

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
February 2012

Meeting Events

Annual Art Show

The 2012 Chestnut Hill Meeting Art extravaganza will open on Sunday, March 11. (That's next month, so you have plenty of time to get busy.) We will be accepting your creative expressions on Saturday afternoon, March 10. Two-dimensional, three-dimensional, fiber work, the written word - all are welcome! The First Day School kids have made some great cards and drawings - there was a large one of George Fox. Hope we'll see those in the show. Also the KISTA Fund cards; furniture, sculpture; or perform your music in the gathering room before and after meeting. If you have questions, contact Roberta Foss.

Children's First Day School news

Just a quick update: The children have been hearing stories and doing projects about John Woolman and Lucretia Mott, Friends involved in the abolition movement.

Another Family Game Night is planned for Friday, Feb. 4, from 6 to 8 in the Social Room. Pizza will be provided; bring your friends and bring a game!

Exploring Friends's Faith & Practice: Adult FDS

All are welcome to the series of adult classes that has been meeting Sunday mornings from 9:00 am to 10:15 am to discuss Pendle Hill pamphlets will continue through the first Sunday in March. The next pamphlet under discussion, on Feb. 5, is Friends and Service by Dorothy Hutchinson. Remember that childcare and refreshments are provided.

From our clerk: State of the Meeting Report

It is time to write the "state of the meeting" report that goes to Philadelphia Quarter. If anyone would like to have input, please contact Meg Mitchell or Carla White.

February Calendar

Sun., 5 Feb. -- Community Lunch -- Social Room, at rise of meeting
Sun., 5 Feb. -- Worship & Ministry Committee meeting -- 12:15 in Middle School room
Tue., 7 Feb. -- Peace & Social Concerns Committee meeting - Sarah Sharp's house
Wed., 8 Feb. -- Finance Committee meeting -- 7:00 pm in Social Room
Sun., 12 Feb. -- Forum: End-of-Life Issues -- 12:00 pm in Worship Room (CC)
Sun., 12 Feb. -- Listening Session 1 on Contractor Selection - 7:30 pm in Worship Room; (CC)
Mon., 13 Feb. -- Care & Counsel Committee meeting -- Mickey's home
Wed., 15 Feb. -- Listening Session 2 on Contractor Selection - 7:30 pm in Worship Room; (CC)
Fri., 17 Feb. -- Clerks's Meeting (and potluck) -- 6 - 8pm in Social Room
Sat., 18 Feb. -- Cary Lecture: Signe Wilkinson on "Hiding Our Lights" 7:30pm at Pendle Hill
Sun., 19 Feb. -- Monthly Business Meeting -- 12:30 in Worship Room, following lunch (CC)
Tue., 21 Feb. -- Men's Group -- 7:30 pm Middle School room
Wed., 29 Feb. -- March newsletter deadline -- midnight, via email

Every Sunday

Early Meeting for Worship -- 9 - 10am in meeting room
Hymn-singing, in Social Room by piano -- 9:45 am to 10:15 am
Meeting for Worship (CC) -- 10:30 - 11:30 am
First Day School -- 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Forum: End-of-Life Issues

On Sunday, February 12, the Forum Committee presents a round table

discussion on end-of-life decision-making -- a time and place where all are welcome to join in a conversation about end-of-life issues. The forum features a panel of resourceful people in our Meeting (Warren Witte, George Garrettson, Meg Mitchell and Dan Evans) who have made such decisions themselves, who know about the legal aspects of such decisions and who can provide some helpful resources available to Chestnut Hill Friends. This will be an open discussion about what we want for ourselves, what we want as children of an aging or dying parent or as aging or dying parents ourselves, and what spouses or partners want for themselves and each other.

New Meetinghouse News Listening to each other about the construction bids

Please join with the new meetinghouse committees as the client committee explains the result of the bidding process. We received bids on February 2 and will be choosing a contractor based on those bids.

The sessions will provide an opportunity for worship sharing on the subject of how best to select a contractor and live out our concern for the fair treatment of the workers who will build the new meetinghouse. In the discussions of this topic in meeting for business, some have expressed a belief that the use of union labor is the best way to ensure the fair treatment of workers; others have expressed concerns about the building trade unions in Philadelphia, particularly with regard to issues of racial diversity. The sessions are at 7:30 pm at the meetinghouse on Sunday, February 12 and on Wednesday, February 15. Child care will be provided. The sessions will begin with silent worship and queries followed by a presentation of the client committee's findings and worship sharing.

Field trip to PS1

We are planning our next trip to PS1 for Monday, February 20, which is President's Day Weekend (and so a Federal holiday). We will leave the parking lot adjacent to the meetinghouse at 11 a.m., and go first to Flushing Monthly Meeting, the second oldest meetinghouse in continuous use in the US, and one of the oldest wooden buildings in New York City. After a brief visit there, we'll drive to PS1 in plenty of time to get places for the sunset "show" (weather permitting, of course). When the museum closes at 6:00pm, we'll have dinner at a nearby Italian restaurant, then head back to Philadelphia, arriving before 11 p.m. The cost of transportation, tour and museum admission is \$25, and dinner approximately \$35 per person. To ask questions or to reserve a place on this excursion, contact Heidi Heller by February 10.

News of Friends

+ Diane Dunning's husband, Peter Watkins, is recovering well from surgery to remove a cyst on his spine.

+ Member Miyo Moriuchi reports that her daughter, Jessica Kiku Rebert, wed Bonginkosi Chiliza on December 31 at Netherwood Farm, north of Durban, South Africa. As the bride crossed the threshold of the simple glass-sided chapel, the skies opened with a thundering downpour. The minister commented that in Africa, the bringer of rain is a sign of good fortune. The ceremony concluded with Quaker meeting for worship and the signing of a wedding certificate.

