

# Adelphi Friends Newsletter

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Adelphi Friends Meeting  
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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 10:00 a.m. on the upper floor at Still Point, 7009B Carroll Avenue, which is at the corner of Carroll and Westmoreland Street. See <a href="http://TakomaPark.quaker.org">http://TakomaPark.quaker.org</a>. Meeting for Worship for the Preparation of Business, fourth Sunday following Meeting for Worship.</p>	

## SPANISH THE EASY WAY

TPRS (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling) Spanish is an intensive, one-week Spanish class for beginner/advanced adult learners and serious younger ones Saturday, Aug. 9, the following Wed. 13, Thurs. 14, Fri. 15, and Sat., Aug. 16 each day 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. near University of Maryland, College Park (1 mile), at Adelphi Friend Meeting, 2303 Metzert Road, Adelphi, MD 20783.

Our member, Carol Nezzo, is a bilingual public school Spanish teacher (credentials in Maryland, Pennsylvania and California). She would like to keep up her skills by offering adults an August intensive Spanish course.

Students will practice through hearing and responding to humorous stories and through reading, and we will have the help of Susan Gross, a national TPRS trainer from Colorado. (We will also write and students will advance to telling their own brief stories.)

Take note of these facts: At Middle Tennessee University, there was a similar 28-hour course with beginner and advanced students together in the class. Students tested into eighth level college Spanish—or at least completed a level of Spanish equivalent to two classes of high school Spanish.

The total price for all five days is \$150. Call with questions and/or to register, Dr. Carol Nezzo, PhD, (301) 864-5267, or email [tprsspanish@gmail.com](mailto:tprsspanish@gmail.com).

## WILLIAM PENN HOUSE SEPTEMBER QUAKER POTLUCK AND DIALOGUE

You are invited to attend a potluck and Quaker dialogue at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 7. Our Program this First Day is presented by Elaine Crauderueff of Friends General Conference: "Quaker Quest".

Elaine will share the excitement of the Quaker Quest program and how it will be offered in the Washington area. Quaker Quest is a dynamic new approach to outreach that has brought seekers to meetings all over England. It is based on the idea that Quakerism, "a spiritual path for our time," is simple, radical, and contemporary. In essence, Quaker Quest is a series of public open meetings on Quaker topics, which are presented in repeated cycles. The sessions follow a lively format which engages seekers intently for two hours. During each session three Friends speak briefly from the heart about the evening's topic. Seekers then divide into small groups each facilitated by a Friend who makes certain that everyone has a chance to share. The three presenters then offer a second, shorter set of talks. A question and answer period follows. The program closes with a 30-minute Meeting for Worship.

William Penn House, A Quaker Center on Capitol Hill, 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003, (202) 543-5560, fax: (202) 543-3814, e-mail: [info@WilliamPennHouse.org](mailto:info@WilliamPennHouse.org), web site: [www.WilliamPennHouse.org](http://www.WilliamPennHouse.org).

## FIFTY YEARS OF FIRE IN THE CENTER AT CATOCTIN QUAKER CAMP

Join us for a weekend of fun activities, photo-swapping, story-sharing, reconnecting with old friends and helping think about the future of camp August 22-24 at Catoctin Quaker Camp, 12611 Tower Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

Interested in reconnecting with an old friend from your unit? Wondering whatever happened to your 12 year old crush? Wishing you could tap back into that sense of community you had at camp? Or just looking for a pleasant spot to be in nature for a few days?

Please find registration included or download at <http://www.bymcamps.org/alumni.htm> and send to Meghan Cassidy, 764 South 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146. For more information, call (240) 426-2083.

## 2008 FALL WORK WEEKENDS AT BYM'S CAMP PROPERTIES

Fall is right around the corner and autumn is the time when we have a chance to enjoy some time at the camp properties, help tackle some maintenance and improvement projects and take a moment to help put our camp properties to bed for the winter. Work weekends offer us an opportunity to enjoy some fun with Friends, some time for renewal, and some gratifying and meaningful work! We all have the opportunity to come to camp for a weekend or a day and offer our time and enthusiasm to the places that we love. You, your family, friends, and anyone else are invited to participate in one or more of the work weekends listed below. Work weekends provide a great chance to see our camp properties in a new season or for the first time. Come and give the gift of your time and enjoy the gifts our camps have to give.

