



# Quakerphernalia

The Newsletter of Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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## FEBRUARY 2018

- Feb 8 7pm PYM Friends in Fellowship - Environment – Wissahickon Habitat Repair - Arch Street Meetinghouse  
Feb 10-12 PYM Middle School Friends Gathering - Kennett Mtnghse - <http://www.pym.org/middle-school-friends/>  
Feb 11 9:45am Dan Crofts to Speak on his Book, “Lincoln & the Politics of Slavery” - Newtown Meetinghouse  
Feb 11 6:30pm “Love Songs” Concert - Fallsington Meetinghouse  
Feb 13 9am Information Session - Buckingham Friends School - [www.bfs.org](http://www.bfs.org)  
Feb 14 7-9PM Old Path Sangha Meets - Solebury Meeting Education Building  
Feb 17 10am-12pm Open House - Friends Village - Norma Coverdale or Karen Haney, 215-968-3346  
**Feb 18 9am-3pm Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Quakertown (NJ) Meetinghouse**  
Feb 25 9:45am Emmet Gowin, Photographer on his Book, “Mariposas Nocturnas: Moths - Newtown Meetinghouse  
Feb 25 10am PYM Friends in Fellowship - Farming (OFF SITE) – Quaker Farms, Quaker Gardens, Quaker Seeds  
Feb 28 9am Information Session - Buckingham Friends School - [www.bfs.org](http://www.bfs.org)  
Feb 28 11:30am-2pm Open House - Friends Home - Norma Coverdale or Karen Haney , 215-968-3346

### Looking Ahead

**March 24 PYM Continuing Sessions**

April 7 Quakerism in a Nutshell - Wrightstown Meetinghouse

**May 19 & 20 Quarterly Meeting Weekend at Camp Onas!! Stay Overnight on Saturday - So much fun!!!!**

**July 25-29 PYM Annual Summer Sessions - The College of New Jersey**

Aug 19 Quarterly Meeting - Wrightstown Meetinghouse

Sept 22 Peace Fair!!!

**Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:  
February ~ Newtown March ~ Solebury April ~ Wrightstown  
Worship 11:00\*\*\*\*Arrive 10:45**

**Sunday, February 18 ~ Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business  
Quakertown Friends Meetinghouse ~ 290 Whitebridge Rd, Quakertown, NJ 08868**

**Join Friends and Share Your Light 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Don't forget your items for Friendly Crafters and your money!**

**9:30:** Registration and Refreshments. (Nursery and childcare will be available throughout the day)

**10:00: Adult Program** - Jondhi Harrell, Founder and Exec. Dir. of The Center for Returning Citizens will talk about his work with TCRC which assists returning citizens in the transition from incarceration to society by providing job training, housing assistance, counseling services, legal aid, and referrals. TCRC helps individuals, families and communities with the adverse impacts of incarceration. Among the many organizations that Jondhi is involved with he is one of the visionaries of The Village. The Village is a Green district in the North Philadelphia, Nicetown section. It will have a hotel, farmer's market, meat/fish market and mixed use of real estate – community owned and operated. This is the location for The Center for Returning Citizens and the Ujima Friends Peace Center.

**11:00-Noon:** Meeting for Worship

**10:00-Noon: Children's Program:** How can we as young Friends, help our community accept cultural change? There will be a round table discussion to formulate questions for a discussion the speaker who is a guest from the local Islam Community.

**12:00** - Brown Bag Lunch with desserts and beverages provided by our Quakertown Friends.

**1:00-3:00** - Meeting for Business **There will be nursery & childcare (crafts and games) during business meeting:** we will hear from our Doylestown, Makefield and Quakertown Friends. Our Treasurer will present the proposed 2018-19 budget and we will hear from coordinator, Outreach Committee and Friends Home and Village.

