

Single Date Events

- April 21** **Gwynedd MM: Date Night: parents night out!** Fund raiser for Abington Quarter Junior & Middle School Friends Conferences. 6:30-9:30 pm.
RSVP: Erica Jenkins, eej319@gmail.com.
- April 22** **Abington MM/Abington Friends School (AFS): Earth Day Adult Class,** 10-11 am, AFS Head of School and sustainability class.
Loretta Fox, amm@abingtonfriends.net, 215-884-2865
- April 27** **Richland MM: Drumming Circle,** doors open-6:30 pm, drumming starts at 7 pm. No experience or drum necessary. Jack Schick, SJckSchc@aol.com.
- April 28** **Unami MM: Earth Day Witness,** volunteers will work by the creek, & plant. 9 am-12 noon. Mary Hanisch, mary.hanisch@gmail.com.
- April 29** **Plymouth MM: "Five Wishes Booklet", end of life planning.** 12:15-3:00 pm. Discussion-medical, legal, family, spiritual issues.
RSVP: Rebecca Cratin, rhcratin@cratin.com, 215-542-8738.
- May 5** **Richland MM: Recycled Book-Art-Print Sale.** Jack Schick, SJckSchc@aol.com.

May 6 **Richland MM: Abington Quarterly Meeting,** 8:30-1 pm, see full description box on PAGE 2. Kathy Singer, aqc.kathys@gmail.com, 215-490-2595.

- May 12** **Gwynedd MM: Coffee House: Rabbit Stampede band/Celtic, medieval,** music. Doors/7:30, show/8 pm. Gary Lapreziola, gwyneddfriends.org
- May 19** **United Friends School: Running with Friends,** scholarship fund raiser. Registration 8-9 am, 5K & 10K runs-9:30 am. Nockamixon State Park, www.unitedfriendsschool.org. Nihad Kaiseruddin, 215-869-4906.
- May 19** **Plymouth MM: Peace Vigil "at the Wall".** 12:00 noon,
Rebecca Cratin, rhcratin@cratin.com.
- May 19** **Abington MM: Extended Meeting for Worship,** 9:30 am-1:30 pm. Two hours of worship, brown bag lunch & worship sharing.
Amelia Diamond, adimond7@gmail.com.

Multi-Date Events

Arts and Community Series, Norristown MM: both events, 3-4:30 pm.

April 15— Framing the Sacred, Quaker photographer Sharon Gunther.

April 22— Making Art & Making Friends" Create a mural. For children & families, (please RSVP for Ap. 22, 610-279-3765, Info. at norristownfriends.org.)

Friendly Fourth Potluck and "Plymouth Rocks"-Friendly Households

April 22, Discussion Group, **Plymouth MM:** 12:15 pm.

May 27 Rebecca Cratin, rhcratin@cratin.com.

Food for Friends, Free dinners/fellowship for those in need, **Richland MM:**

April 25, (Monthly-2nd, 4th, 5th Weds.),

May 9, 23, 30 Andre Salz, 215-536-0395 or 267-733-2977.



Multi-Date Events (continued)



“The Power of One”, school musical performance.

May 4 & May 5 **Plymouth Meeting Friends School** 7 pm (both days).
610-828-2208, pmfs1780.org.

Hidden Treasure Gwynedd MM Retreat,

May 25 through May 27 **Gwynedd MM:** Held in Alburdis, PA. Register ASAP-(forms were due Ap. 15).
Information: gwyneddmeeting.org, Gary Lapreziola, 215-699-3055.

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Meditation, Tuesdays. Gwynedd MM: , 7:30-9 pm. *Ranvir Bakshi* Rkbakshi@comcast.net.
Meeting for Worship, Wednesdays. PlymouthMM: 7pm.
Lectio Divina (spiritual reading), **Sundays. Gwynedd MM:** 9-9:30 am

Want to know more about these events? FULL CALENDAR DESCRIPTIONS on Pages 4-5

Mark your calendars for the upcoming.....

ABINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING, May 6, 8:30 am-1 pm
Richland Monthly Meeting, S. Main St. & Mill Rd., Quakertown, PA 18951.

