

Adelphi Friends Meeting  
2303 Metzert Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783  
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Anne Marie Moriarty, clerk – Karen Cunnyingham, treasurer

**Weekly Schedule:**

Sunday:

Early Meeting for Worship 9:00 AM (except 3rd Sunday)

Singing 9:45 AM

Meeting for Worship 10:00 AM

Wednesday:

Meeting for Worship 7:30 PM

**Monthly Schedule:**

Second Sunday (Third Sunday in May, July and August):

Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business

Third Sunday: Singing begins at 9 AM

Fourth Sunday: Junior Meeting 10 AM

Fourth Sunday: Potluck at rise of meeting

Last Sunday: Newsletter submission deadline

**Takoma Park Friends Meeting** (Preparative) under the care of Adelphi Meeting

Every Sunday: Meeting for Worship 10:30 AM, at *Sangha*, 7014 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912

**STATEMENT OF LANGLEY HILL FRIENDS MEETING  
ON THE DEATH OF OUR FRIEND, TOM FOX, IN IRAQ**

(McLean, VA, 3/11/06) Langley Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) mourns the passing of our beloved member Tom Fox. In the months since the kidnapping of the four members of the Christian Peacemaker Teams, we have held Tom, his fellow captives, and their captors in our prayers. We express our deepest wish that the kidnappers will release Norman, Jim, and Harmeet unharmed so that they may return safely to their families, and continue the work of peace and understanding that CPT was undertaking in Iraq.

Tom was a member of our faith community for over 15 years. He was a former Clerk (lay leader) of the Meeting, and loved working with children and young people. When he last returned from Baghdad in the summer of 2005, he spent time serving as head cook at a Quaker camp near Winchester. His death is especially hard on the children who knew and loved him. We express our love and concern for them, and particularly for Tom's own children who grew up in our Meeting.

In a statement of conviction Tom wrote in October 2004, he said "We reject violence to punish anyone who harms us. We ask for equal justice in the arrest and trial of anyone, soldier or civilian, who commits an act of violence, and we ask that there be no retaliation on their relatives or property. We forgive those who consider us their enemies. Therefore, any penalty should be in the spirit of restorative justice, rather than in the form of violent retribution."

It was an act of courage for Tom to travel to Iraq, to live in an ordinary Baghdad neighborhood, and to try to give voice to the concerns of ordinary people with friends and family members held in prison, out of sight, and with no avenue for communication.

The loss of Tom is personal to those of us at Langley Hill who knew and loved him. We need to remember that personal loss has also happened to thousands of Iraqis – indeed to tens of thousands of families around the world – who have lost loved ones in acts of violence just in the past year. Tom's story is being shared widely; the stories of these other losses have not been. We at Langley Hill will honor Tom's courage by ensuring that the work to which he was dedicated continues, and that all the stories of loss – not just Langley Hill's – are told.

**Tom, a man of Peace!**

Friends, My family and I are deeply saddened by the news of the passing of our dear friend Tom Fox! My 10 years old could not understand that that peaceful man he saw and came to appreciate in Springfield was brutally taken away from his loved ones and all of us. He particularly asked me " why lives of peace workers like Dr. King and Tom end like that?". I am still working on giving him an appropriate response!!

Tom welcomed me and my family to his townhouse in Springfield, VA when I accepted my position with AFSC DC. He was instrumental in keeping me at peace in my own struggle as a newcomer, a foreigner! He reflected to us the essence of a man of peace in his words and actions! I truly came to see that of God in me through Tom! I remember asking him so many questions about the Society of Friends, AFSC, Washington politics, and mostly his work in Iraq. He never expressed any regrets for his commitment to peace for the people of Iraq because he strongly believed in peace. I have no doubt in my mind that Tom has prayed for all of us to continue to work for peace in the world! I will look for ways to honor his legacy!

**Peta Ikambana, Area Director, American Friends Service Committee, MAR- Washington DC Peace and Economic Justice Program. Tel: (202) 299- 1050**

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## **April Quaker Potluck & Dialogue**

You are invited to a potluck & Quaker dialogue at William Penn House

Sunday, April 2, 2006 at 6:30 PM. Our Program this First Day is presented by Joe Izzo, A member of Friends Meeting of Washington

Joe will lead a discussion on the Bible and Homosexuality

Joe will lead a discussion on what the Bible really says about Male and Female Homosexuality.

