



## Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

# Newsletter

Meeting for Worship  
10:00 am Sunday

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### From Worship and Ministry

Each of our members is a fragment of the universal mind, a partaker of the instincts and quality of each soul. Unity must start in each of our minds. Each will develop a conscious recognition of the group relationship; ideas and goals. This frees us from our present limitations, which produce a collective togetherness within the meeting. When we are “gathered,” we are listening to direct unmediated leadings. Integration of this group life is seen as part of the whole, to give each of us the strength to be a group who listens and follows.

*Mary Morrison*

### Facing Bench for November

Johanna and Bob DeRose

### Coffee and Covered Dish for November

Finance Committee

### Upcoming Events

#### November 1 — AFSC Annual Public Gathering

1:30 p.m., Friends Center, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia.

#### November 6 — Fellowship Luncheon

The Haddonfield Council of Churches will hold its Fall Fellowship luncheon at 12 p.m.

#### November 8 — Friends Conference on Palestine-Israel Conflict

The Middle East Working Group of PYM is organizing a conference on the Israel-Palestine conflict. It will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Friends Center, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia. The morning speaker will be a noted Friend intimately familiar with

the situation in Ramallah. Workshops are planned for the afternoon.

#### November 14–16 — Middle School Friends Simplicity Gathering

London Grove Meeting, Kennett Square, PA. For more information, visit the Middle School Friends' website ([www.pym.org/youngfriends/MiddleSchool/index.htm](http://www.pym.org/youngfriends/MiddleSchool/index.htm)) or call Melanie Douty at 215-241-7171, 1-800-2200-PYM, ext. 7171, or e-mail [melanied@pym.org](mailto:melanied@pym.org).

#### November 15 — PYM Budget Meeting

A Meeting for Worship and Financial Stewardship will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Meetinghouse at George School on Route 413 south of Newtown, PA. See the article on page 5.

#### November 16 — A Gathering of Worship and Fellowship of Friends of Color (White Friends are welcome)

9:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Friends Center's Monthly Meeting Room (2nd Floor). Please ask Takashi Mizuno or Inspira Williams for more information.

#### November 16 — Clean up around the Meetinghouse

Bring your rakes and gloves and help spruce up the Meetinghouse grounds, then stay for covered dish. At rise of Meeting.

#### November 16 — The Transforming Power of the Psalms

2:00 p.m. Rancocas Meeting, Rancocas, NJ. See the article on page 5.

#### November 22 — Salem Workshop on Following Creative Leadings

Art teacher Dana Gayner will lead an all-day workshop using art as a means of helping participants become

more sensitive to the creative leadings of the Spirit in their individual and corporate lives. The workshop, "Painting in the Light," will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Meetinghouse in Salem, NJ. It is sponsored by Salem Quarterly Meeting. To register, send a check for \$20 with a letter giving your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and Monthly Meeting to Salem Quarterly Meeting Art Workshop, PO Box 55, Woodstown, NJ, 08098.

**November 23 — Meeting for Music at Swarthmore**  
Peter Siegel will perform at Swarthmore Meeting (PA). Come for goofy and socially-conscious music for kids of all ages at 1 p.m. after a potluck lunch at noon. Sponsored by Swarthmore Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Donations at the door will go to the Nonviolent Peaceforce, and help with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's costs linked to Priscilla Adams' war tax resistance. Say no to war! Build alternatives! Laugh! The Swarthmore Meetinghouse is at 12 Whittier Place on the Swarthmore College campus. For more information contact [meeting@swarthmore.edu](mailto:meeting@swarthmore.edu) or call 610-328-8699.

### **October Monthly Meeting for Business — October 10, 2003**

The Meeting opened with a period of worship; the Clerk read Extract 136, from "Writings on Worship" in *Faith & Practice*.

*Many Friends of all ages need the training provided by a good meeting for business: one that starts with real worship, that respects the insights of all its members; one that remembers it does God's work, that God is in no hurry, and that, in the vast pattern of God's universe, even man may not be very important — no matter how wonderful a creation he is.*

*Martin Cobin, 1964*

Pat Williams and Steve Senopoulos presented the budget on behalf of the School Committee; the Meeting accepted it, and thanked the Committee. The Meeting expressed its thanks to the teachers and staff of the school for their extraordinary efforts during a challenging year. Pat Williams and Priscilla Adams will collect ideas on how to demonstrate the Meeting's appreciation, and Connie Brookes will write a letter to the teachers and staff expressing the Meeting's thanks.