8:30– 9 am	Multi-generational Meet & Greet: coffee, light refreshments
9-9-10:20 am	Guided discussion: see box below
10:30 -11:30 am	Meeting for Worship with Richland Monthly Meeting Friends
11:30-12:10 pm	Multi-generational potluck and brown bag lunch
12:15 -1:00 pm	Abington Quarterly Meeting for Business: Old & New business
8:30 am-1 pm	Childcare for toddlers & Infants
9 am -1 pm	Full Children’s/Youth Program with multi-generational experiences

Guided discussion on Friends Outreach around this question: “How do you explain Quaker faith, worship & practice to non-Quaker friends, family, neighbors?” Discussion is in response to a concern about proactive outreach raised at the Feb., 2012 AQM.

Questions to think about in preparation: What about Friends worship is meaningful to you – why do you attend?**** What do Friends believe?**** Are Friends Christian?****

The discussion will inform new initiatives for outreach in Abington Quarter (AQ) that will be discussed in Meeting for Business that follows after lunch.

Carpooling Idea: Richland Monthly Meeting-only 45 minutes north of Plymouth Meeting. Get to know other Friends better by accepting or offering a ride. Talk to interested people at your monthly meeting and/or contact: Kathy Singer-aqc.kathys@gmail.com, 215-490-2595.

News from Around Abington Quarter

United Friends School, Scholarships for Quaker Middle School Students! Helman

Scholarships are awarded to Quaker students in grades 6, 7, and 8. A quote from Marie Knapp, Admissions Director, "Our Helman Scholarship have helped several Quaker families attend UFS this past year and we have room for more." United Friends School, Quakertown, PA. Unitedfriendsschool.org, 215-538-9655.

Please Hold in the Light: 3 Gwynedd MM Community Members: Part of the PYM Delegation to the 6th World Conference of Friends in Kenya, April 17-25, 2012. Dorothy Day, Sharon Frame, Vicki Hain Poorman. Theme: "Friends Living the Kingdom of God in a Broken World". Conference sponsored by Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) & is the largest worldwide conference of Quakers since 1967. 1,000 Friends will gather in discernment about how Friends today are called to witness in this world to their Quaker faith. Study booklet prepared for Conference contains extracts written by Friends from varying Quaker traditions all over the world. Text of the booklet available on-line, saltandlight2012.org/materials

Sponsor a child for a need based scholarship at Gwynedd Monthly Meeting's Summer Peace Camp.

This three week long summer camp has a devoted following of children who benefit from the unique environment & guidance. The camp plants seed of peace. Your financial support helps children who would otherwise be unable to attend learn techniques of peaceful problem-solving to take into the world.

<http://www.gwyneddmeeting.org/PeaceCamp.html> For information contact: Diane, diane_pilch@comcast.net.

Date Change: Abington Quarter Music Festival, postponed from May 12, 2012 until Fall, 2012.

EVENTS & NEWS FROM BEYOND Abington Quarter

Forum by John Calvi, Quaker Initiative to End Torture (QUIT), Ap. 29, 1:30 pm. Doylestown MM, 95 E. Oakland Ave., Doylestown, PA. QUIT works to raise awareness of state-sponsored torture (of presumed enemies of war, and those in US corrections system). QUIT also helps persons whose lives have been damaged by such practices. Register ASAP 215-348-2320 (official registration date was Ap. 15), Childcare.

Friendly Households Project Forum, Ap. 29, 1:30-4:30 pm. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Friends Center, 1515 Cherry St., Phila. PA 19102. An invitation for Quakers to align values and lifestyle, to live more lightly on earth, and to embrace opportunities for positive change toward sustainability. For households and for building monthly meeting community. We will use the *Friendly Households Action Guide* (food, water, biodiversity, money, energy/transportation). RSVP: Patricia Finley, finleyp@temple.edu, 610-642-2941.

Fellowship Farm "Blossom Festival" Open House, May 12 rain or shine, 1-4 pm. 2488 Sanatoga Road, Pottstown, PA 19464. Fellowship Farm is the worship site of Abington Quarter's **Pottstown Worship Group**. Kids & family fun, learning, & nature activities. Music/theatre performances, rope course, pony rides, face-painting, games, playground, pond, bamboo trail, tours, hikes, refreshments, anti-bullying role plays-"Upstanders not Bystanders". David Tulin, Executive Director director@fellowship-farm.org, 610-326-3008 or 215-870-0349.

