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Monday-Saturday, 10 am-7 pm
Sunday, 12 noon-5 pm
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South Vietnam with Marilyn
Marler & Carla Abrams

Feb 22-March 9, 2018



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"Courage is knowing what not to fear." ~Plato

Dear friends,

Most of us have never lived in a place where terror and war were constant concerns affecting every part of one's life. I have often thought about how difficult that must be and the trauma that lives on in one's bodies and minds as a result. There are certainly areas in this country and others where the fear of being a victim of crime is a real threat. And then incidents like Las Vegas, New York, Paris, Charlottesville, San Bernadino and so many others spread the fear of harm to a wider group of people who before felt unaffected by terror. Of course we know we are all affected by terror -- whether it is in our city or in cities a world away. There is no escaping our connections to each other. As the hurt and trauma of the world spread into new areas and lives, I want to be a voice for healing and light instead of darkness and more hurt. I want to continue to feel compassion in the stories of the victims and bear witness to those lives without becoming fearful and small-minded. I know that fear lives in one's body and mind and changes you. And I know that fear of something -- real or imagined -- is part of what causes this spiral of violence -- part of what makes someone take action to harm innocent people.

In the days following 911, this peace community joined others around the world to be a voice of compassion and courage rather than fear and withdrawal. Today needs that voice still -- louder and more certain than ever. We ARE what the world needs now...Betsy



Thanks to all of you who supported our peace party. We are so grateful to our donors, our volunteers and our supporters for being a PEACE of the world's solutions. You can continue to support us by making sure your membership is up to date (and joining if you haven't already!!) and considering us in your holiday giving. Plus there is still time to contribute to our efforts to put the Missoula Peace Sign back together or to purchase one of our remaining dinners. Call me at 543-3955 or [email me](#) with any questions...Betsy

- 2 Plates at the Delicious **Mostly Mid-Eastern Dinner that is wheat, dairy and sugar free** - whole30 compliant on Saturday, January 20, 2018 offered by Charlotte Kasl, \$85/plate

Calendar

Thursday, November 2, 10am-12noon, University Center (3rd floor). Ann Holmes Redding workshop, **“Making Peace with Religion”** as part of the UM Diverse U program. Redding is the author of *Out of Darkness into Light: Spiritual Guidance in the Quran with Reflections from Jewish and Christian Sources*.

Thursday, November 2, 6 pm-8 pm, Swift Building (315 S. 4th Street East-down the hill from the Missoulian). **Sierra Club phone bank** to drive turnout to the public hearings in Spokane to shut down the Colstrip MT coal-fired power plant. Free Beer and Pizza! RSVP for the phone bank by emailing david.merrill@sierraclub.org

Friday, November 3, 5-9 pm, Wilma, Home Resource **7th Annual Banquet & Benefit Auction** - Celebrating Reuse, Building Community. Hand-crafted items in the live and silent auction include pieces from the SponCon building contest & Paint-a-Door activity, a Doodad table by Deb Scott, a painting of the Merc on Merc wood by [B. Martinez](#) and many, many more! [tickets online](#)

Tuesday, November 7, 6 pm, UC Theater. Join Soft Landing Missoula for its latest Soft Landing Missoula Presents lecture, **“Timeless Iraq,”** a fresh look at this fascinating, fraught country. Presented by Mushtaq Al-Rashidany, a recent refugee now resettled in Missoula. This event is free and open to the public. Following the lecture, Soft Landing Missoula and the International Rescue Committee will give brief remarks about current resettlement efforts in Missoula and nationally, along with a 2018 outlook.

Wednesday, November 8, 8 am-7 pm. **Sierra Club trip to Spokane** to participate in public hearings to shut down the Colstrip, MT coal-fired power plant, the largest climate polluter in the American West. Free Transportation Provided! RSVP for Spokane trip by emailing david.merrill@sierraclub.org

Wednesday, November 8, 12 noon, JRPC (2nd and 4th Wed. every month). Patrick Marsolek leads a free practice group for those interested in learning to use **Nonviolent Communication Techniques** more effectively. 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. Join him to learn more about this critical skill. www.InnerWorkingsResources.com

Thursday November 9, 7:30-9 pm, Open Way Mindfulness Center (702 Brooks). Mindful Community Conversations Series will feature a discussion on **Self-Harming** led by Linds Sanders. Format: Sitting meditation (10 minutes), Speaker (30 minutes), Open sharing/questions. 549-9005 or openwaysangha@gmail.com

Saturday, November 11, 10 am-3 pm, JRPC. Get a deal at our annual Gobble, Gobble Garage Sale! If you have items to donate, you can bring them to the Center before November 8 already priced to sell. We will only be accepting pre-priced items to make it easier on our volunteers. Thanks!

Saturday, November 11, 10:45-11:30 am, Missoula's Rose Park (Mount Avenue and Blaine). **The Western Montana Chapter of Veterans for Peace** will be gathering near the Vietnam War Memorial to commemorate the World War I Armistice. The public is invited. Members will read poetry and remember fallen and injured friends and relatives, and all who attend are welcome to share their thoughts as well.