Joe has a Master's Degree in Religious Studies from LaSalle University with a concentration in the interpretation of Biblical Literature and is currently a psychotherapist at the Whitman-Walker Clinic.

Our monthly potluck is the first Sunday of each month at 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity for fellowship among Quakers and attenders. Bring a dish to share; family members and friends are always welcome. Note: William Penn House is an alcohol and tobacco free facility

William Penn House hosts groups and individuals who visit Washington to help make this a better world. We also host programs and seminars on peace and social justice issues and on Quakers, past and present.

William Penn House, A Quaker Center on Capitol Hill, 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003, Tel: (202) 543-5560 Fax: (202) 543-3814 e-mail: Office@WmPennHouse.org, www.WmPennHouse.org

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## **Deborah James, ABOUT MY VIGNETTES**

I wrote my vignettes (little stories) when I left teaching. Because I arranged them chronologically, they seem like an autobiography, but they are much more than that. Each story has a twist at the end which reveals something significant. I used them in my psychology classes to illustrate various psychological principles.

The arrangement I used for my stories fitted naturally into the seasons of the year. Spring was childhood and adolescence. Summer was family, autumn was career years and winter came when I stopped driving.

I did try to publish my vignettes when I first wrote them. The first publisher I sent them to accepted them. He was, however, new at his job and when he took them before the Board of Editors, they rejected them. I was busy with other things by that time and did nothing more about publishing them.

I did use them though. I read one each year at the Coffee House sponsored by the Baltimore Yearly Meeting's annual Women's Winter Retreat. This warm and wonderful audience liked my vignettes so much that they insisted on having me compile them and bring copies so they could buy them.

I set a goal for myself to learn to print books on my computer. With the help of John Knight I did learn to do that but the process was so difficult that I gave up and had Kinko's print the last fifteen of fifty. At this point I had written only Spring and Summer. I sold all fifty at the next Retreat.

The next year I wrote Autumn and took fifty to the next Winter Retreat. That Retreat collapsed because of a threatening snow storm and I did not sell any. This year I took fifty copies of both volumes and only sold ten of them. I found that the turn over in participation is so great that most of the participants had not heard of the vignettes. As usual, I read one at the coffee house. It was a big success, but the remaining time was so short that only a few people bought the books or volunteered to represent their Meeting in the development of workshops related to the project.

I was ill last fall and had a mystical experience as I was coming out of it. I believe that I am here to publish my vignettes. I have asked Adelphi Friends Meeting to support me in my efforts to do this. At the January Meeting for Business, the members agreed to accept my request and the Clerk turned the task over to Pastoral Care Committee with Robb Oerter in charge.

I have a fine support group. Rob Oerter is chairman and has also helped with much of the proof reading needed. Eric Hanson (Takoma Park) is locating possible publishers. John Knight (Takoma Park) has established contact with a Blogger group (Everything2) on the internet and is posting vignettes for comment from the members. Chris Hough is editing the publication. John Wolfrum is helping with the technical problems of producing a book and Steve Woods is my gofer guy. He takes me everywhere I need to go. He is also proof reading and arranging Vignette Workshop opportunities.

One of the important aspects of the Vignette Project is the use of Vignette Workshops. This really is why publishing the books is only part of the project. A Vignette Workshop is quite simple. The leader reads a few vignettes to illustrate what they are like. Then each member writes a story about something that has happened to him. Then each person reads his story and the group analyzes what the story reveals about the writer. It always reveals much. In addition it enables the writer to understand himself better.

My Support Committee is planning to hold a Vignette Workshop once a month for Adelphi Meeting members. We are also planning to schedule workshops for other Monthly Meetings through contacts developed at the Women's Winter Retreat. We anticipate that many Meeting members will join us in the Vignette Project.

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## **Invitation to Endorse**

This summer, a consortium of local and national activist groups has initiated a “Summer of Resistance to the Iraq War” premised on inviting young people to Washington for training and formation in a range of activist skills, learned “in process” as they hit the streets in various creative ways with their peace message.

We seek the support of a wider community of activist organizations for this endeavor. We ask you to consider endorsing this effort, which is now presented on our website <http://www.summerofresistance.org>. Endorsement can mean as little as verbal support for our mission to stop the Iraq war through nonviolent resistance, or it can mean contributions in resources or staff. We are especially looking for organizations that can hold part-time paid internships for participants in our program, and organizations that can donate financial resources to this six-week program. If your organization can provide a paid or stipended internship that is also an opportunity to learn activist skills and outlook, it would be ideal. Such an opportunity could be decisive for a young person who wants to participate in this program but needs to earn some living expenses to do so. And you’ll have the service of a dedicated, enthusiastic youth for a good deal of the summer. If you have further ideas for this program as it takes shape, we welcome this input as well.

