Volunteers Needed

The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center’s annual fundraising Peace Party is only about a month away and it’s time to sign up to be a volunteer. Did you know that it takes 50-70 volunteers to host this annual event? Volunteers get the benefit of knowing that they helped make the Peace Party possible, and get a reduced price for the admission ticket if you sign up by September 8. Below is a list of volunteer tasks. If you are interested in signing up, contact JRPC’s volunteer coordinator Nancy Leifer at volunteer@jrpc.org or by calling 406-207-9114.

- Raffle Sales before and during event
- Set-up and take down of tables and chairs
- Set-up and closing of silent auction
- Help with kids’ activities
- Ticket sales and auction purchases during the event (special training required)
- Table and stage decoration set-up and take-down
- Food and beverage serving
- Floaters to help as needed
- Clean-up
- Auction follow-up after the event

Register online at http://civicrm.jrpc.org/peace-party-2015/
### Letter From The Director

**Donations**
- **in honor of:**
  - Marge & Dave Baylor
  - Kurz Family
  - Mike & Flo Chessin

- **Donations**
  - **in Memory of:**
    - Newman
    - Newman
    - Zachariah Walker
    - Dexter Roberts
    - Robert Mitschke

**From:**
- Gerry Blackman
- Jason & Caroline Lonski
- Meta Chessin
- Quiet Island Films
- Ethel MacDonald
- Annette Walker
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- Gerry Blackman

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**Thank you to all of you who took our Membership survey.**

We showed our thanks by choosing a winner for a $50 gift certificate to the Olive Branch.

The winner was Deena Mansour.

And she chose to donate it back as a raffle prize for the peace party... so maybe if you buy some raffle tickets, you might get some of Deena’s luck!

*Thanks Deena!!*

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Dear friends of JRPC,

We had 68 people fill out a membership survey in June — thanks to all of you for the great input. It is humbling to hear so many of the folks tell us they love being part of a cause that is important and how proud they are to be a member. That’s what keeps us going! We got some great suggestions that we are working on implementing. Things such as more social activities for families, more ways to get kids involved and more involvement in promoting peace locally. Besides being part of a cause you can believe in, shopping in the store, the events we provide and the electronic newsletter were the most important things to you. Knowing what is important to you, helps us know where to put our sometimes limited resources, so keep talking to us about what you want from YOUR center. Hopefully the suggestion about more selection in the store is being taken care of now that Romy is working her magic ordering exciting new items and finding great ways to display and advertise them.

It’s great to hear that most of the folks responding are willing to help us by renewing online, which is a huge help to us, saving us the volunteer labor of mailing renewals, making phone calls and filling in forms. Last month we had our all-time high of 20% of the renewals coming in online. It’s usually closer to 10% or less. We think it’s important because we know paper contributes to a lot of waste and our world can’t afford it. We’ll keep working on making that as smooth and easy as possible. Keep letting us know your suggestions.

And finally, several of you let us know that you were willing to increase your membership and also willing to get more involved and we couldn’t be happier to hear both of those things. As our peace party approaches, we hope you will plan to donate, volunteer and of course attend. Help us celebrate together this cause so dear to our hearts and make sure that the peace center is around for a very long time.

Thanks for honoring us with your support,

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We are still looking for donations to our live auction (want to cook an international diner???) as well as our silent auction and raffle. Please consider donating soon so we can get the word out to the community that YOU are one of our generous donors.

Donations are accepted at the center or you can call 543-3955 to arrange pick up.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR’S PEACE PARTY

We keep looking for ways to make our event greener and also ways to make it more efficient for our volunteers and attendees. This year we will be using our member database’s event module to register folks and take payments. This means less data for us to enter, less opportunity for mistakes or hard-to-read emails and most important, it means less writing you have to do to fill in your ticket sheet. Go to our event page at

http://civicrm.jrpc.org/peace-party-2015/

where you can see all the information about the event as well as a button to register and pay online! We hope you will take advantage of this online option. It’s a great help to know how many folks are planning on attending and it also cuts down on the work we have to do at the party as well as the lines you have to stand in — and it fits our mission! The few cents we have to pay for an online transaction is more than offset by the work we have to do to enter data at the last minute!

