

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. at the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Street, Takoma Park. See http://TakomaPark.quaker.org. Meeting for Worship for the Preparation of Business, fourth Sunday following Meeting for Worship.</p>	

TAKOMA PARK FRIENDS MEETING'S NEW LOCATION

Takoma Park Friends Meeting has agreed to continue to meet for the next several months at the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD. The Meeting gathers for unprogrammed worship at 10:00 a.m. Sundays in a dance rehearsal room. Friends are asked not to wear street shoes in the room; they should bring shoes to wear that have never been worn on the street, or slippers or socks, or go barefoot. Wheelchair wheels and crutch tips need to be wiped down before entering the room to avoid damage to the floor. The site is wheelchair accessible through the front door, but has no hearing assistance system. There is limited parking behind the building in addition to street parking.

Meeting for Worship is followed by a potluck lunch the first week of the month, periodic Second Hour discussions on the second week of the month, and Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business on the fourth week. If there are any questions, please phone (301) 270-4239.

WILLIAM PENN HOUSE DECEMBER QUAKER POTLUCK & DIALOGUE

You are invited to attend a potluck and Quaker dialogue at 6:30 p.m. on First Day, Twelfth Month Seven. The program, "The Climate Project: A Call for Action to Save Our Species", will be presented by Byron Sandford of Friends Meeting of Washington and William Penn House.

Former Vice President Al Gore received the Nobel Peace Prize for his pivotal role in defining with clarity the causes, the effects and solutions to the crisis of global warming. Following the success of his movie, *An Inconvenient Truth*, he has trained over 2,500 individuals from around the world to teach his slide show. In October, Byron was among 150 members of the faith community invited to be trained by Mr. Gore to underscore that saving the planet is a moral issue as well as a practical and political concern. This program will discuss the science of how the Earth is warming and changing, the effects of global warming, and practical approaches to slow the warming and even to reverse it.

Byron was raised in the Chihuahua desert of West Texas and Southern New Mexico and has experienced extreme temperatures, severe draughts and fragile environments. He has given presentations on other environmental issues including plastic bottles.

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William Penn House is located at 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003, (202) 543-5560. E-mail: info@WilliamPennHouse.org, www.WilliamPennHouse.org.

WILLIAM PENN HOUSE JANUARY QUAKER POTLUCK & DIALOGUE

You are invited to attend a potluck and Quaker dialogue at 6:30 p.m. on First Day, First Month Four, 2009. The program will be presented by Helena Cobban who will discuss her newest book, *Re-engage! America and the World After Bush*.

Helena Cobban is a veteran writer, researcher, and program organizer on global affairs. She contributed a regular column on global issues to *The Christian Science Monitor* from 1990 until the paper stopped having regular columnists in 2007. Previous to that, from 1974 through 1981, she worked as a Beirut-based correspondent for print and broadcast outlets that included *The Christian Science Monitor*, and *The Sunday Times* of London. She is a 'Friend in Washington' with the Friends Committee on National Legislation and a Contributing Editor of Boston Review. Since 2003 she has published *Just World News*, a lively blog on international issues that has gained a broad international readership.

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WILLIAM PENN DAY AT BUSBOYS & POETS

William Penn day at Busboys & Poets has been moved from November 18 to Tuesday, December 16. We will still be at the Shirlington location: 4251 South Campbell Ave, Arlington VA 22206. During the day we will have a booth there. During the dinner hours (5:00 p.m.-midnight), a portion of all dining revenue will support William Penn House and Washington Quaker Workcamps.

Please come for dinner and invite your family and friends! http://www.busboysandpoets.com/about_shirlington.php will provide more information about Busboys and Poets. We hope to see you there!

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC) PUBLIC POLICY OFFICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Washington Public Policy Office of the American Friends Service Committee will sponsor a holiday open house on Thursday, December 4, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Join us for light refreshments and an opportunity to see what's new in our office including talented new mem-

bers of our policy team and recent renovations to Davis House. At 6:00 p.m. we will showcase some of our current public policy work with updates from staff and a preview of plans for 2009. At 7:00 guests can enjoy a set of live musical entertainment from the band Brûlée, fronted by Washington Office Director Aura Kanegis.