Pat Williams reported the School Committee is putting together a master plan for use of the school property, including 65 Haddon Avenue.

Priscilla Adams asked that we join with Westfield Meeting in supporting the establishment of a mosque in Voorhees. The Meeting approved a suggested minute that is to be presented to QM. The minute states: The Religious Society of Friends holds that there is that of God in all people. Since the time of William Penn our country has upheld the principles of religious freedom. Many years ago our own houses of worship were new to the community, but now are integral to our communities. We support the efforts of the Islamic community of South Jersey as it establishes a religious home in Voorhees Township.

Priscilla Adams also spoke on behalf of Friends Transition Support Services. The group has received the funding it requested from PYM for the conference, *The Impact of Prison on Families*.

Diane Werner, representing Friendship Committee, spoke about the AFSC Coffee Project which promotes Equal-Exchange organic coffee. The Meeting approved buying this for our social hour, despite the coffee's extra cost. We thanked Harold Katz for his research on the matter.

The Meeting accepts Pam Moench and Skylar Scafidi into membership. Diane Werner will assemble a welcoming committee.

Ceil McFadden reported that Nominations Committee recommends Stuart Hodges to the School Committee and David Barclay to be our representative to Interim Meeting; the Meeting approved. (See the revised committee list mailed with this newsletter.)

Connie Brookes spoke on the Meeting's covenant with PYM for fiscal year 2005. She suggested that we increase our contribution by 20% to \$15,000; the Meeting approved.

Diane Werner gave a report for the ad hoc Retreat Committee; the Meeting accepted it with thanks.

Flora McKinney spoke about the PYM Annual Fund and Meeting members' contributions, around \$5,700 from 35 Friends so far this fiscal year.

At the November Meeting, we will discuss changing the day and time we hold Meeting for Business.

**Which do you prefer — Friday evening or Sunday after Meeting for Worship? Let your voice be heard! Come to the next Meeting for Business, Friday November 14 at 7:30 p.m.**

## **First Day School**

There are four First Day School classes for children — pre-K and kindergarten, first through third grades, fourth through sixth grades and seventh and eighth grades. Children learn about their Quaker faith and enjoy the fellowship of other children in the Meeting.

The schedule for children is as follows:

- 10:00 Meeting for Worship, including all children.
- 10:20 A preschool First Day School teacher will leave with all preschoolers and any older children (through third grade) who wish to be dismissed. Preschoolers will have FDS at this time, while the older children will go to child care.
- 11:00 Coffee and social time for all.
- 11:20– Children grades one and up will go to FDS.
- 12:15 Preschoolers whose parents are attending adult FDS will go to child care.

## **Adult First Day School**

Religious Education Committee will have a presentation and discussion of the Israeli separation fence, November 9 and 16 from 9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m. Leila Barclay (co-clerk of Middle East Committee at AFSC) will present and Jake McGlaughlin will moderate.

If you can't attend First Day School or if you want more information, visit the website [www.stophthewall.org](http://www.stophthewall.org).

## **February Adult First Day School Preview**

The first four Sundays of February's Adult First Day School will be devoted to the topic Friends and Issues of Racial Equality. For the first session, February 1, we will use for discussion the FGC pamphlet, *Sarah Mapps Douglass — Faithful Attender of Quaker Meeting, View from the Back Bench* by Margaret Hope Bacon and foreword by Vanessa Juley. Sarah Mapps Douglass was an African-American educator, artist, and community activist who lived in the 1800s. She attended Quaker Meeting, as did her parents, in Philadelphia. We will discuss how her experience is relevant today. In order for First Day School participants to have sufficient time

to read about her life, we will make several copies of this pamphlet available for purchase (cost \$10) shortly. Listen for the announcement. The pamphlet is also available for purchase through the FGC website ([www.quakerbooks.org](http://www.quakerbooks.org)), or can be ordered by phone (1-800-966-4556) during business hours (9 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.). If you have any questions about obtaining a copy, please contact Sheryl Harrison, Kitty and Takashi Mizuno, or Inspira Williams.