We do however appreciate that some people don’t want to make transactions online and also want to make sure that more of their money comes to us instead of credit card companies. So we are including forms for you to use to mail in your tickets and your raffle tickets (which can’t be purchased online in Montana) Thanks for helping — we'll see you on October 11 where we have some special surprises in store as we focus on our theme, “Peace Like a River”. This is a great inspiration reminding us to flow gently around obstacles with persistence and grace. It is also a great celebration of this precious resource that connects us and gives us life — a resource so precious, our future depends on it. Water will become more and more important as our climate continues to be compromised and clean water more scarce. And our event will help to ensure that JRPC also will continue to be an important part of our future.

Join us for this important celebration...down by the river at Caras Park on Sunday, October 11.
Executive Summary for the
Peace Un-Conference June 13th, 2015

Our organizational committee of the Peace Un-Conference asked you, “How do we create Peace from chaos, confusion, and conflict?” Harold Shinsato compiled all the notes you generated and all the session topics that mattered to you, and our team has generated this executive overview. Looking at what you all brought to the peace community at the Un-Conference, we discovered threads and common themes.

These were the bullet points we came up with at our most recent organizational meeting. Strong highlights, themes, and passions include the following:

* Peace Making Circles
* City of Peace - Missoula
* Global Connections
* Trauma Healing (Trauma Resource Institute)
* Kindness and personal everyday choices & responsibility
* Prisoner Reintegration
* Hospice Care for the Old Story (moving into the New Story)
* Education & Overcoming Apathy (teaching circles & hands on)
* Spirit & Joy (as a personal choice - the personal is global)
* Seeing the big picture
* Encouraging experiments in order to learn & discover what works (action & moving forward)
* A sense of hope
* Many tools, methodologies, organizations, and ideas for supporting our transformation
* Personal approaches for dealing with the transition

Kim Maynard says, “In short—the notes reflect a great deal of “how to”! That, however, is a wonderful take-away for me in that it shows that the transition is in full swing, that we have accumulated a great deal of wisdom already, and that it is an iterative, learning process. And there appears to be a great deal of interest in both learning and sharing!”

So much is going on in Missoula! Much of the Un-Conference was our work to network & connect with others. We hear of many who have continued to meet and plan and move forward. We are so excited to participate with you. Maggie Lough is collecting a list of organizations that we are each part of in order to see the overlaps and great influence we have already.

Until next year,

The Organizational team: Betsy Mulligan-Dague, Harold Shinsato, Kim Maynard, Maggie Lough, Ethel MacDonald, Rebecca McClellan, and Kris Bayer

Save this Date for the next Un-Conference: June 11th, 2016 (Jeannette Pickering Rankin 136th birthday!)

Missoula, a City of Peace
by Maggie Lough

At the un-conference Maggie Lough shared her vision of having Missoula designated as a City of Peace. She holds that many organizations in Missoula contribute to the peace in Missoula (besides JRPC); organizations that focus on animal welfare and safety, on stewardship of the earth, on sustainable lifestyles, on mediation and restorative justice, on teaching tae kwon do, tai chi, aikido, yoga and meditation, running clubs and bike clubs that sponsor races that bring people together in community, at least for that event. Carel shared about her vision of creating Missoula as a City of Kindness, with people doing random acts of kindness and passing it on.

Others mentioned peace projects in schools, such as Lewis & Clark and Washington, all the musical groups, art galleries, and community events. It was suggested that thank you notes be written to all the above organizations to thank them for contributing to peace in Missoula.

Maggie shared about her vision as also providing parenting classes to all parents in Missoula, teaching non-violent communication and conflict resolution skills to all Missoula residents, beginning in pre-school.

Turning to One Another
by Margaret Wheatley

There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about. Ask: “What’s possible?” not “What’s wrong?” Keep asking. Notice what you care about. Assume that many others share your dreams. Be brave enough to start a conversation that matters. Talk to people you know. Talk to people you don’t know. Talk to people you never talk to. Be intrigued by the differences you hear. Expect to be surprised. Treasure curiosity more than certainty. Invite in everybody who cares to work on what’s possible. Acknowledge that everyone is an expert about something. Know that creative solutions come from new connections. Remember, you don’t fear people whose story you know. Real listening always brings people closer together. Trust that meaningful conversations can change your world. Rely on human goodness.
A Coming Clash of Cultures?
By Kimberly A. Maynard, Ph.D.