Our office is located at 1822 R Street, NW in the Dupont Circle neighborhood, a few short blocks from the Dupont Circle Metro stop on the Red Line (Q Street exit). RSVPs are not necessary. If you have questions, please contact Dennis Hartzell at dhartzell@afsc.org or (202) 483-3341, extension 100.

WOOLMAN SEMESTER INFORMATIONAL HOUSE PARTY

The Woolman Semester's informational house party will be Sunday, December 14th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the home of Carole and Walter Brown, 4222 18th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011. Please RSVP to Susannah Brown at susannahb@woolman.org or (202) 297-2504.

Come discover how you can become part of a community committed to building a more peaceful, equitable and sustainable future. You will have the opportunity to hear from students, graduates and staff members, and share light refreshments and conversations that will renew your hope for the world.

The Woolman Semester is a Quaker high school semester program for juniors, seniors, and post-graduate students doing a "gap year." They come for one semester and focus on studies of peace, justice, and sustainability. For more information please visit our website, www.woolman.org.

Each fall and spring, high school juniors, seniors, and recent graduates arrive in the Sierra foothills of California to study and live in community for a semester called The Woolman Semester. Students take seminar-style classes in environmental science, peace studies, world issues, and humanities and ethics. Classes are enhanced by self-designed projects and complemented by hands-on community work and an eight-day service-learning trip to Mexico. Students learn about themselves and the world and develop critical thinking and communication skills. They are inspired to develop and use their gifts to help create a better world. Find out more at www.woolman.org.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING WOMEN'S RETREAT

This year the retreat will be January 23-25, but the registration due date is December 6. BYM women have been gathering for an annual retreat for over 11 years.

We invite you to join us. Our program includes a weekend of workshops, worship sharing, silence and meeting for worship. This community enriches us year after year. How can we take this richness with us when we return to our daily lives? What gifts, or supports can we offer each other? Please join us as we explore the power of our collective center, and discern ways to nurture it while we are away from each other. Guest speaker Friday evening: Tasha Walsh, Maury River Monthly Meeting.

The location of the retreat will be the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center near Front Royal, VA, <http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/northern>.

Cost: Basic fee: \$150 (includes registration, lodging, food), Schedule: Friday, January 23- Registration: 4:30 p.m., Dinner: 6:30-7:15 p.m., Opening Program: 7:30 p.m., Check-out by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 25.

For registration information or to add a friend's name to our mailing list, send an email to bymwomensretreat09@yahoo.com or call Betsy Tobin at (301) 695-8419. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Please include your check with your registration.

THE PINNACLE

both of us understood
what a privilege it was
to be out for a walk
with each other
we could tell from our different
heights that this
kind of thing happened
so rarely that it might
not come round again
for me to be allowed
even before I
had started school
to go out for a walk
with Miss Giles
who had just retired
from being a teacher all her life

she was beautiful
in her camel hair coat
that seemed like the autumn leaves
our walk was her idea
we liked listening to each other
her voice was soft and sure
and we went our favorite way
the first time just in case
it was the only time
even though it might be too far
we went all the way
up the Palisades to the place
we called the pinnacle
with its park at the cliff's edge
overlooking the river
it was already a secret
the pinnacle
as we were walking back
when the time was later
than we had realized
and in fact no one
seemed to know where we had been
even when she told them
no one had heard of the pinnacle
and then where did she go

--Harold Confer

Note from the poet on the following page.

This was a Poetry Circle Exercise to write a poem in which you answer the final question. I enjoy this poem because of its intergenerational theme. I love the listening to each other. I am impressed with the elder calling out the youngster for this walk. Could she imagine (having been a teacher all her life) the child would someday write a poem about it? And our favorite way was already a secret. We are made so aware that even though this was their first walk, by the end of the adventure the child calls it “our way”, demonstrating joint ownership of the route and each other.

—Harold Confer

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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