

# PYM News & Events Update



Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

February 2018

## Events 2018

**NEW!**

### **Friends in Fellowship**

#### **Bringing Friends Together: Conversations-Talks-Events**

Thursday Night 7-8:30 pm, Arch Street Meeting House

This is a series of fun events that bring Friends together for fellowship.

#### **January 25: Teaching to the Heart, Teaching to the Mind**

Education with Sydney Coffin & Chris Bond

Educators Sydney & Chris will talk about Slam Poetry and educational brain research.

#### **February 8: Wissahickon Habitat Repair - Plants & Birds and Rocks & Things**

Need more nature? Ecologist William J. Ryan, PhD (with the Patrick Center for Environmental Research at Drexel University's Academy of Natural Sciences) shares native ecosystem best practices. Will conducts scientific research in plant community and restoration ecology, and currently supports over 50 organizations involved in the Delaware River Watershed Initiative.

#### **February 25: Quaker Farming: Farms, Gardens, & Seeds**

Like Heirloom foods? Connect with area farmers, the heritage Indian corn specialist Stephen Smith (whose Cherokee name is Dancing Wolf) and food writer William Woys Weaver at John Hunt's Eden Valley Farm. Event starts with worship at Schuylkill Monthly Meeting at 10 AM! We then drive to the farm for the talk & lunch with our hosts.

The events & refreshments are **FREE!** Come! Be inspired.

Enjoy fellowship. Get more out of your Thursdays!

More events are scheduled, visit [www.pym.org/fellowship](http://www.pym.org/fellowship)

## Save These Dates

### **Spring Continuing Sessions March 24, 2018**

**FREE!** A one day event March 24, Harrisburg Area (exact location coming soon).

[www.pym.org/event/spring-continuing-sessions](http://www.pym.org/event/spring-continuing-sessions)

## **Spring Continuing Sessions & Annual Sessions 2018**

Volunteers are needed! Friends of every age from our local meetings gather together, guided by Spirit for worship, fellowship, to conduct our shared business, learn from one another, organize our work and witness, and have fun at Continuing and Annual Sessions.

**Annual Sessions** are from July 25-29, The College of New Jersey.

We'll be announcing more details as plans are discerned.

Contact: Zachary Dutton, [zdutton@pym.org](mailto:zdutton@pym.org) or [sessions@pym.org](mailto:sessions@pym.org)

## **February 2018**

### **Resource Friends in Ministry & Care Gathering**

February 3, 9:30 am-2:30 pm, Friends Center

Initial gathering of Friends with gifts in teaching and learning facilitation in the areas of "Ministry and Care" as well as those interested in developing skills in these areas.

Through the teaching ministry, Resource Friends in Ministry & Care support meetings by facilitating learning opportunities on topics related to Quaker worship, ministry, pastoral care, the story of early Friends and Quaker process.

Details: [www.pym.org/event/resource-friends-ministry-care-gathering/?instance\\_id=1588](http://www.pym.org/event/resource-friends-ministry-care-gathering/?instance_id=1588) or

George Schaefer, [gschaefer@pym.org](mailto:gschaefer@pym.org)

### **Mid-Week Meeting for Worship**, Arch Street Meeting House

February 7, 14, 21, 28, 6-6:45 pm

Recurring every Wednesday

[www.pym.org/event/mid-week-meeting-worship/?instance\\_id=999](http://www.pym.org/event/mid-week-meeting-worship/?instance_id=999)

### **"Re-Imagining Justice: Prisons as an Opportunity for Change"**

February 10, Willistown Friends Meeting

Learn and gain information about: Challenges faced by inmates and life in prison, Treatments and re-entry programs and services, Alternative approaches to punishment and Community engagement. Workshop leaders: Dr. Sami Abdel-Salam, asst. professor of Criminal Justice at WCU; Dr Michael Antonio, asst. professor at WCU; Ms Laura Taylor, Alternatives to Violence Project and Christine Nye available to talk about the local prison system.

Pre-registration requested.

Questions: [Willistownfriendsmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:Willistownfriendsmeeting@gmail.com)

### **Middle School Friends Winter Gathering**

February 16-18, Solebury Meeting

Middle School Friends will gather for fellowship and wintry fun!

Save the Date, more information is coming soon.

Details: [www.pym.org/event/middle-school-friends-winter-gathering/?instance\\_id=1613](http://www.pym.org/event/middle-school-friends-winter-gathering/?instance_id=1613) or Melinda Wenner Bradley, [MWennerBradley@pym.org](mailto:MWennerBradley@pym.org)

### **Beyond Complicity: Awakening Anti-Racist Intentions Part 4**

February 18, Mickleton Friends Meeting

Continuing our growing edge series, Toward Racial Justice and Fearless Faithfulness with *We Are Still Here: The Tribal Saga of New Jersey's Nanticoke and Lenape Peoples*, by JR Norwood. This authentic, contemporary, comprehensive booklet provides perspective on the three inter-related tribal communities of southernmost Jersey and Delaware, our neighbors who have remained on their traditional Tribal Nation's homeland ever since Western European immigration. Details: [mickletonmeeting.org](http://mickletonmeeting.org) or Gloria Horvay, [clerk@mickletonmeeting.org](mailto:clerk@mickletonmeeting.org)

### **Concord Quarterly Meeting Square Dance**

February 24, 7-9 pm, Willistown Friends Meeting

Annual Square Dance for all ages. Music by the Thornbury Ramblers.

Caller - Alan Crosman. Refreshments provided. Free, but please bring non perishable food in unbreakable containers for the West Chester Food Cupboard.