To help make sense of our turbulent times, I imagine a map where our modern culture lies in an enclave; say on the eastern side of the map and the new, emerging culture lies in a separate enclave in the west. In between is a deep divide over which spans a bridge. On the far right, deep into the mainstream, are those most engaged in and profiting from our old institutions and systems. The closer one gets to the enclave’s western border—near the bridge—the more people are questioning the old system. Meanwhile, the new culture on the other side of the bridge is all lit up with bright (solar) lights and music, as though the fair has come to town. This side is not about fixing or changing modern culture, but about creating something new with an allure of what works, using words like sustainable, holistic, peace, and connection. On the bridge are the town criers calling all to come join the fun in the new culture.

Both sides are growing rapidly in intensity. In the mainstream enclave, militarization, and the money made from it, is rising sharply. The power of corporations and the incessant drive for growth are supplanting human connection. Obesity from willful overeating is now a top global health threat. Disillusioned, we are attempting to buy our way to happiness. Superficial entertainment is dulling our minds. The disassociation between humans and other species is increasing the likelihood of ecocide. And education is becoming a puppet of all of the above to churn out more consuming, stultified youngsters to perpetuate the cycle.

Meanwhile, in the new culture enclave, creativity and innovation are running rampant. Our relationship to the rest of nature has developed into practices of cohabitation. We are using technology for transformational networking. Systems of governance that incorporate full participation, transparency, and accountability have led to new forms of leadership and decision-making. Communities are now supplying many of our basic needs through the localization movement. We are increasingly examining and building healthier inter-personal and gender relationships. And our questioning of formal education is leading to other approaches to learning, which, in turn, are fostering vibrant, inquisitive, and creative youth.

As I watch these two powerful cultures expand, I can feel the tension growing. The fear of letting go of the old, of the unknown, of losing control drives us toward further control—witness extreme political agendas, religious fundamentalism, and the political divide in our country. We numb out, seeking solace and some sort of gratification in gaming and technology, more money, drugs, and food—what we have been told will make us happy.

Yet, there is a palpable emergent awareness seeping into our everyday lives. For some, it is the climate change discussion that forces us to reckon with an earthly finality if we don’t change our ways. That taints the air with urgency, even a sense of desperation or despair for the future. For others, it is the personal recognition that a life centered on acquiring goods and power has little meaning. There is a yearning for greater connection, for purpose. And some have long since crossed the bridge and are among those playing the music in the new culture.

The reality is, however, that for even those in the throes of the new story, nearly all of us live with a foot in modern society. The current institutions are still very much a part of most of our everyday lives. I live with my own cognitive dissonance when I fly in an airplane; buy the cheaper, non-organic broccoli; or drive up to Glacier to go kayaking. I question my choices about which organizations to support and how I spend my time. Am I truly being faithful to a new culture when I feel smug in its moral superiority or I don’t stand up to spoken violence? I so dearly want to shed myself of the old story and fling myself wholeheartedly into the new. Yet I know I am not 100 percent ready yet and the world is not quite there.

An underlying question in the felt urgency is, will we make it? Which side will win? This question feeds the modern culture polarity of right versus wrong that has been so destructive. Perhaps a less spoken question is, will this rising intensity between the old and the new come to a clash of cultures? Or will we, as some suggest, “hospice” the old as though it were a dying parent and we are taking over the leadership? The latter assumes some gentle demise instead of a fight. In truth, we do not know our future and we must learn to dwell in the not knowing, possibly for generations.

In these turbulent times as both cultures intensify their efforts and seek validation, it seems critical to me that in striving for the new, we must embrace what is. Our task is to continue to build the allure, to shine the lights and to play the music. As individual planet dwellers, we must live it, even as we are imperfect and witness our own failures, even as we struggle with what to do and how to be, with our not knowing and our continual state of emergence. Perhaps what is being asked of each of us is to shine brightly, to enjoy the fair, to participate in the creativity, and to stand on the bridge and invite others to join us.

Dr. Kim Maynard dances in the interface between what exists and new possibilities. For nearly 30 years, she has worked in the heart of disasters and wars, supporting their transition from crisis to peace and renewal. Kim sees natural disasters, political upheaval, and conflict as a rare opportunity to change the status quo. She is currently a Mansfield Fellow in International Affairs at the University of Montana and researches, writes, speaks, and engages directly in revitalizing war-torn communities through local collaboration. Kim holds a doctorate in International Affairs and is the author of numerous publications including Healing Communities in Conflict.
Rugs from the Garhwal of India
Economic Empowerment for Rural Women
by Laura Caplins

The Nature-Link Institute of Florence, Montana and the Mountain Shepherds of Lata Village, India are partnering with the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center to promote the sale of handmade woolen rugs from India. These rugs are the first wave of prototypes for the American market and represent a sustainable livelihood activity for rural women.