Monday, November 13, 11:30 am-1 pm, Doubletree Hotel. City Club presents **Refugee Resettlement in Missoula: One Year Later**. Purchase your ticket and more information at <http://www.cityclubmissoula.com>

Monday, November 13, UC Theater Time TBD. Join the Red Willow Learning Center and the JRPC for the film **Almost Sunrise**. Montana will host

Monday, November 13, 6:30-8:30 pm, Missoula Children's Theatre . Join the Japan club for a **Sister State Celebration** and reception with a group of 20 people from Kumamoto, including Gov. Ikuo Kabashima, Yasunari Ishihara of the Montana Club and Montana representative Mako Sakaguchi. Japanese Consul General Yoichiro Yamada from Seattle also will travel with the delegation.

Thursday, November 16th, 7 pm, Holiday Inn Ballroom, The World Affairs Council

Thursday, November 10th, 7 pm, Holiday Inn Ballroom. THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL presents Ambassador Mark Johnson (ret.) who will talk about **American Foreign Policy at an Uncertain Time: Chaos or Continuity?** as part of their Distinguished Speakers Program. \$5 Members | \$8 Non-members
Free for students. For more about this program, visit the [Council's website](#).

Friday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 29, 5:30-8 pm, Payne Family Native American Center. Please join us in acknowledging the work of our **Honoring our Stories: Families Healing Together** group participants who are sharing their personal narratives of resilience with our community. Come and enjoy a meal, watch their self-made films, and join in our follow-up discussion. (Free parking after 5pm) Community Potluck Dinner 5:30-6:00pm

Saturday, November 18, 9am-5pm, Payne Family Native American Center. Missoula Urban Indian Health Center Presents: **Community Resiliency Model (CRM) Workshop** with Dana Eisenberg, Trauma Resource Institute Educator. Free and open to clients, community, and professionals. Breakfast Provided-Potluck Lunch. Professional CEU's Offered: Contact [Lida](#) to make \$25 payment in advance. Questions? Contact (406) 829-9515 ext. 110 or email Lrunningcrane@muihc.org

Thursday, November 30, 5:30 pm, Masquer Theatre. Lecture: **'After One Hundred Years: Montana and the Great War'** presented by UM professor Harry Fritz as part of the Montana Museum of Art & Culture exhibit "Over There! Montanans in the Great War."

Wednesday, December 6, Details TBA. Join Women's Voices For The Earth for a showing of the film, [Tomorrow](#). This is an inspiring film that highlights innovative solutions to the number of issues our world is currently facing with a strong emphasis on community development. YouTube trailer [here](#).

Thursday December 7, 7:30-9 pm, Open Way Mindfulness Center (702 Brooks). Mindful Community Conversations Series will feature a discussion on **Grief and Loss** led by Greg Gallo. Format: Sitting meditation (10 minutes), Speaker (30 minutes), Open sharing/questions. 549-9005 or openwaysangha@gmail.com

Action Opportunities

Green America asks us to sign on to a campaign asking companies to **skip the slip** and stop consuming the water, oil and trees it takes to create small paper receipts. http://action.greenamerica.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=21094. **Incidentally -- you can always skip the slip at the Olive Branch -- your Only Fair Trade Store!!**

Be Strong: A Story of Girls Empowerment in Africa is a film about Montana and California artists on a journey to help girls feel empowered through art, movement and creativity! This film will be helping the Othakarhaka Foundation who aid in orphaned girls receive funding for secondary school in Malawi, Africa. To watch trailer and find out how you can help, [click here](#).

Visit the **Missoula Resistance Library** for all your resistance needs and great reading lists.
<https://missoularesistancelibrary.wordpress.com/>

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2018 award. Go to <https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/>

Fair Trade News



Come say hi to our new Fair Trade Store Manager Jennifer Zaso and let her know your ideas! It's not too early to get some ideas for Christmas shopping. And we are still looking for some volunteer help in the store -- you could score a sweet volunteer discount!!

Check out our **online store** at <http://the-olive-branch.shoplightspeed.com>

Ongoing Events and Meetings

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

Balanced View Clarity Online Call every Sunday, 11am-noon MT time. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org.

Veterans For Peace first Monday of each month (**September 11**), 4-6 pm, JRPC. [406-363-6150](tel:406-363-6150) or pvaughan184@gmail.com

Citizens Climate Lobby. 2nd Monday of every month, 6pm, Imagine Nation Brewery. Contact Scott at sebovard@gmail.com

JRPC Coordinating Council Third Monday of every month, 5:30 pm at JRPC. All are welcome to attend!

350Missoula Coal & Renewables Committee third Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. leemet@bigsky.net

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 Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC info@patrickmarsolek.com

The Cranium creates origami delights Wednesdays, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. bonnie@bonnietarses.com

Time Bank Orientation Contact info@missoulatimebank.org for individual and group orientation for new members at a location TBD.

Missoula Moves To Amend Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

Have you read an article that inspired you? Share it with us so we can share it with others!!

Check out the Library at JRPC for lots of great resources. Donations are always welcome!

Ways to Help JRPC

Jeannette Rankin Peace Center has been in Missoula since 1986, working to build non-violence, social justice and sustainability. 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. Give to JRPC through your workplace. www.montanashares.org

The JRPC e-newsletter is sent to our listserv each Thursday. Deadline for calendar items is noon, Wednesday. We always appreciate your contributions, comments and suggestions. If you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please unsubscribe below. To sign up, click this link.

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