

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
October 2011

Meeting Events

On each of the five Sundays in October (2, 9, 16, 23, 30), at 7:00 pm at the meetinghouse, we will read and discuss two or three chapters of John Woolman's Journal each week. If you're not sure who John Woolman was or why you should care, you might start with this article http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Woolman for some background.

Meeting Workdays and Burial Ground Cleanup

Property Committee is sponsoring work days on Saturdays, October 8 and November 12. Please come out and join your fellow Friends raking leaves and installing window plastic to get our meetinghouse ready for winter. Many hands make light work.

You are also invited to join us raking leaves at the burial ground at Plymouth Meeting Friends on Saturday, December 3. PMF will provide to a very nice lunch (soup, bread, and dessert) afterwards.

Work at all of these events goes on from 9 AM -12 Noon. We have extra rakes and gloves, but bring your own if you have them. If you have any questions, contact George Benz at 215-233-2450 or by email - georgebenz@yahoo.com .

Fall for the Arts Festival

All the thought and planning that has gone into our Meeting's booth at this year's Fall for the Arts Festival finally comes to fruition on Sunday, October 9 (rain date: October 16) from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. We don't yet know where our booth will be, but somewhere between Abington Avenue and Bethlehem Pike you'll find us.

Friendly Fellowship: what would YOU like to see?

In the past we called our outside-of-meeting social gatherings with meeting folk "Friendly 8s", because at some point someone determined that eight people constituted the ideal group size for comfortable conversation. But by including a number in the name, we might be implying that that was a requirement. So let's call it Friendly Fellowship, because the point is that we want to find out what formats, group sizes and areas of interest would appeal to you for such activities. The Outreach Committee will keep you posted on the plans for whatever groups emerge from this poll.

Sale of Trude's last possessions

With a sale preview on Friday, September 16, and the real sale the following day, Friends and friends came to browse through the last of Trude Fuchs's possessions. Our thanks to the many who volunteered to organize and carry off this event. Gay Johnson, her daughter Becky, Joanne and Ken Ford, Jean and Peter Warrington, Tricia and Roger Walmsley, and Elizabeth Walmsley, as well as many others, were active participants. And thanks to those who came to buy things. Now many of us have tangible things to remember Trude by. Read more » - http://www.chfmnewsletter.org/201110/2011_10-newsletter.html#TrudeSale

October Calendar

Sun., 2 Oct. -- Community Lunch -- at rise of meeting, in Social Room
Mon., 3 Oct. -- Care & Counsel Meeting -- Mickey's home
Wed., 5 Oct. -- RE Committee meeting -- 7-9pm at meetinghouse
Sat., 8 Oct. -- Workday -- 9:00 - noon
Sun., 9 Oct. -- Fall for the Arts Festival -- 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wed., 12 Oct. -- Finance Committee meeting -- 7:30-9:00pm
Thu., 13 Oct. -- Client Committee meeting -- 7:00-9:00pm
Sun., 16 Oct. -- Outreach Committee Meeting -- MS room, 9-10:15am
Sun., 16 Oct. -- Meeting for Business -- 12:30pm in meeting room
Sun., 16 Oct. -- Fall for the Arts rain date
Tue., 18 Oct. -- Men's Group -- 7:30 pm in Middle School room
Thu., 20 Oct. -- Campaign Communications Committee -- 7:30-9:00pm, meetinghouse
Wed., 21 Oct. -- Property Committee meeting -- 7:00 pm in Social Room
Sun., 23 Oct. -- Meeting for worship on building site -- 9:00 am
Thu., 27 Oct. -- Campaign Committee meeting -- 6:00 - 8:00pm
Thu., 27 Oct. -- November newsletter deadline -- midnight, via email
Sun., 30 Oct. -- Blue Moon potluck lunch -- at rise of meeting
Sun., 30 Oct. -- Update on building design -- after lunch

Every Sunday

Early Meeting for Worship -- 9:00 - 10:00 am in meeting room; also on lower lot on 4th Sundays
Hymn-singing, in Social Room by piano -- 9:45 am to 10:15 am
Meeting for Worship (childcare available) -- 10:30 - 11:30 am
First Day School -- 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Forum postponed from spring: Derek Pitts on Science and Denialism

Derrick Pitts, Chief Astronomer, The Franklin Institute, will discuss how, during the renaissance, Galileo engaged in a titanic struggle with the Roman Church to meld science and religion in new way. Although the effort failed, he succeeded in pushing the practice of science to a new level of empirical investigation where testability and proof are 'king'. Why then do we allow school districts to reject proven scientific tenets, principles, and laws? What do we expect the effect of this denialism of science to be on our society overall? Can science and religion co-exist today? Join us on Sunday, October 9, a little after 12:00. Child care is available.

Meditation Retreat, October 15

On Saturday, October 15, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the meetinghouse, we will try several different spiritual practices based in silence. Irene McHenry will lead the Buddhist mindfulness meditation practices of sitting and walking meditation, and Marcelle Martin will teach Centering Prayer. We will eat our lunches in silence, practicing mindful eating.

Inquirers' Breakfast in November

Looking ahead to November, the Outreach Committee plans another Inquirers' Breakfast on Sunday, November 13. That doesn't mean you bring a copy of the Sunday Philadelphia Inquirer to read over coffee and bagels. It's when those new, sort of new-ish, or maybe attending for a while - even members - come to the meetinghouse for a light breakfast and discussion of what it means to be a member of this community. Usually there's a panel of Friends who talk about how they came to be here, and what being a Quaker means to them. So mark your calendar now if this event speaks to your condition (not just the condition of needing breakfast of a Sunday morning).