In the Niti Valley of the Garhwal region of India, rural women and their families struggle to make ends meet. A lucrative trade with Tibet once characterized this region. When the border with China was closed in 1962 this way of life ceased and mountaineering became a new focal livelihood activity. International politics once again impacted local communities as the Nanda Devi National Park and Biosphere Reserve was created and in 1983 was closed to mountaineering. After the closure of Nanda Devi, locals once again were forced to reconsider their main livelihood activities. In a community declaration, locals decided that eco-tourism was going to be their focus. The Mountain Shepherds, a community owned eco-tourism and adventure sports company, was thus formed. The Mountain Shepherds, by bringing international eco-tourists into villages, has spurred the sale of woolen rugs traditionally woven by local women. The women find the sale of their woolen rugs to be a lucrative and rewarding livelihood activity and now want to develop their rugs for sale to international clients. The Nature-Link Institute has thus partnered with the Mountain Shepherds to help promote these rugs internationally.

A number of steps have already been taken to promote these rugs. In 2014 Geoff Sutton, an expert on the development of woolen handicrafts, conducted a workshop for local women. This workshop helped to orient local women to the preferences of international clients. Women who were interested were then asked to weave rugs to be sold in the US. In April of 2015 a representative from the Mountain Shepherds brought a number of rugs to Missoula, Montana for their sale and to provide feedback for local women. In 2016 Nature-Link and Mountain Shepherds will focus on the following: further exposing Garhwal women to the preferences of international markets, making natural woolen dyes accessible, and helping to finance the purchase of upgraded looms.

Nature-Link Institute (NLI) is a federally recognized 501c3 non-profit, with the mission of reconnecting people to the environment through education, research, and advocacy, and has been working in the Himalaya of India running educational field courses for the University of Montana, engaging in research on environmental health and women’s empowerment, conducting a gear drive for outdoor gear and apparel, facilitating training to certify local guides, and now working with local women to develop their traditional woolen handicrafts for an international market. NLI has been engaged in activities in the Garhwal since 2005. These actions have been to support rural communities striving for sustainable livelihoods in an economically marginalized region of the Himalaya.

If you think you may be able to help or want more information about the Nature-Link Institute or its programs, give us a call (406) 241-5356 or send an email laura@nature-link.org. If you are interested in the Mountain Shepherds, visit www.mountainshepherds.com.
Yes! I want to support the JRPC in building a socially just, non-violent and sustainable world. Enclosed is my tax-deductible membership or contribution (501(c)3 FIN # 36-3591327).

Memberships:
- $500 Supporter
- $60 Business
- $50 Family
- $35 Individual
- I’d like to be a Rankin File Member and pledge $________ monthly by automatic withdrawal (please include check for 1st month)
- $20 Living Lightly
- $________ Other amount or additional donation

Payment: (See Below)
Name [print] ___________________________________________ Signature ________________________________
Address ___________________________________________ City/State/Zip ________________________________
E-Mail [print] ___________________________________________ Phone ________________________________

Other Family Members included in the membership:

Ongoing Events and Meetings

Women in Black Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm, missoulawib@montana.com

Veterans For Peace first Monday of each month, 4-6 pm, JRPC 406-363-6150 or pvaughan184@gmail.com

350 Coal Committee first Monday of each month, Union Club, nicie.activism@gmail.com

Missoula Moves To Amend 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7pm, JRPC, Sue at 543-3254

Women in Black of Polson Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse, c211p110@earthlink.net

Knitting For Peace every Tuesday, 1 – 3 pm, JRPC, 543-3955

Nonviolent Communication Practice Group Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC, info@patrickmarsolek.com

Children of the Earth Tribe Song & Chant Circle 1st Thursday of each month, 7:30-9 pm, laviniajean@montana.com or 544-2178

Time Bank Orientation 4th Thursday of each month, 7pm, JRPC, info@missoulatimebank.org

Peacemaker 2016 Nominations Sought

We are looking for our next peacemaker...maybe you know them? Let us know someone who walks the walk and inspires you by being the change they want in the world.

