

Adelphi Friends Newsletter

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| <p>WEEKLY SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Sunday:</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship (small) (2nd Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship) 9:50 a.m. Singing 10:00 a.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 http://TakomaPark.quaker.org. Meeting for Worship for the Preparation of Business, fourth Sunday following Meeting for Worship.</p> | |

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FCS CORPORATION MEETING

According to the FCS by-laws, the membership of Friends Community School, Inc. is comprised of the FCS Board of Trustees and the members of Adelphi Friends Meeting, Inc. Therefore, if you are a member of Adelphi Friends Meeting then you are also a member of the Corporation. Please join us for the annual Corporation Meeting on Sunday, October 19th; second hour (11:30 am) at AFM for the '07-'08 financial report on the school, to meet Larry Clements (the new Head of School), Philip Bogdonoff (the new Clerk of the Trustees), and new Trustees.

Suggestions for additional agenda items may be sent to Philip Bogdonoff, FCS Board Clerk: pbogdonoff@igc.org. An agenda for the meeting and copies of items for action will be available in the lobby of the meeting house beginning Sunday, October 5th. Please contact the Board Clerk for advance copies of materials if you are unable to pick up reports from the meeting house.

DOUBLE SECOND HOUR ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

The Adult Religious Education Committee is experimenting this year with scheduling more than one event during the first Second Hour of each month.

This month, the Bible study group, led by Joy Newheart, begins Sunday, October 5, in the White House library after Meeting for Worship. It will run for approximately an hour. We will begin a study of the parables, focusing first on the parables of the treasure hid-

den in a field and of the pearl of great price in Matthew 13: 44-46. Please read these parables and come prepared to talk about story, metaphor, and the Kingdom of God.

"Centering down", the practice of quietly preparing oneself for Meeting for Worship, will be the topic of a presentation in the Meeting House after Meeting for Worship on October 5th. Friends make that inward journey in different ways. Several Adelphi Friends will discuss how they approach worship.

TPRS SPANISH CLASSES

Saturday, October 4, and following Wed. 8th, Thurs. 9th, Fri. 10th, Sat. 11th. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Saturdays, 6:30-8:45 p.m. on weekdays, TPRS (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling) SPANISH for beginner/intermediate adult learners classes will be held. Attend Saturdays and one weekday, or all. (Future courses begin Oct. 18, Nov. 1, and Nov. 15.) It is not necessary to have taken the August course. We will use all new humorous stories and readings. This is not a paper and pencil class. Students enjoy learning through listening, understanding, and responding when they are ready. (This is the way we learned English as small children; we listened a lot and each of us was ready at a different time to begin talking.) The total price is \$150/course. Volunteers with Hispanics (such as tutors, hot lunch providers, friendly helpers/companions for Spanish speakers) receive scholarships. Call to register or for future courses. Carol Nezzo, (301) 864-5267 or tprsspanish@gmail.com.

THURSDAY ART WORKSHOPS WITH JOANNA AXTMANN

Contact Joanna to drop-in for the morning or evening workshop! (202)723-4428 or jaxart@infionline.net

AXTMANN ART EXHIBIT

Please Come See Axtmann Art Exhibit by October 4th: "Auspicious Doors, Domes & Windows, Many", Space 7:10/Kefa Café, 963 Bonifant Street (near the corner of Georgia Ave., in downtown Silver Spring). Exhibit closes after 10/4. Info: (202)723-4428 or jaxart@infionline.net.

LOCATION CHANGE FOR TAKOMA PARK FRIENDS MEETING

Starting October 5th, Takoma Park Friends Meeting will gather for worship at Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park. The building is located east of Carroll Avenue, just past Community Printing. There is a small amount of off-street parking at the Dance Exchange. Friends will continue to meet for worship at 10:00 a.m.

Because the Meeting will occur in a dance practice room, street shoes are not to be worn; please bring shoes that have never been worn on the street, or a pair of socks, or go barefoot. Takoma Park will be trying out this worship space during October and the first part of November, with an option to continue there. The First First Day potluck lunch will not occur on October 5th because that is also the date of the Takoma Park Street Fair, at which the Meeting will have a Quaker booth.

FALL NETWORKING DAY AT SANDY SPRING MONTHLY MEETING

Well, the results are in, and November 8 was the winner by far as the preferred date for our Networking Day: what BYM Friends are doing for Peace and Social Justice. So, please mark it on your calendars now!