## **Young Adult Friends Sought for Programs**

The Adult Religious Education Working Group of PYM, with a grant from Friends Institute, has begun organizing workshops and retreats for young adult Friends ages 18-25, as well as offering intergenerational learning at area Meetings. The first young people's event is Sunday, November 9, at Pendle Hill, the Quaker study center in Wallingford, PA. A weekend conference at Pendle Hill is planned for March. Information will be sent to young adults identified to Victoria.

## **PYM International Outreach Granting Group**

The International Outreach Granting Group of PYM gives grants to assist people engaged in activities that promote international understanding, justice and peace. The committee encourages applications from US Friends and others who travel abroad, as well as international visitors who come to the US on Friends' concerns.

## **Pendle Hill Offerings**

The Pendle Hill Forum is presenting a year-long series "Walking the Way of Peace: Peacebuilding in a Violent World." The Thursday night lectures will be addressing living Friends' testimonies in a violent world and responding to the queries: How do we "live by virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars," and How do we manifest "that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars" in confronting both structural and direct violence? All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. and end by 9 p.m. and are free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-800-742-3150 ext. 121, or visit the website [www.phpeace.net](http://www.phpeace.net). The lectures for November are:

**Nov. 6:** Deborah Prothrow-Stith — Peacebuilding in Our Communities: Preventing Youth Violence. Lang Performing Arts Center, Swarthmore College.

**November 13:** Lester Kurtz, Mariam Ramadhani Kurtz — Unravelling the Web of Violence. Swarthmore Friends Meeting House.

**November 20:** Dan Snyder — Nonviolence and the Dynamics of Transformation. Lang Performing Arts Center, Swarthmore College.

Upcoming courses at Pendle Hill include *The Ministry of Writing for Publication* with Tom Mullen, Nov. 9–14; *Clerking* with Arthur Larrabee, Nov. 14–16; *Nonviolence in Personal and Political Life* with Dan Snyder, Nov. 16–21; *Song & Silence: A Weekend with the Celtic Saints* with Frank A. Mills, Nov. 21–23; and *The Healing Power of Prayer* with Marcelle Martin and Elaine Emily, Nov. 30–Dec. 5. Call 800-742-3150 or see the website, [www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org) for more information.

## **The Indian Committee Invites Your Involvement**

The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Indian Committee has over 200 years of history, and continues to be a very active committee in supporting Native American communities throughout the country and in our own backyard in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. We welcome the interest and energy of new members and invite Friends who would like to explore work with our Committee to contact us. You would be very welcome to attend a few of our meetings to get introduced to our work. We meet the first Saturday of the month (10 a.m. to 12 noon) at the Fourth and Arch Street Meetinghouse in Philadelphia.

With funding from a number of old and new bequests, the PYM Indian Committee financially supports a diversity of projects, placing a high priority on those that directly support Native American communities, the promotion of their cultural heritage, and development of leadership and self-sufficiency in those communities. While financial support is key to helping grass-roots projects get off the ground, we are much more than just a grant-making committee. The Indian Committee has worked with the Native American/Native Peoples Task Force of American Friends Service Committee, and with Friends Committee on National Legislation, to learn about and help Friends address

complex national issues such as Native American sovereignty. We are also working to better understand Indian communities in the Philadelphia area.

The Indian Committee relies on the knowledge that Friends with diverse experience bring to the Committee, and we guarantee that serving on this committee will offer a unique learning experience. We would be pleased to provide interested Friends with our Annual Report, or visit our website: [www.pym-indiancommittee.com](http://www.pym-indiancommittee.com) to find out more about our work. We would be delighted to hear from anyone (young and less young) interested in exploring membership on the Indian Committee.

*Lois Kuter*  
*Plymouth Meeting (PA)*  
*Clerk of PYM Indian Committee*

## **PYM Budget Meeting**

A Meeting for Worship and Financial Stewardship will be held to share information on development of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's budget for 2004-2005. The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, November 15, in the Meetinghouse at George School on Route 413 south of Newtown, Pennsylvania.

The budget meeting provides an opportunity for Friends to hear from and advise the Financial Stewardship Committee before it finalizes a budget proposal. The proposal is then shared with Interim Meeting in January, and sent to Monthly Meetings in February. Yearly Meeting sessions in March will be asked to approve the budget.