Find the nomination form at http://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/ or stop by the Center and we’ll give you one!
Humphrey Fellows are high-level professionals from around the world chosen to represent their countries in study and research. They speak from their expertise and give us the opportunity to dialogue about issues we have in common. This year the Humphrey Fellows Program has twelve highly educated professionals from all over the world here in Missoula. They are here in the states to improve their English, see the world through your eyes, and learn what they need to help their community and country when they return. Each of them will practice and improve their English while in Missoula. Then they leave in August to attend various Universities in this country for one year before they return home. While they are in Missoula, JRPC hosts the 3rd Annual Intercultural Dialogue Series. May 7th was our first dialogue. I wrote about this in the Spring 2015 print newsletter.

June 4th was our next dialogue. Mr. Amadou H. Maiga from Mali, West Africa spoke about his peace work as a Civil Affairs Officer with the UN. His specialty is sociology and anthropology. His culture has a high respect for family and elders. “All have voices,” he said. “Unity and hospitality are core values,” and “foreigners are welcome.” Mrs. Alla Nadezhkina (2nd from the left) from Russia is a news agency spokeswoman. She wants to create a new international spokespersons group. She is looking for contacts to expand this network. She currently works for an international Information Agency that produces twenty thousand articles daily. Mr. Kouakou Bruno Tano (far right) from Cote D’Ivoire is a macro economist. He will be working on a large-scale macro economic “budget of state” for the Ivory Coast.

On July 2nd we heard from three more international professionals. Mr. Oscar Eduardo Diaz Forero from Colombia works for the Ministry of Agriculture in his country of 49 million people. He specializes in agriculture and economics, especially displaced people. Coffee, plantain, and cocoa are the primary food products. His desire is to provide food like the Garden City Harvest program for rural development. Currently the GDP for agriculture is 9% in his country. He will work on increasing this with “precision agriculture.” One question for Oscar was about the flower industry. Oscar said it is privately owned and not of government interest. The government “works with real necessities for the people” and “manages the price situation.” Mr. Biraguitcha Anwone from Togo, West Africa manages agricultural engineering. Togo has six million people. Agriculture is 40% of the GDP. Anwone works for the National Food Security Agency and has been to Australia and Japan. He finds the differences helpful for analyzing and creating the best plan for Togo. They have a five-year plan that includes the goals to improve roads to rural areas, develop a food storage infrastructure, and provide processing equipment to be utilized by the people. “At the end of the plan, farmers must be able to take care of themselves.” Post harvest loss was 19% of the food produced. Mr. Mawouena

Komlan Bohm from Togo, West Africa is a clinical psychologist and spoke on the threat of drug abuse and trafficking. He currently works for the government in the Ministry of Security, the National Anti-Drug Committee. There is “strong political will to find the best solution to address the problem.” Marijuana was not a problem in Togo until 1985. Laws on drug control, money laundering, crime and terrorism were established in 1998. Policing since 2004 has increased. The national plan for 2013-2017 will improve the State’s capacities to address threats linked to illicit drug trafficking, abuse, and organized crime. It will also provide a prevention program and treatment, strengthen law enforcement, and build life and family skills.

Our last meeting for 2015 was July 30th. We heard from Ms. Halima Abdul Hossain from Afghanistan (far left in the picture). She is part of the marginalized tribe of Hazara, only 19% of the population. The Pashtun tribe is the largest with 38%. She has a Masters degree in Agronomy and Plant Breeding and likes to teach. Recycling and composting in her community is a current project. She believes that even small ideas make a big difference. Afghanistan is 11 times smaller than Australia. Halima will be working on helping to improve the economy and by bringing a more valuable crop to her country. Mining development is another focus for Afghanistan. Mr. Claude Fanohiza from Madagascar (4th from the right) presented his research on developing good governance and information about his background. His goals and projects focus on strengthening the capacity of public institutions and promote good governance. He is expanding and researching the idea and practice of a participatory budget process. Chicago was the first place this was implemented in 2008. It is ongoing. Mr. Serge Egelbert Ekani from Cameroon, had already left for the University that he will be attending before we had a chance to hear his presentation.

NOTE: Next year JRPC will again be hosting the Humphrey Fellows for 2016. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to connect with the world without leaving Missoula.

