



# Yardley Friends Meeting Newsletter

65 North Main Street, Yardley PA 19067

[www.YardleyFriendsMeeting.org](http://www.YardleyFriendsMeeting.org)

Ed Snyder, Clerk

Meeting for Worship: 10:00—11:00

First Day School: 10:00—10:45 (except summer)  
June 2009

## ***Coming Events***

Summertime...and FDS is on vacation!

June 7—Committee Meetings  
after Meeting for Worship;  
Men's Breakfast, 11:00

June 13—memorial service for  
Barbara Caputi, 1:00

June 14—Meeting for Worship;  
Meeting for Business

June 21—Meeting for Worship

June 28—Meeting for Worship

July 5—Meeting for Worship

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Superintendent for June:  
Pamela Retseck

### ***Hold the date:***

August 2—Road cleanup

Sept. 12—Fall Flea Market

*When one door of happiness closes,  
another opens; but often we look so  
long at the closed door that we do  
not see the one which has been  
opened for us.*

*--Helen Keller*

## **MEN COOKING BRUNCH**

It's called "Men's Breakfast," but it's for all of us, and it will be held after Meeting on June 7. The guys will be in the kitchen whipping up goodies (or taking delivery of the bagels) in place of elevenses. Plan to stay and enjoy the company of fellow Quakers and attenders while you sample the great food our talented chefs will turn out for us.

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### ***Read a Good Book Lately?***

The Library Committee is looking for suggestions for appropriate books to add to the library. If you've read a good book recently on Quaker history, Quaker practice, Christianity or religion in general, spirituality, grief and loss, the Testimonies, etc. that you think others might enjoy or find helpful, let us know. If you've looked for resources that we should have and you couldn't find anything, let us know that too.

It's an ongoing process to organize and build a library that serves the needs of the community. The committee will be reviewing the current holdings and trying to make the library more accessible. We'd love to hear your ideas!

Contact Betty Steckman, Clerk of the Library Committee, or any of the members: Betsy Cadwallader, Kimberly Fulton, Cathy Heilferty, Betty Irwin, or Carol Smith.

*Do YOU have news for the Newsletter? Contact Betty Steckman at [alphabetty123@earthlink.net](mailto:alphabetty123@earthlink.net), 609-393-0015. Deadline is the 25th of each month.*

*If you would prefer to receive this newsletter only digitally, please let me know and I'll take you off the "paper route."*

## Around the Meetinghouse

### *Holding in the Light...*

**Barbara Caputi**, a longtime very active member of our Meeting, died on May 30 at St. Mary Medical Center after a lingering illness. She is survived by her daughter Ellizabeth Hunt, who lives in Virginia, two sons Raymond and Leonard, both of whom live nearby in Pennsylvania, several grandchildren, and her sister Eleanor, who lives in the far west of the United States.

A memorial service in her memory will be held at Yardley Friends Meeting on Saturday, June 13, at 1pm.

Condolences may be sent to:  
Liz Hunt  
287 Belle Isle Drive  
Union Hall, VA 24176

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### *Congratulations...*

**Gracie Coscia** graduated from George School and will be going to Temple to study dance.

**Alexis Edens** graduated from Westtown and will be going to Tulane University this fall.

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### *And Elsewhere...*

The Lower Bucks Lyme Disease Support Group will be meeting on Sunday, June 14th at 6:00 at the Middletown Municipal Building at: 3 Municipal Way, Langhorne, Pa. 19047. For information check out: [www.lowerbuckslymegroup.org](http://www.lowerbuckslymegroup.org) or call Evelyn@ 215 741 5902.

## FLEA MARKET :

### BOXES NEEDED

As Sandy Gibson begins collecting interesting stuff for the White Elephant this fall, she will need good sturdy boxes for storage. While smaller boxes are handy for books, larger boxes are more useful for storing multiple items, sets, and larger items. As boxes come your way, please hold them for the White Elephant.

### GOOD STUFF NEEDED

As in the past, we need good, gently used items for the White Elephant.

- Electronic equipment should be in working order.
- Nonfiction and fiction, hardbound and paperbound, are welcome if in good condition.
- Commercially-made tapes, CDs and DVDs are welcome.
- Boxes, boxes, boxes—the larger the better!

Some things we cannot accept:

- Used bed sheets
- Computer monitors
- Clothing (although jewelry, scarves, purses are fine)
- Stuffed animals, unless they are brand new
- Any toys associated with violence (guns, swords, etc.)
- Worn-out furniture (we will accept some smaller antique and newer furniture)
- Textbooks
- Home-taped cassettes

### QUAKER SPEAK: THE SENSE OF THE MEETING

"Consensus" is a word sometimes used to describe a Quaker-like process. Yet Quakers would insist that this is not the most suitable term. Consensus (or unanimous consent, or general agreement) are based on the work of human wisdom and reason, whereas "the Sense of the Meeting" is based on the prompting of the Spirit. Consensus is commonly understood to require mutual compromise—shaving away at positions until we find a core which is objectionable to none. The Quaker approach tries instead to reach toward a higher and greater Truth that speaks to all concerns in ways that could not have been foreseen. We discover what God wants for us, as opposed to what we thought we wanted. "Consensus is the product of an intellectual process. Sense of the Meeting is a commitment of faith."

—*An Introduction to Quaker Business Practice*, by Eden Grace.  
(Reprinted from Buckingham Monthly Meeting newsletter, 3rd Month 2007)



At the grill with the Sites family

**Spring  
Flea  
Market,  
May 9,  
2009**

More photographs are posted in the hallway near the First Day School room. Take a look!



Terry and Dutton Christensen, Dick Ryniker



The Quaker Outreach tent, with Kellie Schlusell Edens and Ken Blackwell on duty



Above: Information table staffed by John Ceneviva with Karen Lucca.



Left: Lunch being served by Tricia Coscia and others in the kitchen.



Right: Kimberly, Mark and Sophie Fulton.

## **TENTH QUERY: Stewardship of the Environment**

Is the Meeting concerned that human interaction with nature be responsible, guided by a reverence for life and a sense of the splendor of God's continuing creation?

Are the decisions of the Meeting and its committees relating to the uses of property, goods, services, and energy made with sensitivity toward the environmental impact of those choices?

How does our Meeting learn about environmental concerns and then act in the community on its concerns?

*How am I helping to develop a social, economic, and political system which will nurture an environment which sustains and enriches life for all?*

*Am I aware of the place of water, air, and soil in my life? Do I consider with care the necessity of purchasing substances hazardous to the environment? Do I act as a faithful steward of the environment in the use and disposal of such hazardous substances?*

*Do I choose with care the use of technology and devices that truly simplify and add quality to my life without adding an undue burden to essential resources?*

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