

Adelphi Friends Newsletter

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<p>WEEKLY SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship (small) 9:50 a.m. Singing 10:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship</p> <p>Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Meeting for Worship</p>	<p>MONTHLY SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Second Sunday (Third Sunday in May, July and August): Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business</p> <p>Fourth Sunday: Junior Meeting at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Fourth Sunday: Potluck at rise of Meeting</p>
<p>Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative) under the care of Adelphi Meeting. Every Sunday: Meeting for Worship 10:30 a.m. See http://TakomaPark.quaker.org. Meeting for Worship for the Preparation of Business, fourth Sunday following Meeting for Worship.</p>	

FAMILY ECO-TOUR/SERVICE LEARNING TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

Join us at The William Penn House in Washington DC as we celebrate our nation's heritage and be a part of making it an even better place to live. The week from Sunday evening, June 29th, through Sunday, noon, July 7th, will include service and learning opportunities with an ecological perspective. The Smithsonian Folklife Festival is an international exposition of living cultural heritage annually produced outdoors on the National Mall of the United States in Washington, D.C., by the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. Last year they began to address the ecological impact of the festival with a plastic bottle recycling program. This year they are expanding to include an effort to make a large percentage of the trash generated by the festival either recycled or composted. Your family can be a part of this effort by joining the festival volunteer crew to help festival goers sort their trash appropriately into recycling and composting bins. http://www.folklife.si.edu/center/festival_2008.html

Eco Learning:

In addition to participating in the Folklife Festival, we will learn about the growing problems of

urban waste-streams and what we can do about it. Activities include:

- a visit to the Anacostia Watershed Society and the Anacostia River to see what is happening to clean up one of the rivers that run through the city
- helping to construct a rain garden in the William Penn House backyard.

4th of July family fun:

There will be lots of time for families to take advantage of many of the other fun things to do during the week of the 4th of July, including the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival, concerts, movies, the Smithsonian museums, the National Zoo and of course the 4th of July fireworks on the National Mall. Most of these activities are free.

- Cost: The best part about this Eco-Tour Week at The William Penn House is how inexpensive it is.
- Lodging & Workcamp Fee: \$250 per person or \$1,000 per family of 4 or more (children under the age of 18). William Penn House provides shared accommodations (including bed linens and towels).
 - Transportation: Parking can be scarce and expensive. If you wish to bring your car, we will provide parking passes for the neighborhood but cannot guarantee spaces. Metro is the best way to get around. A Metrobus 7-day pass costs \$11 and a Metrorail 7-day pass costs \$26.40. For more information check out the DC Metro web site at: <http://www.wmata.com/riding/passes.cfm>
 - Food: Breakfast is included at the William Penn House. There is a refrigerator and microwave available for your use at the House and you can pack picnic lunches or dinners. The house kitchen is not available for guests.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Patricia Newkirk at the William Penn House. www.WilliamPennHouse.org 202.543.5560

QUAKER ACRONYM CODE MESSAGE

The BYFN is now on the BYM web page. Go to www.bym-rsf.org.

Don't forget to register for the April 11 work weekend at Catocin. Email to office at admin@bym-rsf.org. The May Conference dates are May 23-25, 2008

QUAKER POTLUCK AND DIALOGUE AT WILLIAM PENN HOUSE

You are invited to a potluck & Quaker dialogue at William Penn House on Sunday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. Our Program this First Day is presented by Morgan Tipton and Staff of William Penn House and is called "The Greening of William Penn House."

Over the past few years, the staff of William Penn House have been committed to transition William Penn House to be as green as a 90 year old building can be. We have installed ceiling fans, highly efficient heat pumps, highly efficient boiler/water heater, thermal windows, recycling, composting and now we are moving to the next level. We use Fair Trade Coffee, shop locally and reuse whatever we can.

Morgan Tipton, an intern from Ohio is committed to reducing our ecological footprint. Through research she has revolutionized our cleaning supplies where they are no longer toxic, no longer have strong odors, are earth friendly, are inexpensive and the House has never been cleaner. Morgan will not only describe her research and her choices but will have a hands on demonstration of how the cleaning solutions are mixed.

Patricia w Newkirk, WPH inspirational guru will share her vision of creating a rain garden in the back yard and installing a vegetated roof on part of the property.