Safe travels to all our Fellows and we hope you can join us next year.
Meet our New Board members

Liz Rantz: She has been associated with JRPC for many years. She was a physician for 30 years. Liz brings the following skills and expertise: business, event planning, development and fundraising, building, civic group, writing, other nonprofit work, graphics, art, newsletters, and connection with the religious community and the media. Liz is bringing a lot of enthusiasm, vision, and creativity.

Ben Darrow: Ben is excited to promote peace both locally and beyond. He desires to develop his inner peace and awareness of the alternatives to violence and help JRPC grow and become more sustainable. Ben has worked on the Quaker Peace and Social Concerns Committee, helped organize peace rallies, and worked with numerous nonprofits on justice issues. He brings the following skills and expertise: event planning, development and fundraising, local government, civic group, legal, computer, writing, graphics, art, newsletters. He also has connection to the religious community.

A Peace of My Mind: exploring the meaning of peace, one story at a time
by John Noltner (2011)

John spoke at JRPC on July 22nd. He told us many of the stories from his book, showed his pictures, and shared the background of these real people. John interviewed and photographed 50 people starting with one question: What does peace mean to you? “In a world that asks us to focus on the things that can separate us, A Peace of My Mind encourages us to consider the common humanity that connects us.”

John is a freelance photographer building bridges of understanding through his project and conversations. He interviewed Betsy Mulligan-Dague and Dan Gallagher on Friday, July 24th. He also has created a traveling exhibit with his stories and pictures.

He sees beyond the labels to see the humanity of the person he interviews: stories of forgiveness, grace, and reconciliation. He does not see peace as a world without conflict but as building relationships first. Storytelling is the step in that direction. The stories in this book were primarily from the Minnesota area. His next book will focus across America. After that he plans to focus on international, children, sacred lands, and then final wisdom (hospice). For more information, go to http://apeaceofmymind.net
To get your copy of John’s book, shop at the JRPC fair trade store,

Plus, you can get your own copy of the dvd
Beyond the Divide
$20 in our store

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12,000 Peace Cranes, Ceremony Mark
70th Anniversary of Hiroshima, Nagasaki

August 2015 is the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. To honor this anniversary, the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center (JRPC) engaged the Missoula community in a series of events featuring origami peace cranes, the symbol of international peace created by Japanese school children after World War II. After 50 "fold-ins" ranging from Hawthorne Elementary afterschool program to Living Arts of Montana, from the Buttercup Market to the Missoula Public Library, we received 12,362 peace cranes! Some came from as far away as Texas, California and Roundup.

JRPC hosted one of the fold-ins on the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, August 6, International Peace Day at Imagine Nation Brewing, 1151 West Broadway. We had a lively crane-folding session with families and new friends.

Friday morning, August 7, the 12,000+ cranes were carefully hung in chains of 50 along the north wall of the Missoula Art Museum, and stayed there through First Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 7-9. It was amazing to behold, and nearly everyone who passed by stopped to look more closely, many to take photos. As part of First Friday, JRPC hosted a peace crane "fold-in" for all ages in the side yard of the Museum on Friday from 5:00 pm 7:45 pm.

Sunday evening, August 9, JRPC hosted a peace commemorative ceremony against the backdrop of the cranes, attended by about 50 people. The ceremony included presentations by three women from Japan and our own intern from South Korea filling in the story of what happened in August 70 years ago and how it has affected Japan, their lives, and the world. The ceremony also included poetry readings including an original poem by Marylor Wilson written just for this occasion, original haiku by Carolyn Snively, and a post World War II Russian poem read by John Snively. John Lund, pastor of the Emmaus Campus Center, shared his thoughts on bringing the lessons of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to bear on our efforts at peace today. Altogether, about 350 people participated in making the Peace Crane commemoration possible, either by folding cranes or coming to the ceremony.

Fortunately, the cranes were removed from the outside of the museum before the storm hit Monday evening! JRPC’s 12,000 Peace Cranes are now hanging in the windows of the old Macy building at the corner of Higgins and Front in Missoula’s downtown, and will be through the month of August. Come on down and take a look! It is an amazing sight.

These same cranes will bring their peaceful energy to our peace party and then will be sent to our Representatives asking them to work for peace.
Join us down by the river for our 2015 Peace Party

Sunday, October 11
3-7 pm
In Caras Park

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