It will be held at Sandy Spring Friends Meeting, which is about as close to a geographic center of all the BYM Meetings as we can find. The details will be forthcoming, but we will have a speaker to get us started at ten am, followed by some networking work, and including lunch. We will be finished in plenty of time to return home Saturday evening.

PEACE VIGILS IN BETHESDA

Our country is in great need of a different approach to matters of war and peace and our relationship to the rest of the world. To encourage our neighbors in Bethesda to consider alternatives to war, Bethesda Friends Meeting has been hosting Peace Vigils from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. every Sunday since September 14 and they will continue through November 2, at the corner of Woodmont and Bethesda Avenues in Bethesda, near Barnes & Noble and the Landmark Theaters.

We will be displaying banners from the American Friends Service Committee about the costs of war and distributing cards from the Center on Conscience & War about alternatives to enlistment. Other congregations and Peace Action members are joining in this effort. For details, contact Jane Meleney Coe at (301) 320-5083 or bethesdaafm@igc.org.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT SESSIONS

Experiment With Light is a meditative and centering practice based upon Rex Ambler's book, *Light to Live By*, which describes early Quaker meditative habits and translates them into a highly accessible process of clearness and understanding. Bob Denison led a one-day work-shop at Bethesda Friends Meeting in April, sponsored by the Adult Religious Education Committee. Since then a few participants have gathered a few times to practice what we learned, and we are eager to share it with any and all who might be interested. This is an invitation to two such sessions, on Sunday evenings, October 12 and 26, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., at the home of Jane Meleney Coe, 6703 Pawtucket Road in Bethesda, near where River Road and Wilson Lane cross. Please come if you can. For questions and suggestions: (301) 320-5083 or bethesdaafm@igc.org.

WILLIAM PENN HOUSE POTLUCK AND QUAKER DIALOGUE

You are invited to attend a potluck and Quaker dialogue at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday October 5th. Our program this First Day is presented by Young Adult Friends on Working for Quakers.

On the weekend of October 3, Young Adult Friends ("YAFS") who work for Quaker organizations are gathering at William Penn House for a weekend of programs and sharing what it is like to work for Quaker organizations. We are asking them to share with us at the October potluck their conclusions and how we as Quakers can support them in their Quaker service. The Young Friends serve a variety of Quaker organizations and meetings. Many of these YAFS have been active in Convergent Friends, and can share about that as well. Our monthly potluck is on the first Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for fellowship among Quakers, attenders and fellow seekers. Bring a dish to share; family members, neighbors and friends are always welcome. Note: William Penn House is an alcohol and tobacco free facility at 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003, (202) 543-5560, (202) 543-3814, e-mail: info@WilliamPennHouse.org, www.WilliamPennHouse.org

BYM CAMP RENTAL CALENDAR NOW OPEN FOR 2009

The 2008 Camp Rental Calendar is now open to BYM Friends. The time has come to begin planning your visits to Baltimore Yearly Meetings camp properties (Catoctin Quaker Camp, Opequon Quaker Camp and Shiloh Quaker Camp)! The

rental calendar is now open for 2009 and we are ready to consider your requests. To book dates for you Meeting, school or other group please visit our website and follow the instructions on the page. There is lots of information on the website so please look around so that you can make an informed choice. David Hunter, the Camp Property Manager, office: (301) 774-7663, cell: (240) 285-5186 will be more than happy to answer questions that you can not find answers to on the website http://www.bymcamps.org/camp_rental.htm#reserve. Between now and October 8th

we will only take reservations from BYM Quaker schools, BYM Quaker groups and Meetings so it will be best if Friends make their reservation before October 8th. In October the remaining dates will be made available to groups from outside of the Yearly Meeting. The dates that remain are often filled fairly quickly.

If you have already e-mailed me about 2009 I will be gin booking your dates soon. If you want to be sure of getting the date that you requested you may want to resend your message now. I try to keep track of e-mails that come in before we open the calendar but.

Have you heard about the upcoming work weekends at the camp properties? We have planned five work weekends at the BYM camp properties this fall and hope to see as many of you as possible. Many Friends are taking the opportunity to visit camp with their families and friends on work weekends and we love seeing people enjoying camp. There is a lot to do and we would love to have your help. Please feel free to contact David Hunter (phone numbers above) if you are interested in bringing a group to one of the work weekends this fall or just come yourself. The dates for this Fall:

Location Date

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

If you plan to attend please visit: http://www.bymcamps.org/work_weekends.htm.

