

State College

Friends Meeting Weekly Bulletin

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

First Day (Sunday), 7/11/2010

- 9:00 am Meeting for Worship for Business. No meeting in August.
Friendly Forum cancelled (see below)
- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship. Childcare in Education Wing
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Pot Luck

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 7/14/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 7/18/2010

- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship. Childcare in Education Wing
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Social Time

► **Friendly Forum** scheduled for July 11 has been cancelled due to the scheduling of the Meeting for Worship for Business.

► **Quakerism 101 for Families** will be held August 2-5 from 5:30 to 7:30pm.. It will begin at 5:30 with a simple, kid friendly supper provided by Judy. Dorothy Habecker will lead the children in activities related to Quaker principles; child care will be provided for toddlers and infants; while meeting members will lead adults in small group discussions of Quaker principles and practices, as they pertain, although not exclusively, on parenting. All attenders and members are welcome. We hope to share the spirit of peace and life while living with each other.

Please RSVP to the group if you are planning to attend, with an estimate of the number of adults and children and dates. Contact Andrei Israel, Polly Dunn, Doris Malkmus, or Kerry Weissman if you have questions.

► **A Parking Suggestion.** Friends are reminded that the parking spaces on the left side coming in are smaller than the spaces on the right. Access will be easier if vans, trucks and larger cars park on the right, while smaller cars park on the left.

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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, 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 <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 other announcements, notification and bulletins by email, send a message to office@statecollegefriends.org.

► **Making Global Connections.** Global Connections needs volunteers for its International Friendship Program. The program matches local residents with an individual, couple or family from another country in order to get together once or twice a month for friendship and cultural exchange – meeting for coffee and conversation, including them in family activities such as sharing a meal together, or attending an event. (No housing is involved.)

Community members who welcome internationals often form long-lasting friendships that stretch across the borders of their countries. For families, participation in the Friendship Program is a wonderful way to introduce different cultures to children of both families.

There are many new internationals who arrive in our community and would like to make American friends – they don't want to go home without getting to know an American. We hope you'll consider joining our program!

If you would like to participate in the International Friendship Program, please complete an application online (www.international.psu.edu/gc) or contact the Global Connections office at 863-3927 or globalconnections@ip.psu.edu.

► **Come Sing for the Earth.** Announcing the formation of an **Earth Chorus**. People who like singing (not necessarily excellent voices) will get together and practice environmental and earth-celebration songs. The object would be preparation for public event singing to raise awareness, support green cultural change and engender hope in our hearts (as well as have fun). Transition Town State College (of which I am a part) is looking towards a larger public event at which the Chorus would sing in Sept. 2011. Lots of time to get good together! We could also sing at smaller events as we felt prepared. If you are interested or know of someone who has a “green lean” and likes to sing, please contact Jackie Bonomo at 237-5569 or jabonomo@verizon.net and I will assemble a list and find a place to meet. Music seems such a good way to open hearts and lighten souls.

► **Weis Gift Cards.** To benefit SC Friends Meeting, purchase Weis gift cards in multiples of \$25. 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.

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Calendar and Upcoming Events

Aug. 2-8 BYM Annual Sessions, Frostburg, MD More information at <http://bym-rsf.org/quakers/pubs/interchange/Spring2010.pdf>

Sept. 11 BYM Peace and Social Concerns networking day. Location to be announced.

Sept. 18 BYM Camp Catoctin Reunion at Camp Catoctin, Thurmont, MD.

Sept. 21 World Council of Churches Day of Prayer for Peace. More information: <http://www.overcomingviolence.org/en/about-dov/international-day-of-prayer-for-peace.html>

Oct. 2 Quaker Quest Friendly Forum

Calendar continued

Oct. 10 **BYM Centre Quarterly Meeting** at West Branch Meeting, Grampian, PA. Ellen Johnson Arginteanu will speak about her work with the Christian Peacemaking Teams.

Oct. 16 Mark your calendars now for **Quaker Quest** half day training. Plan ahead and we can have a large turn out to prepare for Quaker Quest in January. Find out more about it: <http://www.fgcquaker.org/quakerquest>

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

► **Work for Friends!** More information at <http://www.fgcquaker.org/jobs> and <http://www.pendlehill.org/employment>.

FGC General Secretary. The General Secretary provides Spirit-grounded servant leadership to Friends General Conference and is the chief executive officer responsible for the effective management of all FGC's affairs.

FGC Conference Associate. Associate is part of a team of three staff who manage the annual FGC Gathering of Friends and other FGC conferences.

Applications due by July 16 for this and the next 2 positions.

FGC Quaker Quest Associate. One of four supporting FGC's Quaker Quest program in the USA and Canada..

FGC Communications/Quaker Quest Intern. One-year full-time intern works with other staff to develop, implement and monitor strong web-based and electronic communications about Quakers and the Quaker Quest program.

FGC Quakerbooks Web Content and Bookstore Intern. FGC is searching for an intern who has good writing skills, communication skills, and knowledge of Quakerism to help with work around the bookstore and web content development.

Pendle Hill Director of Education Programs. Responsible for leading the education team to design and implement all Pendle Hill educational programs, including Resident Education, Young Adult Leadership Development, and Pendle Hill's weekend conferences, retreats, short-term programs.

Pendle Hill Food Service Intern. An intern is a full-time temporary staff member with a one- or two-year commitment, who works in a team with the Pendle Hill cooking and gardening staff and the Director of Operations.

Pendle Hill Hospitality Intern. Provides registration and hospitality services for Pendle Hill's programs.

The challenges and action of preparing and presenting the repeated cycle of Quaker Quest sessions involves all Friends and attenders and brings the meeting closer together

Notices for the weekly Bulletin should be sent by Thurs., 6:00 pm to efgambles@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, 100 Sandy Ridge Rd., State College, 16803).