You DO NOT need to have any building or carpentry skills in order to pitch in! We need all kinds of people to make contributions. You do need to have some energy and a willingness to get dirty, try new things, be flexible and enjoy the company of others who want to pitch in too. We need sweepers, painters, cooks, ditchers, and trail clearers as well as carpenters and handy people. All of us have contributions to make, so come on out and enjoy some physical activity and the company of Friends!

Work weekends are held on both Saturdays and Sundays; you may come just for the day or you may spend the night on Saturday night. You may arrive Friday night if you'd like to make a weekend of it, but there will be no dinner served on Friday. Feel free to bring food to share. We will provide simple breakfasts and lunches on Saturday and Sunday as well as the evening meal on Saturday night. Bring bedding (we do not always have enough suitable mattresses), flashlights, and anything else you may want. Cabins are generally available or you may bring a tent. Please visit the Website before you come to make sure everything is on schedule. There may be times when we are sharing camp with other renters and cabin space will be limited.

Friends of all ages are welcome. Young people (0 to 18 years of age) should always bring their parents or a Friendly Adult Presence (FAP). Parents or FAPs will be responsible for supervising the young people under their care.

Please visit <http://www.bym-rsf.org/camping/WorkWeekends/work.html> for more information and send an e-mail to [davidhunter@bym-rsf.org](mailto:davidhunter@bym-rsf.org) if you plan to attend.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Catoctin Quaker Camp*	September 20 - 21, 2008
Opequon Quaker Camp	September 27 - 28, 2008
Shiloh Quaker Camp	October 4 -5, 2008
Opequon Quaker Camp	October 25 - 26, 2008

\* We are working with Frederick County to develop a site plan for Catoctin so that we will be able to obtain building permits for new cabins in the future. Unfortunately, the site plan is not finished yet and we will not be able to build a new cabin this fall. We are looking forward to building a new cabin at Catoctin in the fall of 2009 and we will be replacing some cabins at Opequon soon.

### Hold Everything

God got carried away making a beautiful world.  
It certainly is stunning, especially in full summer.

Unfortunately, nature's creation requires  
nature's cleanup and maintenance.

This includes, but is not limited to,  
hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes,  
floods, winds and tsunamis.

Breaking down, crushing up,  
washing away, composting,  
sweeping clean, it all  
became a part of  
Her grand plan.

Enter man and woman and children.

They also loved nature and used  
parts of it for food, shelter,  
medicines and toys.

They built their homes  
in the flood plain and in the forest  
and on the coast and were  
distressed when Nature's  
extremes of housecleaning  
and maintenance  
compromised their world.

"God, protect us," they prayed,  
"Save our house and our fields  
and our farm animals  
and our schools  
and our churches,  
and our toys."

God remains perplexed.  
"I gave them minds to think,  
I told them in a variety of scriptures  
to build on the rock and on the hill.  
Instead, they build and plant  
in low lands, prone to flood,  
they build in forests, where fires  
are a part of my plan,  
and they build on the coast  
where hurricanes and tropical storms  
and even tsunamis come,  
cleaning and bringing new life.  
And then they pray to me  
to bail them out."

Then She reflected, "When  
I made them stewards of the earth  
I expected them to take care  
and not abuse their stewardship.  
Now it seems the very air and water  
will be destroyed by their litter,  
wasteful habits and toys."

She shook Her head,  
"Why pray to me when the  
tragedies are of their own making?"  
And she wondered, "Will  
their greed overcome  
their survival?"

She shook her head sadly,  
"It was a beautiful world  
and I thought putting them  
in charge was a good idea."  
"Hold everything," cautioned the  
animals, fish and birds.  
Man and his family  
can't be trusted!"

"I should have listened."

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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](mailto: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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