Details: Lynne Piersol, [concordquarter@pym.org](mailto:concordquarter@pym.org) or

[www.pym.org/event/concord-quarterly-meeting-square-dance/?instance\\_id=1642](http://www.pym.org/event/concord-quarterly-meeting-square-dance/?instance_id=1642)

### **Friends in Fellowship: Quaker Farming: Farms, Gardens, & Seeds**

February 25, Offsite at Eden Valley farm (info & directions, [www.pym.org/fellowship](http://www.pym.org/fellowship))

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## **March 2018**

### **Extended Worship**

March 3, 9:15 am-3:15 pm, Swarthmore Friends Meeting

Need a spiritual boost? Feeling drained or weary? Try Extended Worship as way to feel spiritually renewed, and reconnected with the spirit of the Divine. All are welcome. Attend just a portion of the day or the full day. And remember to bring your lunch!

Details: [www.pym.org/event/extended-worship-3/?instance\\_id=808](http://www.pym.org/event/extended-worship-3/?instance_id=808) or

Lola Georg, [lolageorg@gmail.com](mailto:lolageorg@gmail.com)

### **Mid-Week Meeting for Worship, Arch Street Meeting House**

March 7, 14, 21, 28, 6-6:45 pm (Recurring every Wednesday)

[www.pym.org/event/mid-week-meeting-worship/?instance\\_id=1003](http://www.pym.org/event/mid-week-meeting-worship/?instance_id=1003)

### **Friends in Fellowship: The Art of Persuasion**

*Free!* March 8, 7-8:30 pm, Arch Street Meeting House

Need some Quaker Wit, Wisdom & Art?

Two cartoonists, one emerging and one well-established, will talk about how art challenges and shapes political and identity perceptions.

Meet Pulitzer prize-winning Editorial Cartoonist Signe Wilkinson, and Ramona Sharples, a creator of a comic series dealing with life as a transgender girl.

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### **Spring Continuing Sessions March 24**

**FREE!** A one day event March 24, Harrisburg Area (exact location coming soon).

Friends of all ages from throughout the yearly meeting and beyond are invited to Continuing Sessions where we gather for fellowship, worship, learning and to carry out the work of our yearly meeting. In the morning, adults will be together in worship and for business. Children, Middle Schoolers and Young Friends have their own, age-specific programs concurrent with Continuing Sessions.

[www.pym.org/event/spring-continuing-sessions](http://www.pym.org/event/spring-continuing-sessions)

## **Employment**

### **Director of Staffing and Inclusion**

#### **Philadelphia Yearly Meeting**

The Director of Staffing and Inclusion is the point person for personnel administration. The position also facilitates an environment where the employees mutually create a welcoming workspace that embraces and supports multi-ethnic, multicultural and inclusive community. This position is a member of the senior staff team. 70% time (24.5 hours/week).

Details: [www.pym.org/employment/director-staffing-inclusion](http://www.pym.org/employment/director-staffing-inclusion)

Please send all application materials to [aeagan@afsc.org](mailto:aeagan@afsc.org)

### **Associate Secretary For Advancement and Relationship**

#### **Philadelphia Yearly Meeting**

The Associate Secretary for Advancement & Relationship is a senior management position reporting to the General Secretary. The Advancement and Relationship team supports the organization's relationship with the meetings and Friends within the yearly meeting, the communications with those

constituents and with the public and fundraising. The Associate Secretary is responsible for managing the team in a collaborative manner, for cultivating relationships with individuals and major donors and for ensuring income from individuals, meetings, and grants meets the organization's goals and needs.

Details: [www.pym.org/employment/associate-secretary-advancement-relationship](http://www.pym.org/employment/associate-secretary-advancement-relationship)

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### **On-Call Substitute Desk Clerk**

#### **Friends Center**

The on-call desk clerk fills in when the regular day receptionist or the regular evening and weekend desk clerk is not available.

Details: [www.friendscentercorp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Friends-Center-Substitute-Desk-Clerk-Job-Announcement-2017-12.pdf](http://www.friendscentercorp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Friends-Center-Substitute-Desk-Clerk-Job-Announcement-2017-12.pdf)

## **News....**

### ***Quaker Pilgrimage to Fox & Fell Country 2018***

*Sponsored by Friends Council on Education & Philadelphia Yearly Meeting*

The next Pilgrimage will run from July 16 to 22, 2018. About 30 Friends and Quaker educators from Monthly Meetings and Friends schools gather as a multigenerational group to explore Quakerism's past as it relates to the present. The group will explore the roots of the Religious Society of Friends in England's "1652 Country" with the help of guides from Britain Yearly Meeting. Quaker Pilgrims said of the last journey...*"I have a new awareness of the Quaker faith and Quakers living in the world today."*

Registration opens on Wednesday, September 30, 2017, at which time participants will reserve a space by mailing in a paper registration form with a non-refundable deposit of \$500.

Details: [www.friendscouncil.org/default.aspx?RelId=632752](http://www.friendscouncil.org/default.aspx?RelId=632752) or

Deborra Sines Pancoe, [deborra@friendscouncil.org](mailto:deborra@friendscouncil.org)

### ***Grants Application Deadlines***

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting makes over 500 grants every year to individuals, Meetings, and non-profit organizations. Grants are made from income from restricted bequests and Trusts given to our Yearly Meeting by generous donors since 1795. All granting deadlines are listed by month at [www.pym.org/grants/grants-resources/grants-application-deadlines](http://www.pym.org/grants/grants-resources/grants-application-deadlines)

Information: Carol Walz, [cwalz@pym.org](mailto:cwalz@pym.org), or 215-241-7201.

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