When you have chosen a date send an e-mail to: davidhunter@bym-rsf.org.

We hope you are looking forward to visiting camp in 2009 because we are looking forward to your coming. It is always a pleasure to know that the BYM camp properties are being enjoyed and cared for by so many!

MEDITATION FOR THE HIGHEST GOOD IN THE ELECTION

by Corinne McLaughlin

Begin by taking a few deep breaths to relax your body, emotions and mind, breathing in peace and stillness.

Link inwardly with all of those around the world who are also meditating for the U.S. at this time, connecting with them heart to heart and soul to soul.

Set aside your own political views and align with your highest self; inwardly affirm your intention in this meditation, using the prayers of your own spiritual tradition.

Align with the soul of America, her highest purpose, and see this nation and her people surrounded with spiritual light and love so that they may vote with wisdom and clarity.

Ask the higher spiritual forces to protect the election process on national, state and local levels, and to ensure a fair election, free from tampering.

Pray that the election bring forth the highest good for the American people and for all humanity, and visualize the most positive outcome.

Visualize a beautiful future for America—healthy, peaceful, and sustainable.

(Please feel free to share this meditation with your friends and colleagues.) From: <http://www.visionarylead.org/>. For further information about this organization, contact Joan Clement at joanpclement@yahoo.com.

YEARLY MEETING DAY

Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Interim Meeting will be Saturday, October 18, hosted by Charlottesville Monthly Meeting. A bus will leave the BYM parking lot at 7:00 a.m. The cost is \$20 or less. Email admin@bym-rsf.org to reserve your spot.

You are invited to join Friends at the Tandem Friends School Dunnings Creek Meeting House on Saturday, October 18, to conduct the business of Baltimore Yearly Meeting through its committees and Interim Meeting. We are grateful to Charlottesville Dunnings Creek Friends for providing hospitality Friday and/or Saturday night and lunch and dinner on Saturday. Friends are offering overnight hospitality for those traveling from a distance, so please do not hesitate to request a place to spend the night. Friends attending "Yearly Meeting Day" find warm community and a deeper understanding of Friends' concerns affecting all of us in our region. Please return forms by October 6, 2008. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR HOSPITALITY, MEALS, AND CHILD CARE. Send registration to: Allison Sleeman, 1617 Trailridge Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22903-4024, allison.sleeman@gmail.com or (434) 979-4593.

BALTIMORE YOUNG FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

The latest Baltimore Young Friends Newsletter is at <http://www.bym-rsf.org/yf/byfn/byfn.htm>. What a colorful, fun-looking multi-media presentation. Please get conference registration and med form from the YF web page. <http://www.bym-rsf.org/yf/index.html>

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING SEPTEMBER EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 4 - Saturday

Adelphi Friends Meeting hosts a benefit concert for Friends Wilderness Center featuring Richard Broadbent and Jesse Palidofsky at 7:00 p.m., 2303 Metzert Rd, Adelphi, MD. See www.friendswildernesscenter for more information or call 304-728-4820.

October 4-5 - Saturday and Sunday

Shiloh Quaker Camp Work Weekend. See www.bymcamps.org for information.

October 10-12 - Friday through Sunday

BYM Silent Retreat at Dayspring Retreat Center. Is your spirit in need of nourishment and refreshment? Come to the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Silent Retreat at Dayspring. We will keep the silence from Friday evening until after worship on Sunday, enjoying the beauty of God's creation, reading, walking, resting, finding our own rhythms, listening for the Still Small Voice. For more information Call Jean Christianson at 410-544-1912 or e-mail jschris-tianson@gmail.com.

October 10-12 - Friday through Sunday

Pendle Hill - Youth Workers Training Retreat This fast-paced, bully experiential workshop is a chance for new and current youth workers to build their skills, and expand their repertoire of games, activities, and responses to common youth issues. Explore issues of community building, child safety, working with challenging youth, group dynamics, and program development through games, activities, worship, and discussion. For more information contact Pendle Hill at www.pendlehill.org or call 610.566.4507, ext. 3.

October 11 - Saturday

Friends Wilderness Center - Poetry in the Trees. During this annual fall poetry gathering, participants will read their own or others' works, or simply come to listen. Friends Wilderness Poet, Ron Weber, will facilitate. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. until mid-afternoon, as long as

folks want to stay. Hiking before or after is optional. Bring a bag lunch. See www.friendswildernesscenter for more information or call 304-728-4820.