Green Walk for Jobs & Justice, Ap. 30-May 16. Earth Quaker Action supporters are walking from Philadelphia to PNC's headquarters in Pittsburgh, PA. This 16 day, 200 mile trek across Pennsylvania is designed to raise awareness about BLAM! (Bank Like Appalachia Matters) campaign to address legal and human rights violations in Appalachia by shining the light on PNC Bank and their investments in companies that practice mountaintop removal (MTR) coal mining. Information: eqat.wordpress.com/walk.

Did you see the article in Philadelphia City Paper, March 8-14, about long-time Quaker Activist, George Lakey, age 74? He is a founder of Earth Quaker Action, & is planning to participate in the walk.

<http://www.citypaper.net/news/2012-03-08-george-lakey-walk-across-pennsylvania.html?c=r>

FULL Abington Quarter Events Calendar DESCRIPTIONS**Single Date Events**

Date Night: parents night out! Ap. 21, 6:30-9:30 pm. **Gwynedd MM:** US Rte.202 & Sumneytown Pike, North Wales, PA 19454. Enjoy a night off while we play, bake, draw, eat, have fun with your kids. Proceeds to Abington Quarter Junior/Middle School Friends Conferences scholarship fund. Ages 4-10. \$20 for the 1st child, \$15 each additional child. Space limited. gwyneddmeeting.org.
RSVP to Erica Jenkins, eej319@gmail.com or JB Baker-McAllister, jbbakermc@gmail.com.

Earth Day Adult Class. Ap. 22, 10-11 am. **Abington MM:** 520 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046. Celebrate Earth Day with Rich Nourie, Head of Abington Friends School (AFS) and the AFS sustainability class. Loretta Fox, amm@abingtonfriends.net, 215-884-2865, www.abingtonfriends.org.

Drumming Circle, Ap. 27, Doors open-6:30 pm, drumming starts-7 pm. **Richland MM:** S. Main & Mill Streets, Quakertown, PA 18951. Relieve stress & make a joyful noise! Facilitator: Moe Jerant. No experience necessary, drums provided or bring your own. Suggested donation: \$5/person-\$20 max/family. No one turned away for lack of money. Jack Schick, SJckSchc@aol.com.

Earth Day Witness, Ap. 28, 9 am-12 noon. **Unami MM:** 100 5th St., Pennsburg, PA 18073. Longstanding witness in cooperation with Pennsburg Borough, led by John Munro to help rejuvenate & save the waterway that passes close to Unami Meeting. Volunteers needed for some heavy loglifting to build the creek's strength & muddy planting of native species. Mary Hanisch, mary.hanisch@gmail.com

"Five Wishes Booklet" and end of life planning workshop, Ap. 29, 12:15-3:00 pm. **Plymouth MM:** 2150 Butler Pike (Germantown & Butler Pikes), Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. Led by Bonnie Miller & Rebecca Cratin. They will draw on their nursing & counseling experiences to guide a discussion of ways to use this helpful booklet within families to talk about end of life questions & issues. this Presentation open to anyone interested in medical, legal, personal, spiritual, & family issues that surface when serious and chronic illness is faced.
RSVP: Rebecca Cratin, [215-542-8738](tel:215-542-8738) or rhratin@cratin.com.

Recycled Book Sale-featuring art & prints, May 5, time-to be announced. **Richland MM:** (address-Ap. 27)

ABINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING (AQM), May 6, 8:30-1 pm. **Richland MM:** (address-see Ap. 27). See description in box, on **page 2**.

Coffee House: Rabbit Stampede, May 12, Doors/7:30, show 8 pm. **Gwynedd MM:** (address-see Ap. 21). Folk band performing primarily Celtic traditional music, & forays into early (medieval and renaissance) music & other ethnic traditions. Led by fiddler/vocalist Paul Butler, guitarist/citternist Chris Robinson, & Kirsten Erwin-flute/pennywhistle. <http://www.rabbitstampede.com>. Gary Lapreziola, gwyneddfriends.org

Running with Friends, May 19-Rain or Shine, 8-9 am-registration, 9 am-1 mile "fun run"(non-competitive), 9:30 am-5K and 10K competitive runs. Nockamixon State Park, Quakertown, PA (by the marina). Sponsored by-**United Friends School** as a fund raiser & family event. Course has minimal gentle hills with views of the lake. Professional timing, awards, prizes, moon bounce for kids, music, race bags, post-race refreshments. Register online at Active.com. Information: unitedfriendsschool.org, Nihad Kaiseruddin, 215-869-4906.