We can use contributions of: Meals, Presentations, Supplies, Cash, Lunches, Program the program, Internship Opportunities

Please be in touch with our steering committee if you can pledge these or any other resources to this summer’s campaign.

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## **Upcoming Quaker workcamp with Washington Quaker Workcamps**

What: Weekend home-repair workcamp with Washington Quaker Workcamps.

Who: Anyone willing to share a weekend of community-building and service—ages 14 and up.

When: Friday – Saturday, May 12-13, 2006. We will begin around 6:00 pm on Friday evening, and end the same time on Saturday.

Where: Housing at William Penn House, on Capitol Hill, and work project in a home in the Brightwood Park neighborhood of NW DC.

Cost: \$50 (this includes food, lodging, and workcamp leadership)

How: To register, contact Andrei Israel at 202.543.5560 or by email at [wqw@wmpennhouse.org](mailto:wqw@wmpennhouse.org).

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## **Washington Quaker Workcamps Intern Position Description**

The Washington Quaker Workcamps Intern manages the service-learning programs of the Washington Quaker Workcamps program, with the support and supervision of the Program Coordinator(s).

Specific duties:

- Schedule workcamp programs.
- Plan itineraries for weekend- and week-long workcamps in DC, in coordination with youth-group leaders.
- Manage WQW home repair projects:
- Locate appropriate projects.
- Identify work to be done, in consultation with experts if needed.
- Obtain necessary supplies for projects.
- Supervise youth work crews, 7th grade and up, and their adult leaders, on a weekly basis.
- Maintain WQW tools and evaluate needs for new tools.
- Coordinate and lead out-of-town workcamps.
- Evaluate and review each workcamp.
- Recruit individuals and groups to participate in workcamps.
- Take on further appropriate responsibilities as way opens.

The Washington Quaker Workcamps Intern is required to live on-site at William Penn House. As a residential member of the William Penn House staff, (s)he will also perform limited hospitality duties, including:

- Serving as ‘staff member on duty’ from time to time.
- Assisting guests when needed.
- Creating a welcoming environment for guests at William Penn House.
- Participating in the spiritual life of the House.

Desired Qualifications:

- A strong calling to work with young people.
- Experience leading groups of young people in an experiential education or service-learning context.
- Strong written, oral, and electronic communication skills.
- Experience with basic computer applications.

- Flexibility, creativity, and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to multi-task and strong organizational skills.
- Familiarity and sympathy with Quaker faith and practice and the traditions of Quaker education.
- Willingness to work weekends.
- Basic construction skills a plus.

Benefits: Room and board, Full health insurance, Vacation leave, Small stipend for living expenses, Funding and leave for professional development activities

Other information: Start date: May 1, 2006, Term: Flexible, 9-months to one year preferred.

NOTE: This internship may grow into a permanent staff position.

To apply, send resume, cover letter, and three references to: Byron Sandford, Executive Director, William Penn House, 515 East Capitol St., SE, Washington, DC 20003, tel: 202.543.5560, fax: 202.543.3814, byron@wmpennhouse.org

### **Needed: Bookkeeper for Baltimore Yearly Meeting**

Full charge bookkeeping with experience through trial balance, cash management experience; ability to work independently is essential. Individual with good computer skills, especially with Microsoft Word & Excel; Peachtree experience strongly preferred. Good verbal and written communication skills mandatory. Ability to get along with others is important in this small office environment. Knowledge of Quakers and Quaker process preferred. Non-smoker preferred. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and two letters of reference to Howard Fullerton at the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Office or to info@bym-rsf.org. Interviews will begin April 3 and continue until a candidate is found.

## **EYES WIDE OPEN RETURNS TO WASHINGTON, DC.**

### **Silence of the Dead, Voices of the Living**

#### **Four Days of Witness: Mother's Day Weekend – May 11-14, 2006**

To recognize the tremendous toll more than three years of war has taken, the American Friends Service Committee is uniting with military families, veterans, 9/11 families, and Iraqis who have suffered so much as a result of this war, to bring *Eyes Wide Open: the Human Cost of War* to the National Mall in Washington, DC from May 11-14, 2006.