**AGENDA ITEMS NEED TO BE SENT TO THE CLERK BY FEBRUARY 11th FOR CONSIDERATION**

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**“LOVE SONGS” CONCERT - FALLSINGTON MEETINGHOUSE - 9300 New Falls Rd, Fallsington**

Join Fallsington Friends on **Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** for a music show. Amy Duckett Wagner, a vocalist, guitarist and songwriter who performs as Amy Dee, will share love songs... originals, standards, and some from her new CD, “Southern Routes.” Come share snacks, fellowship and music. Free and open to the public; some proceeds will benefit the Bucks County Homeless Shelter.

More information at [www.amydeesongs.com](http://www.amydeesongs.com) and Fallsington Quaker Meeting at [www.fallsingtonmeeting.org](http://www.fallsingtonmeeting.org)

## LIVES PASSING

Doylestown Friends suffer the losses of **Paula Laughlin** and **Brian Wiley**.

### EMMET GOWIN, PHOTOGRAPHER NEWTOWN MEETINGHOUSE

**Fen 25, 9:45AM**, Emmet Gowin, Professor Emeritus of Photography of Princeton University, will speak about his new book of photography, *Mariposa Nocturnas: Moths of Central and South America, a Study in Beauty and Diversity*. You are welcome to stay for worship following the program. Emmet Gowin's latest book of photographs of "the lowly moth" was released in 2017.

Emmet is a world traveler, often in the tropics. His many shows have focused on images of family, the earth and man's impact on it, antiquities, and nature. "Emmet Gowin/Photographs: This Vegetable Earth is But a Shadow," was at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in 1990. "Changing the Earth," with Jock Reynolds, Terry Tempest Williams, and Philip Brookman accompanied an exhibition that traveled to museums throughout the U.S. His 2006 exhibition, "Mariposas Nocturnas, Edith in Panama" was at Pace/MacGill in New York.

219 Court Street, Newtown

### Bucks Quarter's Worship Schedule for 2018-19 Chandler Hall

2018

March - Solebury

April - Wrightstown

May - Buckingham

June - Doylestown

July - Fallsington

August - Middletown

September - Newtown

October - Solebury

November - Wrightstown

December - Buckingham

2019

January - Doylestown

February - Fallsington

### PYM GATHERING FOR THE FORMATION OF RESOURCE FRIENDS IN MINISTRY AND CARE

#### Resource Friends in Ministry & Care

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Snow Date - Feb 17)

This will be an initial gathering of Friends with gifts in teaching and learning facilitation in the areas of Ministry & Care as well as those interested in developing skills.

Through the teaching ministry, RFMC supports Meetings by facilitating learning opportunities on topics related to areas of Worship, Ministry & Care, the Story of early Friends and Quaker process.

Areas of learning offered by Resource Friends in Ministry & Care may include the following: When Differences Arise: Challenge and Conflict, A Friendly Introduction: The Story of Friends, Pastoral Care Among Friends, Our Faith & Practice: Exploring the Book, Quaker Process: How Meetings Make Decisions Quaker Worship: Silent & Spoken Ministry, Recognizing Gifts: Discernment in Nominations, Living Truth: Testimony & Witness, Conducting a Spiritual Self-Assessment

#### **From the PYM Governance Handbook**

Resource Friends help our community thrive by providing support in areas of learning in meetings, offering information, tools and spirit-led strategies to promote our vision, presenting the fundamentals of Quaker faith and practice in clear and accessible ways.

For more information about this event and to register, George Schaefer [gschaefer@pym.org](mailto:gschaefer@pym.org)

215-241-7068.

**Lunch:** Soup & Salad Potluck, (beverages provided)

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**Friends Center - 1515 Cherry St. Phila, PA 19102**

## THICH NHAT HANH MEDITATION GROUP SEEKS MEMBERS

Old Path Sangha, a mindfulness meditation group that practices in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh seeks new members. **OPS meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9pm in the Sloebury Meeting education building. The dates for 2018 are: January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12.** Everyone is welcome and each session includes silent meditation, inspirational reading, chanting, walking mindfully, and mindful discussion. For more information contact Valerie Brown at [ValerieBrown95@gmail.com](mailto:ValerieBrown95@gmail.com) or [www.leadsmartcoaching.com](http://www.leadsmartcoaching.com)

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### BUCKINGHAM FRIENDS SCHOOL AUCTION

Tickets On Sale Now For the 2018 BFS Auction Follow the yellow brick road and join F/friends and alumni for the BFS auction on March 2 from 7pm to 11pm. It will be an evening of music, dinner and bidding at Hotel Du Village, New Hope. This is a great opportunity to make a long-lasting impact in the life of every student at BFS and our community.

