

# Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

*May the richness of our diversity strengthen our community and our love*

First Day (Sunday), 2/28/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Spiritually-Based Artwork (see below)
- 10:00 am Worship Sharing in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am First Day School
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Social time

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 3/3/2010

- 12:00 pm Campus Meeting for Worship, Pasquerilla Center, Rm 118
- 4:30 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship, Foxdale, E-75

Sixth Day (Friday), 3/5/2010

No Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 3/6/2010

- 1:30 pm Peace vigil Saturday, corner of College and Allen St.

First Day (Sunday), 3/7/2010

- 10:00 am Worship Sharing in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am First Day School
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Social time

► **Friendly Forum, 9:45 am, Meeting Room; All welcome.**

**Feb. 28: Steve Althouse** will present samples of his spiritually based **artwork**.

► **Weis Gift Cards.** To benefit SC Friends Meeting, purchase Weis gift cards in multiples of \$25 through Dean Tuttle. They can be used the same as cash at Weis Markets and Weis will contribute a percentage of your purchase total to the meeting. Checks must be made out to: **State College Friends Meeting**.

► The Middle School-High School First Day School class is collecting items for the **American Friends Service Committee's Haiti Disaster Relief** programs. Place donations in our boxes in the hallway and in the social room. Today is the last day for donations.

► Please support the weekly **peace vigil**, every Saturday, 1:30-2:30 pm at the gates at the corner of Allen St. and College Ave.

**State College Friends Meeting**

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**Gather and settle.** The time from 10:45 to 11:00 am on Sunday is a time for Friends to gather in the meeting room to prepare and settle for worship. Enter whenever you are ready. While we expect silence in the meeting room during that time, we cannot expect silence outside of the meeting room until 11:00.

**Meeting for worship.** State College Friends Meeting welcomes you to our silent, “unprogrammed” worship, ideally led by God’s Spirit. We have no designated ministers. A period of about twenty minutes is needed to center down into inward stillness. Spoken messages come from the spiritual depth of our lives and from the leadings of the Spirit. It is wise to ask oneself these questions before rising to speak: is my message from the Spirit, or from some other place? Is the message for me or for the whole group? Is the time to give it now or at some other time? It is best to follow each message with a period of silence in order to absorb what it has to tell us. When a message speaks to the condition of those present, out of the deepest parts of ourselves, and is harmoniously developed and deepened—and not too long—a profound sense of spiritual community may occur among us that freshens and delights. We call this a “gathered” meeting.

**Closing meeting for worship.** Our time of worship does not necessarily end at noon—it ends when the appointed person, attuned to the spiritual sense of the meeting, recognizes the appropriate moment.

**Contacting Care and Concern.** We hope that Friends will contact members of the Care and Concern Committee to request prayer or to be held in the Light, to request assistance, or to make the committee aware of changes in your lives or of others that you believe should come to the Committee’s attention. Contact Lynne Grutzeck, 237-1862.

**Contributions to the Meeting** are always welcome and needed. Checks may be placed in the donation box in the entry hall or mailed to: State College Friends Meeting, 611 E. Prospect Avenue, State College, PA 16801

**The Meeting office.** Betsy Gamble, the Meeting secretary, is in the office Mon. through Fri., from 5:30 -6:30 pm. She may be reached by e-mail, [office@statecollegefriends.org](mailto:office@statecollegefriends.org), or by phone, 237-7051. Please let her know of any scheduled meetings or events in the buildings so scheduling conflicts can be avoided. Scheduling of non-standard tasks should be done through Louise Sandmeyer.

**Bulletin and Newsletter.** Bulletins and newsletters are available on the Web. Go to [www.statecollegefriends.org](http://www.statecollegefriends.org) and chose Bulletin or Newsletter. The Newsletter can be received by mail or email. To be added to the mailing list, send your name, address and zip code to the meeting office. To receive announcements, newsletter notification and bulletins by email, send a message to [office@statecollegefriends.org](mailto:office@statecollegefriends.org)

► **Committees of State College Friends Meeting.** To aid in communication and participation, the Nominating Committee will publish the descriptions of the Meeting's committees over the next several weeks.

