

# April 2015

## *Greetings from the Editor*

This is the first newsletter in quite some time. I am very excited about being your new editor and hopeful that all of you will give me suggestions, feedback, and, of course, items to be included each month.

We have had a very long and cold winter, and I know we are all looking forward to Spring warmth and flowers.

Happy Easter!

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## **Hospitality Help Needed!**



We are currently looking for people to fill an ad-hoc committee to assist Hospitality as needed. If you would be willing to serve the Meeting at rise-of-meeting coffee, during covered dish, or for an occasional special occasion, please contact Pam Perry. You would be called upon when the appointed committee was unable to provide refreshments themselves.



HADDONFIELD MONTHLY MEETING  
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

## NEWSLETTER

Meeting for worship  
10 am Sunday ~ 9:15 am Wednesday

## **This Old Meeting House**

We have the responsibility for a historic and wonderful building. Unfortunately, old, historic buildings need a tremendous amount of maintenance. The Meeting has approved the repair of the north half of the sloping roof, which will cost \$10,100. Our heating costs during this brutal winter have increased. Please donate what you can afford, as part of your ministry to our community. If every family gave only \$25 this month, it would make a difference. Leave a check or cash in the Treasurer's box in the Meeting foyer, or mail a check to Susan Borkowski, 128 North Drive, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. You may also set up an automatic transfer to the Haddonfield Monthly Meeting account on a monthly or quarterly basis with your bank. Please contact Susan or Lisa Boyell for information. Setting up the transfers can be done in person or online and only takes a few moments. For questions, email Susan at [Borkowsk@lasalle.edu](mailto:Borkowsk@lasalle.edu).



## *A Letter From Priscilla*

Dear Friends,

I have started a job helping refugees resettle in the US. There are many needs when they arrive. If you would like to donate gently used items for these families, please contact me at [peacepc@aol.com](mailto:peacepc@aol.com) or 609-234-4175. The needs change depending on what donations we receive.

### **Current priorities are gently used:**

Pots and pans  
Kitchen knives  
Cups  
Hygiene supplies  
Children's picture books  
Children's school supplies

Also a refugee organic community garden started last year. Planting time for this year's garden will be here soon.

### **Donations needed for the organic garden include:**

Plants – lettuce, tomato, okra, hot peppers  
Garden supplies  
Garden tools

## **Upcoming meetings of Haddonfield Quarter - Please save these dates!**

### **Sunday, April 26**

Quarterly Meeting will be held at Westfield Meeting. Lunch will follow and then, at 1 PM, Taylor Williams' portrayal of Alice Paul. Discussion will follow the presentation.

### **June 28**

Picnic! ( Location to be announced later)



## **Library Corner**

When is the last time you've *really* explored our Meeting Library? (Sitting in it for a committee meeting doesn't count!) Let us introduce you to some of what is in it, and look for more in future newsletters.

The round wire rack sitting on the table you face as you enter holds **featured books**. These may be recent additions or timely topics.

The table in front of the window has **items for new attenders** as well as a notebook with **minutes from recent MFWFB's**, baskets with: **AFSC publications** (including peace and social justice issues); **materials on Aging Gracefully: resources on Quaker Life** for use with our youth and HFS; and **Writings by members of the HFM community**.

The rack sitting on the floor to the left of this table displays **DVD's and current periodicals**, including new Pendle Hill pamphlets and recent issues of the Friends Journal and other magazines.

The book cart to the right of this table holds our Sale or Swap books and materials. Please feel free to bring and take things from it. Especially note and take advantage of the free Friends Journals that are offered there.

On the shelves to the right of the fireplace is our extensive collection of Pendle Hill pamphlets. These are succinct and rich writings on a wealth of topics of interest to Friends. An index of these makes it possible to find desired topics and authors.

In upcoming newsletters, visit the **Library Corner** for descriptions of some of our new titles and for instructions on how to search our Library holdings on line.