October 18 - Saturday

BYM Interim Meeting at Charlottesville, VA., 1104 Forest Street. All BYM members are welcome. Come meet and share with Friends from other Monthly Meetings! For more information go to www.bym-rsf.org.

October 25-26 - Saturday and Sunday

Opequon Quaker Camp Work Weekend. See www.bymcamps.org for information.

November 8 - Saturday

BYM Peace and Social Concerns Networking Day, Sandy Spring Friends Meeting (17715 Meeting House Rd, Sandy Spring, MD) at 10:00 a.m. for a day of learning, sharing, and fun. For more information, contact Bill Mims at musicnotwar@gmail.com.

November 8 - Saturday

AFSC, at the Arch Street Meeting House, 4th and Arch Sts., Philadelphia, at 1:30 p.m., Gwen Ifill, the moderator and managing editor of Washington Week and a senior correspondent for The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, will be the keynote speaker at the American Friends Service Committee's Annual Public Gathering.

November 8 - Saturday

Gunpowder Friends Meeting (14934 Priceville Road, Sparks, MD) Book Sale and Flea Market at 10:00 a.m.

November 13-15 - Thursday through Sunday

FCNL's Annual Meeting, Georgetown University Conference Center Hotel. For more information go to http://www.fcnl.org/am/ann_meeting2008.htm.

November 16 - Sunday

Warrington Quarterly Meeting. For more information contact Andy Hoover, quakers@pa.net

November 28-30 - Friday through Sunday

BYM Young Friends Conference at Baltimore, Homewood (3107 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD). For more information go to <http://www.bym-rsf.org/yf/index.html>.

December 7 - Sunday

Nottingham Quarterly Meeting at Little Britain. For more information contact Charles Hilaman.

Remember - for updated information, check www.bym-rsf.org

BYM WOMEN'S RETREAT

January 23-25, 2009, 4-H Center, Front Royal, Virginia. Please Join Us! "Let It Begin With Me, Stepping Into Our Own Power".

For more immediate information please contact: Helen Tasker, helguy@yahoo.com or Betsy Tobin, tobinbg@make-peace.org.

BYM WOMEN'S RETREAT CALL FOR WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

In keeping with our theme, Let It Begin with Me: Stepping into Our Own Power, the committee for the 2009 Women's Retreat is seeking workshop facilitators who have an interest in activities that could help us act on our leadings.

Arriving at a 2009 Theme. The discussion about a focus for the 2009 retreat began where last year's retreat left off. Looking over past retreat themes we realized that, in the past few years, we have discerned and connected with our leadings. We are powerful women, but sometimes we are hesitant to make the leap of faith that can lead us to powerful experiences. We are very conscious of a need to connect with a hope-filled place while we carry out our work. The wish of the planning committee is that we can work together

to empower each other, that none of us will feel alone as we take a leap of faith. The following queries are ones we ask you to reflect upon as you consider leading a workshop. What is the Source of power (no matter what you call it)? How did you know you were going to follow this path? How has your gift been a source of power for you?

Do you have something to share that may empower another to act on her leadings? It may be an activity that unlocks tension, opens our senses, takes our focus inward or outward, or inspires creativity.

If you are interested in facilitating a workshop contact Talitha Vasquez at talithacumi2008@hotmail.com. If you do not have access to e-mail please call her at (301) 607-6350. Workshop sessions should be planned with a one and a half hour time frame in mind.



Art by Phillip Payette.

PEACE—THE ENEMY

I love O'Bama and other liberals
all with good intentions.

I dismay at their ability to
make any difference in
the military industrial complex.

With what we know about
consequences of nuclear war
and the dangers of brinkmanship
we should be shutting down
a whole industry and dismantling
thousands of nuclear weapons
regardless of economic consequences.

Instead we continue
to view "peace" as the enemy
and run the real risk of
World War III.

Is this because so many
families' welfare, bread on the table,
depends on jobs by those who
design, test and build
nuclear weapons?

Is it because other salaries
depend on those trained to deliver
the mushroom shaped cloud of death
and then fly home to dinner
with their families?

Is it because others are paid
to never question and equate
patriotism with military solutions
to international problems
like Congress?

We have no loyal opposition
because there is no salary
for the doubters, the questioners
and the cynics.

And the few who do question
do so at the risk of their salary
as everyone knows how we
define patriotism.

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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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