*Eyes Wide Open*, the American Friends Service Committee's touring exhibit ([eyes.afsc.org](http://eyes.afsc.org)) that honors the lives lost in Iraq will return to Washington DC for these days of witness, with combat boots representing the deaths of U.S. military personnel, a striking new representation of Iraqi losses, and symbols of the lives that will most certainly be lost before the end of 2006. The exhibit will provide a dramatic backdrop for the words and emotions of those who have lost the most in this conflict, those who suffer daily from the visible and invisible wounds of war, and those whose loved ones are now in harm's way.

The *Eyes Wide Open* exhibit will be set up on Wednesday, May 10, will open for public viewing on Thursday, May 11, and will remain open for daytime visits through Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Other events during these four days of witness will include a silent march and procession around the National Mall, led by co-sponsor family members and veterans who have directly borne the cost of the war, and by other co-sponsors and endorsers who will give visibility to the loss by Iraqis, daily readings of the names of U.S. service personnel and Iraqis killed in the war, an evening candlelight vigil, a Quaker meeting for worship on the Mall and visits to Congressional offices to discuss the human cost of war. Combat boots representing every U.S. military casualty in Iraq will be laid out on the Mall, flanked by the US Capitol and the Washington Monument. Beside these, there will be a new memorial to the Iraqis and a labyrinth of civilian shoes where visitors can reflect on the human cost of war and an array of combat boots and civilian shoes to represent the U.S. troops and Iraqi civilians who *will be killed* if the war is not ended.

The American Friends Service Committee, the co-sponsors and the endorsers of this event cannot accomplish all of this alone. We will depend upon Quakers and others to help us promote the event and volunteer to assist us in setting up, operating and taking down the exhibit. We will need scores of volunteers, performing duties that range from the physical labor of set-up and dismantling, to accompanying school group visits, to staffing information tables, to acting as peace keepers for the march and candlelight vigil and many other varied tasks. We also foresee a great need for home hospitality for Quakers and others from out of town attending the events. There are a wide variety of tasks that could potentially be done by people of all ages and all levels of physical able-ness.

The American Friends Service Committee is hard at work planning the many details that are part of coordinating a major event like this in the nation's capital. We know you will understand that some of the final details are not yet available (e.g., specific events times and places) but we needed to submit this notice many weeks in advance to ensure publication in various April newsletters. We will communicate further with your Meeting as plans develop. Please rest assured that you WILL have all the information you need well in advance of the weekend. For now, to borrow a phrase from commercial advertising, we ask that you "**stay tuned, and save the date!**"

For up-to-date information on the exhibit schedule or to volunteer, please check our website at [www.afsc.org/eyes](http://www.afsc.org/eyes). For

general volunteer questions, contact Chris Pifer, volunteer coordinator [EyesVol@afsc.org](mailto:EyesVol@afsc.org) (email preferred) or call 202-483-3341 ext. 102 (if you do not have email access). To volunteer to provide home hospitality go to [www.afsc.org/eyes](http://www.afsc.org/eyes), contact Gary Gillespie [GGillespie@afsc.org](mailto:GGillespie@afsc.org) or call 410-323-7200, ext. 21. If you have additional ideas about outreach to Quaker and other communities, please contact Dennis Hartzell [Dhartzell@afsc.org](mailto:Dhartzell@afsc.org) or Gary Gillespie [GGillespie@afsc.org](mailto:GGillespie@afsc.org).

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## Student Loans Available

The Educational Funding Resources Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends (BYM-RSF) has sizeable funds for educational loans to qualified college and graduate school students, as well as, secondary school students. Loans can be up to \$5000 per academic year, and no interest is charged while the student is in school. The application has several parts including comments by a member of the student's Monthly Meeting, so allow ample time to complete the form by the May 15, 2006 deadline. Application packages may be obtained from the Baltimore Yearly Meeting office by e-mail to [sandramichaels@bym-rsf.org](mailto:sandramichaels@bym-rsf.org), or by writing to: BYM, 17100 Quaker Lane, Sandy Spring, MD 20860. An electronic version of the application package is attached to this email. The Committee will meet to evaluate applications in early June, and applicants will be informed of the results by June 30, 2006. The application package should be on the BYM web site by mid-February ([www.bym-rsf.org](http://www.bym-rsf.org)).