FULL AQ Events Calendar DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

Single Date Events (continued)

Peace Vigil “at the Wall”, (Butler Pike part of wall surrounding Plymouth MM), May 19, 12 noon.
Plymouth MM: (address-see Ap. 27). *Rebecca Cratin*, rhcratin@cratin.com.

Extended Meeting for Worship, May 19, 9:30 am-1:30 pm. **Abington MM**: (address-see Ap. 22). Deep fellowship, deeper community with the Divine. An invitation for Spirit to work in transforming ways. Many find spiritual depth in this extended space where vocal ministry can ripen & be spoken in keen discernment about the movement of Spirit within and among us. Brown bag fellowship lunch follows. Ending worship sharing will flow out of the morning worship. *Amelia Diamond*, adimond7@gmail.com.

Multi-Date Events

Arts & Community Series. Norristown MM: Swede & Jacobi Streets, Norristown, PA 19404.
Ap. 15, 3-4:30 pm. **Framing the Sacred**. Quaker photographer, Sharon Gunther examines how to see the world in a fresh & inspiring way through a camera with “intentional observation”. Photographs taken by members of Norristown Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center & students from Cabrini will be shown & discussed in the context of shared experiences. Optional: bring a camera.

Karen Shanoski, shanoski@comcast.net, 610-539-7274, norristownfriends.org.

Arts & Community Series. Norristown MM: address-see Ap. 15 event above.
Ap. 22, 3-4:30 pm. **Making Art/Making Friends**. Hands on creative mural-making workshop for children & parents. Learn about mural arts in Philadelphia & Norristown. Art supplies & food provided.
RSVP: 610-279-3765.

Friendly 4th Potluck followed by “**Plymouth Rocks**” (Friendly Households Discussion Group).
Ap. 22 & May 27. 12:15 pm. **Plymouth MM**: 2150 Butler Pike, (Butler & Germantown Ave), Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. *Rebecca Cratin*, rhcratin@cratin.com.

Food for Friends: free dinners/fellowship for those in need, Ap. 25, May 9, 23, 30—(Monthly every 2nd, 4th, 5th Wed.). **Richland MM**: S. Main St. & Mill Rd. (just off Rte. 309), Quakertown, PA 18951.
Questions, volunteering-Andre Salz, 215-536-0395 or 267-733-2977.

Original Musical, “The Power of One”, May 4 & 5, 7 pm (both days). **Plymouth Meeting Friends School (PMFS)**: 2150 Butler Pike, (Butler & Germantown Ave), Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. Sixth graders perform musical that tells story (based on historical facts) about how Billings, Montana, came together in the aftermath of a series of disturbing hate crimes.

Music & script by PMFS music teacher, Frumi Cohen. 610-828-2288, pmfs1780.org.

“Hidden Treasure”, Gwynedd Monthly Meeting 2012 Retreat, May 25 (5 pm) through May 27 (1:30 pm), **Gwynedd MM-Location of retreat**: Mensch Mill Conference Center, Alburtis, PA. Open to members, attenders, newcomers, & friends of Gwynedd Meeting. Emphasis on discerning our individual & communal gifts, & raising our spiritual/practical energy levels. Variety of activities & options for all ages. These retreats are lasting and precious. We return with physical energy, renewed spirit, & deeper community. Register ASAP! (Registration forms were due April 15). Information: *Gary Lapreziola*, gwyneddfriends.org



Photo by JB Baker-McAllister, Gwynedd Monthly Meeting Youth Program Coordinator.

Two-hundred cranes folded by youth & adults of Gwynedd MM and contributed to The Million Cranes Project. Started by college students, the goal of The Million Cranes Project is to have colleges, universities, high schools, & communities everywhere in the USA make paper cranes to show Japan that we care about their situation in the wake of the Tsunami disaster.

Information <http://cranes4japan.tumblr.com/>

Abington Quarter Sunday Worship	Gwynedd: 9:30 -10:30 am	Byberry: 11am-12 pm
	Norristown: 10-11 am	Foulkeways : 11 am-12 pm
	Upper Dublin: 10-11 am	Pottstown : 11 am-12 pm
	Horsham: 10:30-11:30 am	Unami: 11am-12 pm
	Richland: 10:30-11:30 am	Abington: 11:15 am-12:15 pm
		Plymouth: 11:15 am-12:15 pm



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