

**Jeannette Rankin Peace Center  
E-newsletter & Calendar for October 2, 2008**

**“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”**

~Albert Schweitzer

Dear friends,

Thanks to all of you who made our 2008 peace party a great success, by donating items, attending the party or supporting our auction and raffle with your purchases. Thanks to you, we raised slightly more than last year. We are so grateful for your generosity and honored that you continue to support us. We didn't get many comments on our member input form, but please know that we always welcome your ideas about what we can do to continue to earn your support.

If you were not at the party, you missed the biggest surprise of all. The Coordinating Council had secretly conspired with five talented quilters and surprised me with a beautiful quilt. It truly is a beautiful work of art and an awesome gesture of appreciation. That night, I was so surprised, I couldn't say a word (which in itself doesn't happen often), so I want to publicly say thank you to all the Council and the quilters who created this wonderful gift. I want to share it with all of you, because, for one thing, you are all part of what I do each day at the peace center, and for another, this quilt has lessons for all of us to appreciate. It is alive with the color and celebration of beautiful African dancers, and the earthy, vibrant colors of the world, reminding us that despite what difficulties there are in the world, there remains great joy and celebration if only we take the time to look. The world is a rich tapestry of all kinds of colors and shapes woven together. If you look closely, you'll see a small picture of daffy duck, looking for all the world like I do some days! He is a reminder to smile, to laugh a little, and not take things too seriously. The edges of the quilt wave like the dancing women – another reminder for me that sometimes, it is right to let go of control and order, and just roll with the things life brings. Every job has difficulties and this one is no different. This quilt makes those stumbles into treasure, and I invite you all to stop by JRPC and see it for yourself. While you're here, we can talk about your ideas for the peace center – and maybe even how you'd like to get involved more!

With much thanks to the Council (Ethel, Srini, Barbara, Mary, Walter, Carel, Steve, Kim, Woody, Sean, Joyce and Bonnie), the quilters (Pat, Lillian, Ellie, Jackie, Suzanne, Jean and Linnea), and you, *Betsy*

**If you missed the JRPC Peace Party or had to leave early, you still have an opportunity to enjoy one of the dinners. Please call Betsy at 543-3955 for more information.**

**Date to be arranged -- French-Canadian dinner cooked and served by Fr. George Dumais and the "Gents" at their lovely home on 1700 Madeline Avenue. Two plates left at \$75/plate.**

**Also, we're still looking for bidder #7 -- you won the Christmas Cactus!**

~THIS WEEK~

**All events are held in Missoula unless otherwise noted.**

**Thursdays, October 2 & 9**, No Peace & Justice film series these two weeks. For a complete schedule of Fall Season films, please see [www.PeaceAndJusticeFilms.org](http://www.PeaceAndJusticeFilms.org)

**Thursday, October 2**, 5:30 pm, Missoula Children's Theater. Sustainable Venturing – Solving environmental problems with entrepreneurial business solutions, by David Payne of University of Colorado LEEDS School of Business. Sponsored by the Sustainable Business Council. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact SBC at [info@sbcmontana.org](mailto:info@sbcmontana.org) or call Susan at 543-5323.

**Friday, October 3, 1-4pm, UC & UM Library Mall. Odyssey Alternative Fuels Day.** This [national event](#)

will have its local presence on the UM campus. Workshops on alternative fuels & how to convert your vehicle (biodiesel, hydrogen, electric) and displays of alternative fuel vehicles. Free and open to all.

**Friday, October 3, 12-1:30 pm, YWCA.** YWCA Missoula will host a brown bag lunch and public conversation about the **vice- presidential debate**. To submit your discussion question, call 543.6691. If you plan to attend the Oct. 3 discussion, please RSVP to YWCA Missoula at 543.6691 or [ccopple@ywcaofmissoula.org](mailto:ccopple@ywcaofmissoula.org). There will be **a recorded version of the debate starting at 10 a.m.** for those who want to watch it before the discussion begins.

**Friday, October 3, 9 am-12 noon, Missoula Children's Theater.** Sustainable Venturing Workshop: **Discovering and Exploiting Business Opportunities in the Pursuit of Sustainability** with David Payne. Considering starting a sustainable venture, then you don't want to miss this hands-on workshop. Cost \$25 for SBC members and students, \$40 for all others. Contact Susan at [info@sbcmontana.org](mailto:info@sbcmontana.org) or 543-5323 for more information.