**Friends School Board** (must be a member): The Board defines the mission of the school and creates a vision for its future. It establishes policies and provides financial oversight to ensure that the school operates in accord with Friends' principles and spiritual values. A majority of members are appointed by the Meeting for three-year terms. Trustees meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Most members serve on at least one subcommittee. The Board seeks members with a commitment to Friends' education, an ability to work cooperatively with others, and a willingness to learn about the management of a growing nonprofit institution. It would be especially helpful to include trustees from the Meeting with skills or experience in the following areas: elementary education, financial management, strategic planning, admissions recruitment, fundraising, personnel management, and marketing and property management. *(The Nominating Committee works with the Friends School Committee on Trustees to appoint members to the Board.)*

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation States that 33% of Your 2009 Taxes Pay for War. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also - Matthew 6:21.**

After hours of analysis, FCNL's Legislative Program Director, Ruth Flower has crunched the numbers: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/114727/74290/0>. 33% of your 2009 income taxes went to Pentagon spending on current and past wars, **while only 1% went to diplomacy, development, and war prevention. The federal budget is a reflection of our country's moral values.**

**If this budget is out of balance with your values, please tell your representative and senators:** <http://action.fcnl.org/r/114728/74290/0>.  
**OR COME TO OUR ADVOCACY TABLE IN THE SOCIAL ROOM.**  
(Peace & Social Action Committee)

► **Penn Treaty event** (PYM Indian Committee, co-sponsor). On Mar. 6, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Arch St. Meetinghouse, a Quaker Meeting will be held with Native Americans to commemorate the 1682 Treaty of Friendship between William Penn and the Lenni Lenape People.

This is sponsored by the Penn Treaty Museum in cooperation with PYM Indian Committee. Meeting will be followed by Lenni-Lenape singing, drumming, dancing and 'food and drink of the time.' Friends, Lenape, and the general public are invited. Free admission.

Other events in this celebration of the Penn Treaty Elm will take place on Mar. 4 and 5. Visit <http://www.penntreatymuseum.org/> for additional information. Contact Nancy Gibbs, Director of Arch Street Meetinghouse ([nancyg@pym.org](mailto:nancyg@pym.org)) or Kate deRiel ([katederiel@verizon.net](mailto:katederiel@verizon.net)).

## Calendar and Upcoming Events

**Mar. 15** SCFM Peace & Social Action Committee, 7:30 pm, Foxdale E-75

**Mar. 18-21** Annual Meeting of the **Friends World Committee for Consultation**, Reistertown, MD. Information:

[http://fwccamericas.org/events/2010\\_annual\\_meeting\\_info.shtml](http://fwccamericas.org/events/2010_annual_meeting_info.shtml)

**Mar. 21-22 FCNL Lobby Days** (see below)

See the websites of BYM ([www.bym-rsf.org](http://www.bym-rsf.org)), PYM ([www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org)), USQM ([usqm.org](http://usqm.org)), SCFM ([statecollegefriends.org](http://statecollegefriends.org)), State College Friends School, FGC ([fgcquaker.org](http://fgcquaker.org)) ([www.statecollegefriendschool.org](http://www.statecollegefriendschool.org)), Pendle Hill ([www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org)) for further info.

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### ► **Are You Coming to Washington? FCNL Lobby Days, March 21-22:**

Join people of all ages from across the country for two days of issue briefings, lobby trainings, and workshops. Then lobby your members of Congress to end the war in Afghanistan and protect the environment. Will you join us? Register for FCNL's Spring Lobby Weekend today!

<http://action.fcnl.org/r/114734/74290/0>

► **Annual Sessions of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting**, March 26-28, Arch Street Meetinghouse, Philadelphia. Theme: "We Make The Road By Walking" (How are we called to be prophetic in our witness?) Contact Sessions Coordinator Lou Ann Merkle at 215-241-7238 or [LouAnnM@pym.org](mailto:LouAnnM@pym.org). Visit <http://www.pym.org/annualsessions> for registration. Although it is possible to attend without pre-registering, advance registration is appreciated, especially for those who wish to purchase meal tickets.

Anchoring worship will begin our weekend together. After dinner on Friday, we will explore some landmarks along the path we have walked together since Summer Sessions. We will celebrate through music, worship and stories as we create a gathered community.

Business at Saturday morning's plenary will include further consideration of the frequency of our Yearly Meeting sessions, which began at November's Interim Meeting. There will be a report about our new Eco-Justice Program, and examine some action steps we might want to take along that road.

The afternoon plenary is devoted to an in-depth investigation of the intersection between education and prophetic witness. How do our schools (both public and Friends Schools), our teachers and our children provide models that shape our vision and inform our active witness in the world? When does inquiry lead to action? What could our Yearly Meeting do to strengthen the support for Friends in education, and the education of Friends? Various perspectives will be represented, with time for reflection and sharing.

The keynote speaker on Saturday evening will be Vanessa Julye, co-author (with Donna McDaniels) of *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship*. Vanessa will share stories and lessons from her ministry of racial healing

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Notices for the weekly Bulletin should be sent by Thurs., 6:00 pm to [efgamble@yahoo.com](mailto:efgamble@yahoo.com), 404-2831. Notices for the monthly *Newsletter* should be sent to Cynthia Bartok by the third Sat. of the month. ([SCFMnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SCFMnewsletter@gmail.com), 100 Sandy Ridge Rd., State College, 16803).