As you probably have seen by now, we have started to send out an e-newsletter with information about events and programs here at William Penn House. These will be sent out once a month at the end of the month so that information about the monthly pot-luck held on the first Sunday of the next month can be included.

Over time, I might phase out the additional e-mail announcement about the pot-luck if it is becoming redundant for people. Please let me know what you think. We want to make sure that all who are interested get the information, but we also don't want to inundate people with information they already have.

Our monthly potluck is the first Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for fellowship among Quakers and attenders. Bring a dish to share; family members and friends are always welcome. Note: William Penn House is an alcohol and tobacco free facility. William Penn House hosts groups and individuals who visit Washington to help make this a better world. We also host programs and seminars on peace and social justice issues and on Quakers, past and present.

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JUNIOR YOUNG FRIENDS CONFERENCE INFO

The JYF Conference will be May 2-4 at Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting. Arrive Friday after 6:00 p.m. Leave Sunday at the rise of Meeting. Cost: \$40.

Send registration form (and medical forms if you haven't been to a conference this year) to the BYM office, 17100 Quaker Lane, Sandy Spring, MD 20860 or fax them to (301) 774-7087.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN

Suzanne Costilo and Esther Webb have a lending library of medical equipment including a wheel chair, crutches, walkers, portable toilets, a shower bench, and other items. Contact Suzanne at (301) 585-8295 or sues4448@aol.com.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE'S WASHINGTON PUBLIC POLICY OFFICE STATUS PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday May 7, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., come join us for an evening of light refreshments and brief presentations by the staff of the Washington Public Policy Office of AFSC on some of the exciting work currently underway. Staff presentations will include Aura Kanegis on her recent trips to Africa and Central America, and some of the exciting recent growth and development of the Washington Public Policy Office; Kitty Dana on her recent trip to China for AFSC; Laura Weis on international peace efforts and the new "Roadmap for US Engagement with the World"; Raed Jarrar on developments in Iraq; Sara Ibrahim and Daniela Martinez Moreno on the Interfaith Immigration Coalition advocacy and the launch of AFSC's nationwide Training Institute Pilot Program; Chris Pifer on domestic policy advocacy issues, especially minimum wage efforts and privacy concerns, and research on AFSC's policy history; Thomas Chupein on the Jubilee Act, international debt and trade issues, and US foreign assistance; Anisa Virji on Middle East peace efforts and research on humanitarian work in East Asia; and Carl Roose on AFSC's new web initiatives. We hope to also have representatives of AFSC's Development Department, and the Friends Relations office present.

There will be time for questions, and one-on-one conversations with staff.

The AFSC Washington Public Policy Office is located at 1822 R Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009, (202) 483-3341, ext. 100. There is limited street parking available in the area of the office, and we are a convenient two-block walk from the Q Street exit of the Dupont Circle Metro station. From the Red Line Metro, Dupont Circle Station, exit at north (Q Street) exit.

Traveling Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death

In the 23rd psalm we read about
travelling through the valley of
the shadow of death and
we read it with little
imagination of
its reality.

Today, the people and country of Kenya
are traveling through such a valley.
A whirlwind, nay hurricane
of violence is blowing,
crushing, destroying.

Gunshots ring out,
neighbor cutting neighbor with
machetes, crushing heads with clubs.
People are being burned alive
in their homes and churches.
Thousands flee as refugees
to camps where they are hungry
and have no hope.

Morgues and hospitals
are filled to overflowing.
The police and army stand by
or attack those protesting
a flawed election or mourning
their loved ones. Young women
and girls are eagerly raped.

Anarchy reigns as
government seems incapable
of not taking sides or working for justice.
The valley of the shadow of death
is all too real for those who
live in it and cannot escape:
Read it and weep.

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Submitting material to the newsletter: Ann Marlowe, the Newsletter Editor, welcomes any material of interest to the Adelphi Friends Meeting community. The best way to submit material is by e-mail to afm-newsletter@earthlink.net. Either attach a Word file to the e-mail or type the information directly into the e-mail. You may also submit clean, typed copy and photographs to the newsletter box in the meetinghouse. No handwritten material please. Deadline for submissions is noon of the last Sunday of each month.

Financial Contributions:

Please place in box in the foyer, or send to Michael Levi, 702 Malibu Drive, Silver Spring MD 20901.

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