**Friday, October 3, 5-8 pm, Corner of Front and Higgins 99th Anniversary of Free Speech Fights in Missoula.** Come help the Missoula chapter of the Industrial Worker's of the World commemorate this history by remembering the names and deeds of some of this country's most important figures in the struggle for social justice! They welcome folks who want to speak from the soap box -- but ask that they keep it short and preferably focused mainly on working folks issues.

**Friday, October 3, 5-8 pm, 215 E. Main St.** Celebrate the grand opening change of ownership and recent expansion of **Abode Natural Building Supply Store**. Wine, beer, cake, and discounts on your next green home improvement project.

**Friday, October 3, 7 pm, Wilma Theater.** Big Sky Films Series finishes the 2008 season with the Montana Premiere of the High Plains film, **BRAVE NEW WEST**, directed by Drury Gunn Carr & Doug Hawes-Davis (87 minutes, 2008). It is the story of Jim Stiles who moved to socially-conservative Moab, Utah in the mid-1970s and began publishing the politically-progressive CANYON COUNTRY ZEPHYR which is widely recognized today as one of the best indie papers in the American West, Free Public Admission.

**Saturday, October 4, 2 pm, MUD Site** (629 Phillips St.). Workshop: **Non-Toxic Cleaning Products** with Women's Voices for the Earth. Cost is \$8/\$4 non-members/members. Limited space, please call MUD office at 721-7513 in advance to register. Contact information: [melissa@womenandenvironment.org](mailto:melissa@womenandenvironment.org) 406.543.3747

**Monday-Sunday, October 6-12, Roxy Theater.** 5th anniversary **Cultures & Issues of Nature & Environment (CINE) film festival**, presented by the International Wildlife Media Center & Film Festival. Tickets: \$5 Adults, \$4 Students & Seniors 65+, \$3 Youth 12 and Under. For Film Descriptions, call 728-9380 or visit <http://www.wildlifefilms.org/festivals/mtcine/2008%20CINE%20Screening%20Schedule%20Master.pdf>

**Monday, October 6, 7 pm, Christ The King Church** (1400 Gerald Ave.). Meet Nobel Prize Nominee John Dear and hear his amazing story from his book, **A Persistent Peace**. He has been arrested more than 75 times and spent more than a year of his life in jail for civil disobedience in the pursuit of peace. His book is available for purchase at JRPC prior to the event. For more information, visit [www.persistentpeace.com](http://www.persistentpeace.com). Sponsored by the Western MT Spiritual Development Council.

**Tuesday, October 7, noon, JRPC.** The Montana Abolition Coalition and the Montana Human Rights Network are sponsoring a "**Journey of Hope**" presentation with speakers who have personal connections to the death penalty - including people who have been exonerated or who are murder victim's family members who don't support the death penalty. Bring a sack lunch and join us for this special presentation on the **Peace Movement and the Death Penalty**. If you'd like more information about the Montana Abolition Coalition and Journey of Hope you can visit <http://www.mtabolitionco.org> or <http://www.journeyofhope.org>.

**Tuesday, October 7, 5:30-7 pm, St. Paul Lutheran,** (201 Brooks). Western MT Spiritual Development Center is sponsoring a **Potluck Dinner with the Journey of Hope Speakers** (see listing above). Everyone is invited to come to this ecumenical meal. Please bring a main or side dish to share.

**Tuesday, October 7, 7 pm, UC North Ballroom.** **Journey of Hope FLAGSHIP EVENT David Kaczynski,** brother of the Unabomber, will headline the talk along with other speakers, addressing the death penalty.

**Wednesday, October 8, 7 pm, Sean Kelly's.** **Missoula Green Drinks** – For more information contact Carol at 406.214.9078 or [recreatedesigns@gmail.com](mailto:recreatedesigns@gmail.com)

~PLAN AHEAD~

**Thursday, October 9, 7 pm, UM's North Underground Lecture Hall.** **Brewing Justice: Fair Trade Coffee, Sustainability and Survival,** a free public lecture by Daniel Jaffee. Learn about the social, economic, and environmental implications of fair trade, based on extensive field work in indigenous communities in Oaxaca, Mexico. Sponsored by the UM Environmental Studies Program. For more information, email [Neva.Hassanein@mso.umt.edu](mailto:Neva.Hassanein@mso.umt.edu).