## The New Jim Crow

**Mt. Holly Meeting will be holding a two part study of Michelle Alexander's "The New Jim Crow" on Sunday, April 12 and 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. They will offer take out pizza and salad.**

**Selections from the PYM Adult Discussion Guide**

(<http://www.pym.org/one-book-one-yearly-meeting/home/the-2014-choice/queries-for-adults?>) **will be used along with**

**other resources:**

[www.pym.org/one-book-one-yearly-meeting/files/2015/02/New-Jim-Crow-Resources-PYM1B1YM.pdf](http://www.pym.org/one-book-one-yearly-meeting/files/2015/02/New-Jim-Crow-Resources-PYM1B1YM.pdf).

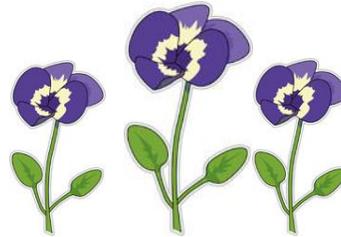
**Contact person: Margaret Mansfield, Mt. Holly Meeting.**  
[Mmansfield14@gmail.com](mailto:Mmansfield14@gmail.com)

## *Food From Friends*

At the March Meeting for Worship for Business, Friends approved the continuation of our participation in Westfield MM's "Food From Friends" Program. Brian Conant continues to provide tasty meals for a minimum requested donation of \$6.00. We are currently accepting orders for the first, second and fourth Sundays, and request orders by 6 pm Sunday for the following Sunday delivery. If you are interested in trying out the meals, contact Ruth Podolin, Mary Noland or Judy Owens for the next week's menu and to place an order. Menus and order forms are available on the Sundays food is delivered; see us at rise of meeting in the kitchen!

## Healing Ministry

Meetings for Worship for Healing are held on the first Monday of alternating months: May 19<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 PM in the Meetinghouse. These prayer sessions address the need for healing of mind, body and spirit. We introduce our practice at the start of each meeting, for those who are attending for the first time. For background, see Pendle Hill Pamphlet #382, "Holding One Another in the Light," and Michele Lise Tarter's presentation on "George Fox's Book of Miracles" on YouTube. Call 856-979-4560



## April at Pendle Hill

**"Creating Freedom,"** an exhibit of art work by and about incarcerated people, is available through May 5. This free event is open to the public, and includes the work of Mary DeWitt. For more than 25 years, Mary has chronicled the stories of women with life sentences with portraits, narrative texts, and recorded voices. The exhibit will run concurrently with the five day conference on "Ending Mass Incarceration and the New Jim Crow" with Michelle Alexander, April 29-May 5. See the Pendle Hill website, [www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org), for more information and to register.

## Summary of March 8, 2015 Meeting for Worship for Business

**Property Committee Update.** *Bob Turrin* discussed necessary roof repairs, and Meeting approved replacing the North half of the sloping roof for \$10,100, most of which will be covered by donations earmarked for property.

**Nominating Committee Annual Report.** *Pam Perry* presented the revised Meeting Committee Structure, with six committees combining to three, and two committees now designated as “groups.” *Pam Anderson* will be asked to put the committees, members and duties on the meeting website, [www.haddonfieldfriendsmeeting.org](http://www.haddonfieldfriendsmeeting.org). The new committees are: Care/Worship and Ministry, Religious Education/Ministry of Child Life, Membership and Community/Communication and Outreach, Peace and Social Concerns, Property, Memorial and Graveyard, Nominating, Library Group, Finance Group, and Ad Hoc Group for Hospitality.

**Care Committee.** *Drew Biehl* reported that the Clearness Committee appointed to meet with *May Weldon*, following her letter of application, enthusiastically recommended her for membership. The Meeting approved her membership, and a group was appointed to welcome her. Care Committee will be convening a discussion group about “Welcoming People New to Haddonfield Monthly Meeting.”