Tickets

\$100.00 per person in advance \$125.00 the evening of the event. For tickets go to:

<https://e.gesture.com/events/6U4/>

### PYM FRIENDS IN FELLOWSHIP EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

PYM's new **Friends in Fellowship** program is after work and free. It is being held at the Arch Street meetinghouse 7:00-8:30PM with refreshments.

**FRIENDS IN FELLOWSHIP EVENT DATES – all events except 2/25 are at Arch Street Meetinghouse 7PM-8:30PM**

**February 8:** Environment – Wissahickon Habitat Repair - Plants and Birds and Rocks & Things, William J. Ryan, Ph.D. Will Ryan is a restoration ecologist and field botanist for ecologically significant natural areas. His work at the Patrick Center for Environmental Research at Drexel University's Academy of Natural Sciences focuses on scientific research in plant community and restoration ecology. During his Ph.D. research project—to identify best management practices for ecological restoration projects—at the University of Delaware worked under the advisement of acclaimed author and scientist, Douglas Tallamy Ph.D. Will currently provides scientific support to over 50 organizations involved in the Delaware River Watershed Initiative and has been an attendee at London Grove Meeting.

**February 25:** Farming (**OFF SITE at Lunchtime**) – Quaker Farms, Quaker Gardens, Quaker Seeds

Preceded by 10:00 AM Meeting for Worship at Schuylkill Monthly Meeting in Phoenixville.

Visit to John Hunt's Eden Valley Farm for lunch and discussion with William Woys Weaver, Author of *Heirloom Vegetable Gardening*, the heritage gardener, *Dancing Wolf*, and our host and a Quaker farmer, John Hunt.

More about **William Weaver** - A food historian and author of sixteen books including *A Quaker Woman's Cookbook* (1982, new edition 2004)—*America Eats* (1989), and *The Christmas Cook* (1990), Weaver has been featured on such national programs as "Good Morning America" NPR's "Fresh Air," and "Terrapin." He served as a Contributing editor to **GOURMET** and Associate Editor and Art Editor of *The Encyclopedia of Food and Culture*. His newest book *Creative Pickling* is in development with Rizzoli (New York) and a reprint of *Heirloom Vegetable Gardening* will be released soon. Weaver received his doctorate in food tourism and cultural ethnography at University College Dublin, Ireland. He will be bringing his Native American collaborator at Roughwood Seeds, **Dancing Wolf**, with him to the talk.

To register for Friends in Fellowship events go to:

<http://www.pym.org/fellowship/rsvp-form/>

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*This version of the November 2017 Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in February for consideration.*

*The unedited version can also be read on the quarter's web site [www.quakersbucks.org](http://www.quakersbucks.org)*

**Roll Call of Meeting:** Bristol: 0, Buckingham: 3, Doylestown: 0, Fallsington: 4, Lehigh Valley: 3, Makefield:0, Middletown: 1, Newtown: 14, Plumstead: 2, Quakertown: 0, Solebury: 0, Southampton: 2, Wrightstown: 1, Yardley: 1

**Minutes** for August Quarterly Meeting read and accepted with a few changes:

**Stories of Vitality and Growth**

A Friend who attended the showing of “**Quaker Oaths**” expressed that they felt that it was a great success. **Buckingham Friends School** has a new head of school, Paul Lindenmaier,

**Newtown Meeting** had great success in using the PYM Scavenger Hunt to strengthen their community. **Lehigh Valley Meeting** had a successful Saturday program on End of Life issues with around 30 persons in attendance.