**Saturday, October 11, 4 - 10 pm, Higgins Bridge and Caras Park.** Join JRPC and others to celebrate **10 years out with the Western MT Gay and Lesbian Community Center.** Beginning at 4 pm, we will all join hands across the Higgins Bridge to highlight the number of LGBTI, allies and advocates there are in Missoula. For a full schedule of vents, go to [www.gaymontana.com](http://www.gaymontana.com).

**Saturday, October 11, UM SUB Ballroom.** **An Evening With Col. Oliver North,** sponsored by the Montana Family foundation. Col. North will relate his many experiences on the front lines with our troops as the host of War Stories. Ticket information may be obtained by calling MFF at 406-628-1141. For more information, go to <http://www.montanafamily.org/start.asp?file=newsarticle&id=112>

**Sunday, October 12, PEAS Farm.** **Harvest Festival** in collaboration with the Farm to College Program in appreciation of Dining Services Staff at UM. For more information, contact Shannon at 406-396-5254

**Thursday, October 23, 7 pm, University Ballroom.** **'What The Next President Needs To Know About Intelligence'** with Mel Goodman, an author, commentator and 40 year veteran of the CIA. Mel Goodman will discuss the role of the CIA and the importance of the intelligence community to the new President. Sponsored by the World Affairs Council. For more information, contact them at 728-3328 or [wacmontana@mtwi.net](mailto:wacmontana@mtwi.net)

**Friday-Saturday, October 24-25, 8 pm, 812 Toole Avenue.** Turning the Wheel Missoula presents its multi-media, inter-generational dance/theatre performance, **Nearly Invisible,** in the works for over a year, with a dedicated cast and crew of 60+ community members. Tickets are on sale at JRPC. So join us and delight your senses and sensibilities!

**Saturday, November 15, 7.30PM, venue TBD.** **"Inside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Conversations with Ten Saudi Women"** Missoula will one of four cities in the nation to host this unprecedented delegation of women from Saudi Arabia. The group includes professors, physicians, investment official, popular talk show host, stock broker, chamber of commerce official, and award winning jewelry designer. Sponsored by the World Affairs Council. For more information, contact them at 728-3328 or [wacmontana@mtwi.net](mailto:wacmontana@mtwi.net)

~PEACE & JUSTICE ACTION OPPORTUNITIES~

**True Majority, USAction, and Progressive Democrats of America** are urging us to be in contact with Rep. Rehberg over the "Wall Street Bailout" Bill to ensure support of a Fair Deal for Main St. Following

yesterdays Senate approval, the House will vote again Friday. Rehberg voted against this bill last time around.

**Tuesdays, 5-6 pm, Higgins Avenue Bridge.** Bring your signs or flags or pick up one at JRPC and join this weekly peace presence. If you can't stand with the group, perhaps you could make a sign for someone there to hold or help out in another way.

**Wednesdays, 5:30 pm, Christ the King Church** (1400 Gerald Avenue). **A Prayer Circle** -- 20-minutes of silent prayer followed by 10 minutes of open reflection to pray for God's intervention and will to bring peace to the world. For more information, contact Kathy at [kschulte@montana.com](mailto:kschulte@montana.com)

**One Wednesday of each month, 7 pm, location TBA. CAJA (Community Action for Justice in the Americas)** holds a monthly meeting. Next one is 9-24 at JRPC. Cassidy Randall, author of *Fighting for the Dream*, will give a short reading from her newly published book accompanied by photo slideshow. It's a POTLUCK! Please bring a dish and your favorite drink. Contact Cassidy Randall at [cassidyrandall@yahoo.com](mailto:cassidyrandall@yahoo.com) or 529-4422 for information. Check out their new blog at [cajistas.blogspot.com](http://cajistas.blogspot.com)

**Two Thursdays, each month, GlobalWarmingSolution.org** meets at JRPC. For more information, call 542-8089 or [info@globalwarmingsolution.org](mailto:info@globalwarmingsolution.org).