**Treasurer’s Report** was given by *Lisa Boyell*. Donations are down, with only 80 people/families contributing this year. Lisa also discussed a tax bill for the Newton Cemetery at Mt. Vernon and Mt. Ephraim Avenues in Camden. Property Committee will be asked to investigate our liability and the city’s request that we maintain the property and put up signage and fencing so that it will not be considered vacant.

**Food From Friends Report** was given by *Ruth Podolin*. Meeting approved continuing the program for another six months, or until interest wanes.

**Clerks’ Correspondence:** Friends were reminded that **March 15** is the deadline for our Newsletter. *Fran O’Neill* would like submissions by email: [fran1942.fon@gmail.com](mailto:fran1942.fon@gmail.com). Our “State of the School” presentation will be given by *Head Sharon Dreese* at the rise of covered dish on Sunday, April 19. Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting will be at Westfield on April 26. The program will include an Alice Paul “appearance” after lunch, as well as the business scheduled for the February meeting, which was cancelled because of inclement weather. The balance of the meeting was given over to a discussion about how to increase donations to the Meeting. We agreed to various ways to facilitate donations, the possibility of creating a database of donors and calling people who have not donated recently. *Sheryl Harrison* and *Francie Pagell* will convene the committee with *John Donch*, *Lucy Savarese*, and *Bill Patterson* to discuss other ideas. Future discussions at Meeting for Worship for Business will follow-up on these efforts, as well as fundraising projects for the Meeting.

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**Silence is the element  
In which great things  
Fashion themselves  
together,  
That at length they may  
emerge,  
Full-formed and majestic  
Into the daylight of life,  
Which they are henceforth to  
rule.**

**Maurice Maeterlinck**

## Haddonfield Monthly Meeting's Young Members achievements in Science Fair

Friends can be especially proud of three of our young people who recently won prizes in the Coriell Science Fair.

**Megan Gaffney** won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Chemistry for her project "Inhalation Versus Nanoparticle Absorption: Active Sampling, GC-MS and Environmental Scanning Electron Microscopy Analyses of Sunscreens". Megan also won a Special Award in Chemistry for this project.

**Rebecca Whiting** won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Environmental Science for her project "No Fracking Way!". Rebecca also won a Special Award for creativity in solving an Environmental Science Issue.

**Laila Salaam** won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Earth & Space Science for her project "The Tsunami Effect."



Congratulations!

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## **F** AITH AND **P** RACTICE REVISION

If you would like to read and comment on sections of the "Faith and Practice" revisions, please be in touch with Judy Owens of Linda Lotz. Your input would be valuable! You can serve on the Meeting Review Committee, or read a section and comment.

## Nostalgia Corner



Haddonfield Monthly Meeting  
Walnut and Ellis Streets Haddonfield, N. J.  
Firstday Meetings, 11 a. m. F. D. S. at 10 a. m.

**How many of us remember  
attending First Day School  
here in the early fifties?**



**With Syria**

**On the fourth anniversary of the start of the civil war in Syria, AFSC and other national and international groups are calling on World Leaders to boost the humanitarian response, stop attacks on civilians and prioritize a political solution with human rights at heart. For more information or to sign an online petition, go to:**

**<https://withsyria.com/>**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:15 Meeting for Worship	2	3	4
5 Easter 10 am Meeting for Worship	6	7	8 9:15 Meeting for Worship	9	10	11
			7pm Care/Worship and Ministry			
Peace Egg Hunt						
12 8am Peace and Social Concerns 10 am Meeting for Worship	13	14	15 9:15 Meeting for Worship	16	17	18
Business			6pm Finance			
The New Jim Crow at Mt Holly 4:30 – 6:30 pm			6pm Worship & Ministry			
19 10 am Meeting for Worship	20	21	22 9:15 Meeting for Worship	23	24	25
Covered Dish						
Interfaith Roundtable Discussion			Newsletter Deadline for May			
The New Jim Crow at Mt Holly 4:30 – 6:30 pm						
26 10 am Meeting for Worship	27	28 10 am Library Committee	29 9:15 Meeting for Worship	30		
Quarterly Meeting Westfield						

