

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
August 2012

Meeting Events

On August 5 after Meeting for Worship and a brief break, around 12:00, the Peace & Social Concerns Committee will offer a program on The Human Side of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Explosions. Lynne Shivers will lead the event. There will be a chance to ask questions and hold worship sharing.

Lynne worked in Hiroshima in 1966-67 and again in 1986; she visited six other times. She has published a number of articles about Hiroshima and Nagasaki, mainly in Friends Journal. This August 6 (August 5 in the US) is the 67th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima.

August Calendar

Sun., 5 August - NO community lunch this first First Day
Sun., 5 August, 12:00pm - Workshop on Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial Observance, - Worship Room
Wed., 8 August, 7:00pm - Finance Committee meeting -Gathering Room
Wed., 15 August, 7:30pm - Client Committee meeting - Gathering Room
Sun., 26 August, 9:00am - Early meeting for worship - On building site
Wed., 29 August, - September newsletter deadline - midnight, via email

Every Sunday Early Meeting for Worship 9-10am in worship room; 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
Children's adult-supervised activity - 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Hospitality Committee goes digital!

The Hospitality Committee has taken on the responsibility for coordinating food for the lunch before Meeting for Business, and would like to invite you to volunteer to bring food for these important meals. To encourage participation, the committee is introducing a new and easy way to sign up to bring food through a website called Lucky Potluck, created specifically to simplify potluck sign-ups!

Questions, please ask Hospitality Committee co-clerks Dona Garrettson and Liz Williams, or Barbara Sherf.

Planning next year's Adult classes

The meeting is planning its fall program and welcomes suggestions for topics that will be spiritually and intellectually stimulating. Adult RE is considering a range of topics such as Quakerism 201 to follow last spring's Q101 class. Please offer your suggestions for topics you would like to explore by sending an email to Jean Warrington -jean.warrington@verizon.net

Forum is planning its monthly program. Last year's topics included Franklin Institute astronomer Derek Pitts on science and religion, speakers on the Growth Dilemma, EMIR, Immigration, Turkey as a modern Muslim country. Contact Mickey Abraham with your suggestions for Forum topics and/or speakers.

One possibility is the Yearly Meeting's Spiritual Formation nine-month program. It begins with a weekend retreat and continues with monthly readings, journaling, worship sharing groups, and small groups of three or four who become very close as they share their spiritual journeys in a well structured and tested program. If this interests you, contact Carolyn Schodt - CarolynSchodt@lycos.com .

News of Friends

Eileen Flanagan

As many Friends know, our member Eileen Flanagan is in the midst of an exciting and emotional trip back to Africa, where she once served in the Peace Corps in Botswana. A group of f/Friends has joined together to hold her and her journey in the Light. They gathered before she left, and Miyo Moriuchi took this picture.

Katy Hawkins sold her house in Mt. Airy!

'Nuff said. Now when they move to Wyndmoor in August they'll only have one house (and one mortgage).

KISTA update

Elizabeth Walmsley reports: Over the past few months of meetings I have proposed a process, which the group has approved, for joining our group and then becoming eligible for a loan from the KISTA Trust fund.

Our KISTA Trust fund total is now at \$4,622.93, and we are planning our next fundraiser for Tuesday, August 21 - don't miss it! We will be screening The Mark of Zorro - <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0011439/>, a silent black and white film from 1920 with live musical accompaniment by "Not So Silent Cinema" at 7pm at the Ambler theater (108 E. Butler Ave. Ambler PA, 19002). We will have nibbles in the lobby at 6:30, and the ticket sales are advance only, by August 14.

Outside the Meeting

Quarterly Meeting: Summer Picnic at Historic Fair Hill

Friends from six Philadelphia meetings partied with the neighbors at the Historic Fair Hill summer festival July 16. The street was closed. Praise dancers from local churches danced in gold and black robes. The neighbors served their Puerto Rican pincho/shish kebabs, and rice and beans, and Friends grilled the hotdogs. Click here to see a slideshow - <http://cityofquarterlylove.wordpress.com/2012/07/17/historic-fair-hill-summer-festival-photo-slideshow-saturday-july-14/#gallery-912-1-slideshow> of the picnic.

Job opening at PQM (part time)

Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting is looking for a part time coordinator, based at Friends Center, to organize communication and programs among the seven meetings in the city, starting September 1. Please send letter and resume to Jean Warrington - jeanwarrington@verizon.net by August 6.

Job opening at FGC (full time)

The position is as a full-time Development Associate at Friends General Conference (FGC). Deadline for applications is Friday, August 3, but I checked with the person at FGC who sent this; she said to go ahead and post it even though the CHFM newsletter for August goes out on the published deadline date, in case it spoke to someone on our mailing list. So if that someone is you, go ahead and send them a response.

Thank-you notes from our friends

The Meeting has received gracious letters of appreciation for some of this year's Peace & Social Concern grantees.

Member Phil Lord in the news

Phil Lord is quoted in this Daily News story - http://articles.philly.com/2012-07-20/news/32765085_1_tenants-rent-judgments about tenants' rights.

Awbury Arboretum Waggle Dance!

Awbury Arboretum, where our late member Trude Fuchs lived for many years, is having a fundraiser, a "waggle dance." That's how bees tell each other where the nectar is. Many friends know that Trude was an avid beekeeper while she lived at Awbury.

Meeting for Worship

Children are welcome in meeting for worship from 10:30 to 10:45, when they leave to adult-supervised activity (summer).

Poem: Fireflies

In the dry summer field at nightfall,
fireflies rise like sparks.
Imagine the presence of ghosts
flickering, the ghosts of young friends,
your father nearest in the distance.
This time they carry no sorrow,
no remorse, their presence is so light.
Childhood comes to you,
memories of your street in lamplight,
holding those last moments before bed,
capturing lightning-bugs,
with a blossom of the hand
letting them go. Lightness returns,
an airy motion over the ground
you remember from Ring Around the Rosie.
If you stay, the fireflies become fireflies
again, not part of your stories,
as unaware of you as sleep, being
beautiful and quiet all around you.

Ted Kooser