**Coordinator's Report:** Holly Olson (Middletown Meeting) prefaced her report by reading a letter from the Director of Barclay Friends Retirement Center in Chester County. **In-reach:** Update on Spiritual Formation Program, Clerks meeting, performance of the Meta Theater group at Buckingham Friends, and the ongoing work on the creating a database. **Out-reach:** Peace Fair success, noted the involvement Young Friends outside of BQ and the absence of any Young Friends from within the Quarter. Holly expressed gratitude for the wonderful support that she had received during her recovery.

**Budget and Nominating Report** given by Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown MM)

No nominations to report

**Treasurer's Report** given by Betsy Bayardi for Ed Snyder (Yardley MM). Betsy noted that income for the first quarter is usually much less than expenses during the first quarter since some annual expenses are paid up front and meetings take a few months before starting to send in their commitment.

**Auditor's Report** presented by Betsy Bayardi. The report found the records to be in good order.

**Newtown MM Annual Report** given by Susan Hoskins, Clerk. The meeting has been busy with a number of special events. Current membership stands at 328. Children's RE program has been restructured, Adult RE had many programs, ongoing work is being done by Building and Grounds, Bylaws updated, Worship and Ministry busy with pastoral care,. A new committee was created to combine all forms of communication.

**Newtown Monthly Minute on North Korea:** The following minute, approved by Newtown MM on 11/5/17, was presented to Quarterly Meeting for endorsement and submission to Yearly Meeting.

***NEWTOWN MEETING MINUTE ON NORTH KOREA***

*Newtown Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) urges the United States to reject any possibility of a military strike against North Korea.*

*The use of military force on the Korean peninsula would cause massive loss of civilian lives and other horrific consequences to both North and South Korea and other peoples-including over 100,000 Americans who currently reside in South Korea.*

*Like the Iraq war, and attack on North Korea would have many unintended adverse consequences. The likely escalation to the use of nuclear arms in any such conflict would permanently poison the environment for all people of the earth.*

*We call on Congress to constrain President Trump to pursue diplomacy aimed at lowering the threat of war. The United States should be assembling coalitions, not opening new divides for North Korea to exploit. Sanctions must be part of a strategy to bring North Korea to perceive its self-interest as aligned with peace.*

*We urge the United States to reject war and threats of war. WE urge maturity, patience, diplomacy and nonmilitary interactions that create incentives for peace and foster a better future for the Korean peninsula and all neighboring nations.*

Discussion followed on what endorsing this minute would result in. It was reported that the Quaker Life Council of PYM had a recent discussion regarding the issue of minutes being forwarded to PYM and has determined that minutes will require a time of individual seasoning by monthly meetings in quarters. After discussion, the Clerk presented the following minute for approval.

***Minute 1. Bucks Quarterly Meeting of November 19, 2017, endorses the Newtown MM Minute on North Korea with the recommendation that other Monthly meetings in Bucks Quarter use this minute as a model to consider the issue and to contact their Senators and Representatives.***

**The minute will be forwarded to each meeting in the Quarter. Meetings are asked to report to the Quarter Clerk any action that has been taken regarding the minute. Meeting responses will indicate whether minute has been seasoned enough to forward to PYM following the next Quarterly Meeting.**

**Plumstead MM Annual Report** given by Beth Taylor, Clerk (written report available) Meeting had “a nice quiet year” which provides a weekly silent retreat for those who attend. A small group has been gathering to discuss articles and personal stories related to spiritual journeys.

**Friends Camp Association (Camp Onas) Annual Report** was given by Ken Blackwell (Yardley MM). Ken highlighted some of the plans for upgrading of facility and the issues that the camp must deal with. Quarterly Meeting in May, 2018 will be at the camp and the camp is inviting participants to stay over on Saturday evening.

**Peace Fair Annual Report** given by Tim Cunningham (Buckingham MM), Peace Fair Committee Clerk. The fair was larger this year and as a result better than ever. Tim highlighted the completion of a formal description of Peace Fair Committee for the Quarter Handbook and the importance of all meetings sending a representative to be on the committee.

**Meeting ended** with a period of worship at 2:50

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