Our Growing Community Taking the campaign public

Now that we are in sight of the goal of our fund-raising campaign -- with less than \$500,000 left to raise (based on official commitments) -- the campaign is about to enter a phase that might seem counterintuitive at this stage. It's "going public."


New Meetinghouse Design Details Update October 30

With groundbreaking for the new meetinghouse just six months away,

our architect and other design professionals have been hard at work putting details in place so that we can send drawings to contractors for bid. In doing so, we now know the sizes of screws and nails to be used, how many electrical outlets there will be, and what materials will be used in each area of the building. The client committee looks forward to sharing our excitement at how far we have come, and will be available on October 30 after the blue moon pot luck to discuss the modifications, show you an updated site plan, and display samples of some of the materials to be used. You can download a list of details that have changed during the construction drawing phase of design so that you can review them in advance of the conversation on October 30.

Outside the Meeting Greene Street Friends School Fall Fair, 10/22

All are welcome to the Greene Street Friends School Fall Fair, a fun family event that supports the school's Costa Rica Exchange Program. This year CHMM member Eileen Flanagan serves as co-chair of the event, which will include live music, great food, an array of vendors, and games for all ages. Come join the fun from 11am until 4pm on Greene Street Friends School's grounds. Enter from Armat Street or School House Lane. Parking on School House Lane (the last parking lot before Germantown Ave).

Walk to Defeat ALS -

<http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=464067>

Last year a group of Chestnut Hill Friends participated in the Walk to Defeat ALS of the Greater Philadelphia chapter of The ALS Association in memory of Christine Olinger. This year the walk will be on Saturday, November 5, and Amey Hutchins, Dylan Steinberg, and Beth Zelasky have registered with the team organized by Mary McConaghy, a neighbor diagnosed with ALS about two years ago. She worships at St. Martin's and her sons went to Plymouth Meeting Friends School when they were children. The ALS Association provides much-needed support of many kinds to people with ALS and their families, and also raises money for research.

Poem Reluctance

Out through the fields and the woods
And over the walls I have wended;
I have climbed the hills of view
And looked at the world and descended;
I have come by the highway home,
And lo, it is ended.

The leaves are all dead on the ground,
Save those that the oak is keeping
To ravel them one by one
And let them go scraping and creeping
Out over the crusted snow,
When others are sleeping.

Robert Frost

Memorial service for Trude Fuchs

Friends are reminded that the memorial service for Friend Trude Fuchs, who died on May 29 of this year, is at 2:00 pm Saturday, October 1. Trude would have been 100 next month; her history with this meeting goes back to the 50s or 60s, and her life story is an amazing one.

Kista News

Kista, the education trust fund set up by meeting members to support our Nepali families, continues to meet, plan, raise funds and help these friends adapt to life in the US. The planned "Night in Nepal" fund-raiser that had been announced for October 22 has had to be postponed, but other activities continue.

Notecards

The Campaign Committee is offering notecards for sale with the drawing of the new meetinghouse on them. You will find the cards in zip-up plastic bags in a basket in the gathering room. There are 10 cards and envelopes in each bag. Please deposit \$10 for each bag of 10 cards in the brown envelope in the same basket. All proceeds benefit the new meetinghouse project.

Quaker Earthcare Witness online The latest issue is now available here -

<http://www.quakerearthcare.org/Publications/BeFriendingCreation/BFCCurrentIssue/BFCpage01.htm>

Greene Street MM Film Series resumes

On Saturday, October 8th, at 7:00 pm, Green Street Monthly Meeting begins the new season with a powerful film on the devastating practice of Mountain Top Removal mining - The Last Mountain - <http://thelastmountainmovie.com/>.

Ici on parle franais

Voulez-vous pratiquer parler franais avec une group si gentile? Notre prochaine soiree sera Samedi, le 29 Octobre. Nous allons discuter qu'est-ce que tous ont fait cet ete passe. Des questions, ou si vous voulez venir? Ecrivez Sarah Whitman - Sarah.Whitman@drexelmed.edu .

Missing radio

Our fine cleaning person Mary Wilson likes to "mop to music." She kept a little silver radio in the Social Room over by the piano. The radio helped her clean the Social Room floor. But now it is missing! If you know its whereabouts, please call Sue Betts (215-740-8061), her supervisor from the meeting. We like the way Mary cleans our meetinghouse. We want to keep her "mopping to music."

MALT Fund-raiser, October 22

Join Mt Airy Learning Tree - <http://www.mtairylearningtree.org> on Saturday, October 22nd from 1pm-6pm for an outdoor concert! With an amphitheater-like backyard setting and the Wissahickon Park as the backdrop, you won't want to miss this beautiful Fall afternoon concert by Roadshow Relics and Little Big Thing. In addition to the music, there will be fun activities for the whole family. Tickets are a suggested minimum of \$45/person and \$10 total for the kids. Click here to purchase tickets -

<https://learningtree.ccwis.com/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?~MA11FCONCERT> .

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. 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.

Newsletter Feedback

The newsletter is compiled by Phil Jones with the help of many others. Please send your comments, suggestions and questions about the newsletter by e-mail. Your feedback is important!