A second Zulu "Umabo" (family gift exchange ceremony) was held on January 3. Jessie arrived in a light blue Japanese kimono and changed to the Zulu bride's beaded outfit. Amish quilts and leather goods were brought by the 30 American family members, who received beautiful Zulu baskets and bowls (but no cattle). Speeches, a troupe

of 9-year-old girls singing and dancing, Gospel singing by the family's church members, feasting and more dancing brought great joy to the 250 guests.

+ Ned Coale, a long-time attender whose father was a member of the Meeting in the 1940s, died on December 31, 2011. Friends may be surprised by some of the accomplishments listed in his obituary - http://articles.philly.com/2012-01-27/news/30670880_1_son-howard-coale-archos

Outside the Meeting

"What is at the core of our Quaker community?"

From Madeline Schaefer (Miriam's daughter): FGC is creating a video that features your answers to the question in the title in three words or less. Yes, three (count 'em, 3) words. Or less. Maybe just one... Tough, we know. But give it a shot.

Write out your answer in BIG LETTERS on a large piece of white paper (preferably 8" x 11" or bigger) and then take a picture of yourself holding your answer. And if you have the technology, you can even film yourself holding your written answer.

Weekend Workshop and Online Course on Spiritual Rhythms

Therese Miller (Lewisburg MM) is leading a two-day workshop (Friday, Feb. 10, from 6 to 9pm; Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9am to 3pm) at Chestnut Hill Meeting on building a regular spiritual practice of Bible readings. The course will give special consideration to the season of Lent, and at the beginning of Lent will reconvene online. That seven-week segment will begin on Feb. 22. The cost for the entire course is \$105; scholarship aid is available. Click here for more information, and to register on line - <http://www.bhfh.org/qsp/qspLectioary.html> .

New Sanctuary Movement Shared Worship at Central Baptist, Wayne

On Sunday, Feb. 12, NSM partner congregation Central Baptist Church will be hosting members and friends of New Sanctuary Movement congregations for worship at 10:45am in the sanctuary, followed by lunch and a Haitian art exhibit in CBC's New Hall at 12:15pm. Read more about why they're celebrating Â» - http://www.chfmnewsletter.org/201202/2012-02_newsletter.html#NSMSharedWorship

Special Gallery Fundraiser for NIM!

NIM celebrated its partnership with E.B. Lewis in November by hosting children from Childspace Day Care Center at the first "E.B. Lewis Reading Corner" in NIM's West Mt. Airy Early Learning Resource Center. Another Reading Corner has since opened in West Philadelphia, and a schedule of celebrity readers is being planned.

Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 5:30pm at the Rosenfeld Gallery, 113 Arch Street for an exhibit and sale of E. B. Lewis's new fine art "Lotto Icons" and children's book illustrations. A portion of proceeds from sale of the art will support NIM programs.

Change on Care & Counsel

Meg Mitchell, who has served ably at clerk of Care & Counsel Committee for several years, stepped down from that post to become clerk of the monthly meeting. Care & Counsel reports that to fill Meg's shoes they have selected as co-clerks Jude Brandt and Betty Hartzell.

Treasurer's Report for February

Click

http://chfmnewsletter.org/201202/Monthly_Summary-2012-01.html

to see a summary of operating receipts and disbursements in the month of January and in the fiscal year to date - [Monthly_Summary-2012-01.html](#) (July through January), with comparisons to the annual budget.

Daniel B. Evans, Treasurer

PYM Today Online

PYM Today Online will be published monthly in addition to our twice-yearly printed journal, PYM Today. The emphasis will be on timely information about our Quaker faith and practice, news, activities and upcoming events. We hope that you will enjoy receiving PYM Today Online! It is initially being sent to all households for whom PYM has an email address. If you didn't receive it and would like to subscribe, go here -

<http://www.pym.org/pym-today-online>

PYM Today Online is free to everyone.

FCS Addictions support group

Saturday morning sessions at 4th & Arch will not be scheduled until further notice. Friends Counseling Service remains committed to addressing the needs of those in our faith community who struggle with issues of addiction or drug abuse. We welcome contact from individuals, committees, and Meetings, and are open to developing services to meet those needs.

CH Community Association blood drive

Saturday, February 11, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Springfield Academy Field House, 8000 Cherokee Street

Hiding Our Lights: What Quakers Do Best

That's the title of the Stephen G. Cary Memorial Lecture that our own Signe Wilkinson is giving at Pendle Hill on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 at Pendle Hill.

Choral Work Premiere

The Good Raised Up is a dramatic composition for children's chorus (Pennsylvania Girlchoir, Keystone State Boychoir), violin, percussion, piano and narrators. It recounts the story of a Quaker family in Germantown sheltering a group of escaped slaves in 1850. The performance takes place on Saturday, March 3, from 1 to 4pm in the historic Johnson House on Germantown Avenue at Washington Lane. Visit the website - <http://www.thegoodraisedup.org> to learn more. There are also brochures in the Gathering Room.

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 (i.e., it's not a potluck). All are welcome. (We do have a potluck lunch on the fifth Sunday of the month, when there is one.)

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.

Poem Going to Heaven

Going to heaven!
I don't know when,
Pray do not ask me how,--
Indeed, I'm too astonished
To think of answering you!
Going to heaven!--
How dim it sounds!
And yet it will be done
As sure as flocks go home at night
Unto the shepherd's arm!

Read the rest of this Emily Dickinson poem