**Fridays, 12:15-12:45, Higgins Avenue Bridge.** The **Missoula Women in Black** stand in solidarity with the international movement of women mourning the victims of war and other forms of violence. The Missoula Women in Black, our 2008 Peacemakers, come together in the shared belief in peace. Everyone is invited to join them. For more information email [missoulawib@montana.com](mailto:missoulawib@montana.com) or call Carel at 406-721-2482.

**Third Friday of each month (2nd Friday in March and April 2009), 7:30-9:30pm, Open Way** (702 Brooks St. next to the Missoula Memorial Rose Garden), **The Dances of Universal Peace** are heart-opening, spirit-filled circle and partner dances that use mantras and sacred phrases from many of the world's spiritual paths. The Dances are participatory, and all are taught. Live music; no experience necessary. All people are welcome; freewill donation at the door. For more information, please contact Mansur at 251-3010 or [pitchfixer@mac.com](mailto:pitchfixer@mac.com).

**Fourth Saturday of each month, 7:30 pm, Common Ground Center** (258 Roosevelt Lane in Hamilton) Bitterroot **Dances of Universal Peace**. For information contact Brian Vayu at 363.4026 or Star Jameson at 363-4026. **Next one is this Saturday – September 27!**

~OF INTEREST~

**Pentagon's AFRICOM Raises Suspicions about US Motives**

<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2008/09/30-1>

**Food Crisis Competes for Afghan 'Hearts and Minds'**

<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2008/09/29-3>

**Winter Soldier: Eye Witness Accounts of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan**, by John Stauber

<http://www.commondreams.org/view/2008/09/24-12>

**Prisoners of War**, by Robert Borosage

<http://www.ourfuture.org/blog-entry/2008094030/prisoners-war>

**Brutal Appraisal of the Bailout by Rep. Marcy Kaptur**

<http://dmiessler.com/blog/brutal-appraisal-of-the-bailout-i-didnt-know-who-marcy-kaptur-was-but-i-do-now>

**Why Is a US Army Brigade Being Assigned to the 'Homeland'?**

<http://www.salon.com/opinion/greenwald/2008/09/24/army/index.html>

## **"Changing Course" A new direction for U.S. Relations with the Moslem World**

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/bipartisan-group-us-leaders-calls/story.aspx?guid=%7BFE1AC04C-79BE-4F36-B1CE-11663898144B%7D&dist=hppr>

## **STRATEGY MEMO: Turning a Wall Street Giveaway Into an Economic Rescue for All Americans**, by

David Sirota <http://www.ourfuture.org/blog-entry/2008094030/strategy-memo-turning-wall-street-giveaway-economic-rescue-all-americans>

**From Montana Partners for Impeachment** commemorates recent national impeachment efforts & grass roots resistance to a \$700 billion give-away with a newsy September edition at <http://www.mssrbooks.com/rotundat.htm>

## **NOTES FROM THE STORE: OCTOBER IS INTERNATIONAL FAIR TRADE MONTH!!!**

What does that mean for you??? Every time you purchase fair trade goods you are playing an integral part in the local, national and international communities. You may be wondering how your one purchase is helping so many... when you purchase fair trade here is what you are supporting: Fair trade is a system of exchange that seeks to create greater equity and partnership in international trading system by:

- Paying fair wages in local context;
- Supporting participatory workplaces;
- Ensuring environmental sustainability;
- Supplying financial and technical support;
- Offering public accountability.
- Respecting cultural identity;
- Building direct and long-term relationships; and,
- Educating consumers.

To Reward you on your global decision we are offering you some great deals during the month of October:

**Week 1:** 10% off All Putumayo CD's

**Week 2:** 10% off All Chocolate, Coffee, and Tea

**Week 3:** 10% off All Meditation items and Prayer Flags

**Week 4:** 10% off All Purses and Clothing (Kids, Womens, and Mens)

**ALL MONTH LONG** make a purchase and put the purchase amount towards any individual or family membership. Give it as a gift or keep it for yourself & Get a "Fair Trade is better than Free Trade" button! Check back in for some surprise deals at the end of the month too!

Thanks and Peace, Katie

***The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center has been in Missoula over 20 years, working to build non-violence, social justice and sustainability. Thanks for your support!! We are pleased to be a member of the Montana Shares Network, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state. Check and see if your workplace participates in Montana Shares. It's a great way to help JRPC! If not, call us and find out how you can sign your workplace up or visit [www.montanashares.org](http://www.montanashares.org).***

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