Oliver Moles, Clerk

BYM Educational Funding Resources Committee

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## Camp Work Weekends

Dear Friends, Spring time is right around the corner and it is time to start thinking about joining old friends and new friends and spending some time at the places you love. Camp! There is a lot to do to get ready for the 2006 camping season and we need your help! You, your family, friends, and anyone else are invited to participate in one or more of the work weekends listed below. Work weekends provide a great chance to see our camp properties and enjoy some time in some beautiful places. They also offer an opportunity for you to partake of some meaningful, satisfying work, and to give of your time to the places that mean so much to so many in Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

You DO NOT need to have any building or carpentry skills in order to pitch in! We need all kinds of people to make contributions. You do need to have some energy and a willingness to get dirty, try new things, be flexible and enjoy the company of others who want to pitch in too. We need sweepers, painters, cooks, ditchers, concrete mixers, trail clearers as well as carpenters and handy people. All of us have contributions to make, so come on out and enjoy some physical activity and the company of Friends!

Work weekends are held on both **Saturday** and **Sunday**; you may come just **for the day** or you may **spend the night** on Saturday night. You may arrive Friday night if you'd like to make a weekend of it, but there will be no dinner on Friday. Feel free to bring food to share. We try to provide simple breakfasts and lunches on Saturday and Sunday as well as the evening meal on Saturday night. **Bring bedding** (we do not always have enough suitable mattresses), flashlights, and anything else you may want. Cabins are generally available or you may bring a tent. Please visit the Website before you come to make sure everything is on schedule. There may be times when we are sharing camp with other renters and cabin space will be limited.

Friends of all ages are welcome. Young people (0 to 18 years of age) should always bring their parents or a Friendly Adult Presence (FAP). Parents or FAPs will be responsible for supervising the young people under their care.

Please visit:

<http://www.bym-rsf.org/camping/WorkWeekends/work.html> for more information and send an e-mail to [davidhunter@bym-rsf.org](mailto:davidhunter@bym-rsf.org) if you plan to attend.

Location	Date
Shiloh Quaker Camp	April 21 – 22, 2006
Opequon Quaker Camp	April 28 – 30, 2006
Catoctin Quaker Camp	May, 12 - 14, 2006
Catoctin Quaker Camp	May 19 - 21, 2006
Opequon Quaker Camp	June 2 – 4, 2006

David Hunter,  
Camp Property Manager

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## **The Baltimore Yearly Meeting Camps still have openings for campers.**

We Need campers in these spots! All of these grades refer to the grade a child will enter in the fall of 2006!!

### **Opequon:**

1st Session: Boys entering 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Particular emphasis on 9th grade boys!!!

2nd Session: Children entering 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 9th grades. Particular emphasis on 4/5th and 9th grade boys!!! Also, girls entering the 4/5th grades.

3rd session: Boys in the 4/5th and 9th, particularly the 4/5th.

### **Shiloh:**

1st session: A couple of boys going into the 9th, and 6th grades. A couple of girls going into the 9th, 7th, 6th, and 4/5th grades

2nd session: 9th and 7th grade boys, an entire unit of 8th grade girls, plus some 7th, and a lot of 6th graders

3rd session: 9th, 7th, 6th grade boys, 8th, 7th, 6th, 4/5th girls

### **Catoctin:**

Session 1: 6th grade girls

Session 2: 8th, and 6th grade girls

Session 3: 7th grade girls

Catoctin, Shiloh, and Opequon Session Dates

1st two-weeks: Saturday, July 1 – Saturday, July 15

2nd two-weeks: Sunday, July 16 – Saturday, July 29

3rd two-weeks: Sunday, July 30 – Sunday, August 12

For more information, please contact Jane Megginson, or look at the website. Jane Megginson, Camp Administrative Secretary, Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, 301-774-7663, [www.bym-rsf.org/camping/](http://www.bym-rsf.org/camping/)

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**Submitting to the newsletter:** Phillip Payette, the Newsletter Editor, welcomes any material of interest to the Adelphi Friends Meeting community. The best way to submit material is by e-mail to [afm-newsletter@earthlink.net](mailto:afm-newsletter@earthlink.net). Either attach a Word file to the e-mail or type the information directly into the e-mail. You may also submit clean, typed copy to the newsletter box in the meetinghouse. No handwritten material please. Deadline for submissions is noon of the last Sunday of each month.

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