PYM faces severely reduced income from investments as well as increases in fixed costs. This fall the five Standing Committees of PYM have been considering which programs to keep and which to cut to balance the budget. Monthly and Quarterly Meetings have been informed by the Financial Stewardship Committee that there is a

### **A Thanksgiving Message**

November is a time for Thanksgiving. We give thanks for all the ways that Haddonfield Monthly Meeting benefits our lives. Please show your thanks by contributing to the Meeting.

need for a 15 percent increase next fiscal year in the total of financial commitments from Meetings to PYM. These Meeting “Covenants” will be reported at the budget conference. Support from Meetings provides about half of PYM’s General Fund income. Additional support comes from individual gifts to the Annual Fund.

All interested Friends are welcome at the November 15 meeting. There will be coffee and donuts before the meeting, and a mid-morning snack is provided.

### **Lecture on Psalms at Rancocas Meeting**

Betsy Meyer of Sandy Spring Meeting (MD) will present a lecture on the Psalms on Sunday, November 16, at Rancocas Meeting, 201 Main Street, Rancocas, NJ. Registration begins at 2 p.m.

Betsy has followed a leading to immerse herself in the Psalms and has nearly memorized the entire Psalter. She leads workshops and retreats, including Bible study sessions at Friends General Conference Gatherings and Friends United Meeting Triennia. She is an active leader in Baltimore Yearly Meeting’s Spiritual Formation Program.

The lecture, “The Transforming Power of the Psalms,” is co-sponsored by the Bible Association of Friends in America and Burlington Quarterly Meeting.

To get to Rancocas Meeting take exit 45B from I-295 (following signs for Willingboro) and stay on Rancocas Road until it becomes Main Street in Rancocas. The Meetinghouse is about 1.25 miles on the right. The telephone number at the Meetinghouse is 609-267-1265.

### **Room for Alternative Seating in Meetinghouse**

If you’ve been in the Meetinghouse lately, you may have noticed a slight change in the way the benches are arranged. There is now a “short” bench in the first row opposite the facing benches. This allows room for an upholstered chair on one end and a wheelchair on the other for those who can’t sit on the benches. Worship and Ministry took this action at the suggestion of a Meeting member who was worried about excluding those with disabilities from the circle of worship.

### **Arch Street Showing Ebon Fisher’s Digital Art**

Ebon Fisher’s explorations in “bionic ethics” will be on exhibit in November, December and January at the Fourth and Arch Street Meetinghouse in Philadelphia. An opening reception with the pioneering digital artist is scheduled at 6 p.m. Friday, November 7. The exhibit is titled “Bionic Ethics For A Changing World: Ebon Fisher’s Zoacodes.”

Listed among the “New York Cyber 60” by *New York* magazine, Ebon Fisher is considered a pioneer in digital art and culture. Fisher has been influenced by his childhood as a Quaker growing up in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. Many of Fisher’s Zoacodes, such as “Witness Connection” and “Link with Distressed Beings,” are direct interpretations of Quaker principles. To explore the world of Ebon Fisher, visit [www.olulo.net](http://www.olulo.net). The Meetinghouse exhibits are open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

### **New Parking Rules for Arch Street**

PYM signed an agreement beginning on October 20 for valet parking at Arch Street for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The hours are 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. There will be an attendant stationed at the entrance to identify all cars entering the lot after 5 p.m. on those evenings.

Registered cars will not have a problem as the attendant will see your hang tag. If you are not registered and there is no meeting in the Meetinghouse, you will be denied access to the lot.

The 2004 registration hang tag is red and will cost \$100. Registration will begin November 1.

### **Used Toner Cartridge Collection**

Friends Transition Support Services is collecting used toner cartridges from laser printers. They hope to raise money by selling them to recycling companies. Contact Priscilla Adams for more information.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am FDS	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:15 am All-school Meeting for Worship 7 pm School Committee	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9 am P&SC Com 10 am Mtg for Worship 11:20 am FDS 12:15 pm REC	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30 pm Committee for Care of Members and Attenders	<b>12</b> NO Mid-week Meeting for Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting for Business	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10 am Mtg for Worship 11:00 am FDS 11-12 cleanup 12:00 covered dish	<b>17</b> ← Newsletter deadline	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:15 am School Meeting for Worship 7:30 pm Property Committee	<b>20</b> 7:30 pm Worship & Ministry	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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