingroom; also on lower lot on 4th Sundays

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

First Day School -- 10:30 am to 11:30 am

June 10th party at Germantown Meeting

Our Friends and neighbors at Germantown Monthly Meeting are hosting a party for us on Friday, June 10, from 6:30 to 8:30, to which we've invited the entire Philadelphia Quarter membership. This event is in celebration of our plans to build the new meetinghouse. There is no admission charge, but Friends will have the opportunity to make a free-will contribution. They can also bring a dessert to share. To aid in planning for this event, Friends (including CHFM Friends) should RSVP to 215-951-2235 (the Germantown Monthly Meeting office).

Our Growing Community

Bench warrant

The property committee is looking for a place or a person to refinish the wedding bench (the shortest of our meeting room benches) in a lighter color than it is today. The benches will all be refinished before we move into the new building, so we want to see what will be involved by refinishing the smallest bench that we have. If you enjoy refinishing furniture or know a professional who might help us with this, please email us so the clerks of the property committee can get in touch.

Stan Myers remembers the quarry

Newer Friends won't remember Stan Myers. His parents were among the founding families of our Meeting back in the 1920s, and Stan grew up in the Meeting. He held many offices over time, and in the late 80s and early 90s was the treasurer of the Meeting. He writes from Hanover, NH, that he has been following with interest the discoveries of "mystery stone steps" and other wonders of the land adjoining our building site in the newsletter. "When I first started attending Chestnut hill Meeting about 75 years ago, the site of the proposed new meeting house was part of Fairmount Park and it contained a bandstand. It was no longer being used for concerts. -

Mystery stairs: more new findings

If you've been paying attention to the newsletter, you know that some Friends have been digging into the history of the stone steps leading up to the rock ridge that overlooks Cresheim Valley Drive. Because the archives of the offices of Frederick Law Olmsted appear to contain drawings for landscaping of that area, many assumed that the work done there executed those plans. But Susan Edens, a member of the meeting who is a landscape architect for the National Park Service, has found evidence in City archives that the work was more likely done as a WPA project. Whether the WPA workers had access to the Olmsted office plans has yet to be determined. Susan and others are continuing to look into this history, so stay tuned for further developments.

Foundation of the month

For the past two months, the Campaign Committee has shared one foundation each month that needs someone special to adopt it - that is, to ensure that the foundation receives a proposal to fund the new meetinghouse! Nikka Landau has done a wonderful job preparing

proposals to our April and May foundations - thanks so much, Nikka. However, she is moving on to other roles and new challenges, and so the June foundation is in need of a new volunteer. This month's foundation is the Rowell Trust.

Next Campaign Committee meeting: all invited!

The Campaign Committee wants your help to brainstorm creative ways to reach out to the wider community (Quaker and local) to build goodwill and financial support as we begin planning for the public phase of the Campaign. No one that comes to this meeting will be required to come to subsequent gatherings unless they would like to, but we welcome fresh input as we gather a list of as many good ideas as possible to sift through and devise a suitable approach. The committee meets at the meetinghouse from 6:00 to 8:00pm on Thursday, June 23.

Outside the Meeting

Releasing Ministry

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice recommends that Friends traveling in the ministry beyond the bounds of the Yearly Meeting have their minutes of religious service or travel endorsed by the Yearly Meeting. To that end, PYM's Interim Meeting of May 2011 endorsed a minute of religious service annually approved by Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting and endorsed by Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting, acknowledging the religious service of our secretary, Viv Hawkins. The minute tells that Viv travels in the ministry to "inspire, encourage, and empower people to live into our most sacred selves in harmony with creation."

From January through April, she was helped in this work by CHMM members Carolyn Schodt and Hollister Knowlton, both course participants, and Laura Melly, serving as course elder, while Viv led a 3-month course on Practicing Spiritual Accountability for members of New England and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings. Viv is now co-teaching a term-long course on Quakers and Social Action at Pendle Hill. She thanks CHMM, especially Storm and Dan Evans, for the flexibility in her secretarial schedule, which allows fuller release of the ministry.

Trude Fuchs

One well- seasoned Friend who will be celebrated on June 5 is no longer with us. Trude Fuchs died on Sunday evening, May 29, at Wesley Enhanced Living. She would have turned 100 this coming November. A memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 2:00 pm.

Many Friends in the Meeting today did not know Trude, or knew her only slightly. Various people are working on summaries of her remarkable life, but a suggestion for Friends newer to the Meeting is that you ask those around you what they remember about Trude. Her life was so long and so eventful that the stories are countless, and you'll hear different ones depending on whom you ask. By the time of the July newsletter, there should be an authoritative biography ready for inclusion.

Rescheduled May Forum

Friends who were looking forward to Derrick Pitts' forum on "Science, Galileo and the Rise of Science Denialism" will be happy to know that that presentation has been re-scheduled as the October 9 Forum.

...and the traditional June Forum

The final forum of the season is the ever-popular "book forum." You are the speakers: bring a book or two (or three) that you have read recently (or a long time ago) and want to recommend to Friends. Be prepared to speak briefly about why you think others might like it. If this is your first book forum, you can see lists of the books recommended in previous years (and if it's not your first book forum, you can check recent years' lists - <http://www.quaker.org/chestnuthill/bookforum.htm> to make sure you don't re-recommend a book!).

Friends Center job opening

Pat McBee, director of Friends Center, is looking for qualified candidates for the position of office manager at Friends Center.

AFSC job openings

See this page on the AFSC web site for descriptions of three positions in the Finance Department.

New Sanctuary Movement

The next New Sanctuary Movement coalition meeting will be 7pm to 9pm on Thursday, June 9th, at the Bevilacqua Community Center at 2646 Kensington Ave at the corner of Lehigh and Kensington.

Old favorite Quaker hymn?

Viv Hawkins reports that there was a message on the Meeting's voicemail purporting to be from someone at the Wells Fargo Center, asking for the person "in charge of" our choir to contact them about singing the national anthem at a baseball game. Viv could not verify with certainty that the caller was \*not\* David Watt.

CHFM on Facebook!

There is a Facebook page for Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting. If you're already a Facebooker, go to this page - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Chestnut-Hill-Friends-Meeting/115719455173670?ref=ts> , click the Like link and you'll be alerted to new posts on that page. Look at the photo and tag yourself in the 1994 picture from the 75th anniversary, if you were around for that event.

Community Lunch

Community Lunches occur on the first First Day (Sunday) of the month from 12:00 - 1:00pm and are provided by the Hospitality Committee. All are welcome.

Allergy Reminder

Friends are reminded that a member of our community has a severe allergy to strawberries, and has to leave the building if they are present. So please don't bring strawberries in any form to any meeting social function or meal.

Meeting for Worship

Children are welcome in meeting for worship from 10:30 to 10:45, when they leave to attend First Day School.