Check out our special tour of South Vietnam with Marilyn Marler & Carla Abrams

Feb 22-March 9, 2018

You are invited to join us on this intense 13-day hiking and biking field adventure to Dong Nai Biosphere Reserve.

https://jrpc.org/vietnam2018

“All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware.” - Martin Buber

We are excited that the JRPC is hosting this year’s trip to the Dong Nai Biosphere Reserve in Vietnam. If you are interested in modern Vietnamese life, culture, and nature conservation 40 years after the Vietnam-American War, please join us! Especially if you are also interested in biking, hiking and wildlife watching.

This is not a typical tourist trip. Together with our Vietnamese colleagues, we have combined nature with friendships, war history with looking ahead, and exercise with good food. We confront the realities of Vietnam’s conservation crisis, and learn directly from professionals who are working to support wildlife, habitats, and changing public values.

We will be with our Vietnamese hosts every day. Accommodations are often rustic, as we lodge in hammocks, homestays, and ranger stations. The food is
authentic and enjoyed family style with our hosts. We spend 10 days in the jungle, and then visit Con Dao Island, a gorgeous but rarely visited national park with an unsettling history as a prison.

Please visit www.jrpc.org/vietnam2018, or contact Marilyn, for more information about this trip. The group is limited to 8 people for a better nature experience and small team feeling. If you are interested in college credit, or are paying with an Americorps Education Award, UM has approved this trip as Environmental Studies 491 for 2 credits. We hope you can join us, Marilyn & Carla

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 9, 4 pm, The Roxy.** Last showing of AiWeiWei's documentary, *Human Flow*, accompanying refugees all over the world.

**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](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.

**Wednesday, November 15, 12 noon-1:15 pm, UCC.** Montana Interfaith Network Special Program -- **Fusing Faith and Politics: The Origins of the Religious Right.** This multi-media presentation examines how the Religious Right was founded to be, first and foremost, a political movement and continues as one today. It covers its evolution from the 1980s to present in both Montana and the nation, as well as its effect on the last presidential election cycle. Finally, we will discuss some of the ways that faith communities can counter the influence of the Religious
Right political activities on our communities. Lunch Provided. Please RSVP for lunch to laurief@har-shalom.org

**Thursday, November 16, 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

**Saturday, November 18, 7 pm, University Center (UC) Theater.** **Leonard Higgins will stand for a "Mock Trial"**, hosted by Shut It Down, Climate Direct Action and 350 Montana. Leonard was one of five "valve turners" who turned off tar sands oil pipelines. A retired IT specialist for the State of Oregon, he closed the valve on the Spectra's Express Pipeline in Chouteau County, Montana, on October 11, 2016. He waited for the police and was charged with criminal conspiracy, criminal trespass, and criminal mischief. He is awaiting trial for real in Fort Benton MT on November 21. Go [here](#) to learn more about the valve turners.

**Wednesday, November 22, 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](http://www.InnerWorkingsResources.com)

**Saturday, November 25, 4-7 pm, JRPC.** Join us for Small Business Saturday and our Christmas Open House. Eat, drink and be merry with us and see the store all dressed up for Christmas and take the first peek at our Christmas items that will debut in the store that day. Or, simply come and have some fun making your own peace crane ornament to
take home to kick off your holiday decorating!

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.”

Friday, December 1, 5-7 pm, JRPC. Time once again for First Friday Kids Night! -- fair trade shopping night for children of all ages. Each year, we invite parents to drop their children off at the store to shop for their family's Christmas presents. Let us know how much they have in their budget and who they need to buy for and our volunteers will help them pick out the perfect gift -- and wrap it in recycled papers and bows! It is a fun night for the kids, who learn about fair trade items, and the excitement around choosing that special something for their loved ones. We hope to see you and your family there!

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 Grallo. Format: Sitting meditation (10 minutes), Speaker (30 minutes), Open sharing/questions. 549-9005 or openwaysangha@gmail.com

Action Opportunities

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
We hope to see you in the store this holiday season for all of your gift giving needs. There is nothing more rewarding than giving a fair trade gift or giving someone else the experience of shopping fair trade with a store gift certificate. We have some exciting in-store events coming up that we hope you will put on your calendar:

Upcoming store events:

- **Small Business Saturday** is November 25th. Join us from 4-7pm for our Christmas Open House. Eat, drink and be merry with us and see the store all dressed up for Christmas and take the first peek at our Christmas items that will debut in the store that day. Or, simply come and have some fun making your own peace crane ornament to take home to kick off your holiday decorating!
- **First Friday Kids Night!** is December 1st. Join us from 5-7pm for a fair trade shopping night for children of all ages. Each year, we invite parents to drop their children off at the store to shop for their family's Christmas presents. It is a fun night for the kids, who learn about fair trade items, and the excitement around choosing that special something for their loved ones. We hope to see you and your family there!
- Additionally, we have some **sales** happening throughout November including select wallets and purses that are Buy 1, Get 1 1/2 half off, new arrivals of Mexican jewelry on sale for a limited time, and select fashion scarves and ties on sale for 30% off. And as always, members receive 10% off of their store purchases.

I look forward to saying hello to you over the next few months, during my first holiday season here as store manager! Warmly, Jenny Zaso, Store Manager

**Plus, check out the "Ways To Help JRPC Section Below to see how you can help the store out!!!**

Check out our **online store** at [http://the-olive-branch.shoaplightspeed.com](http://the-olive-branch.shoaplightspeed.com)

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**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 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!
**Missoula 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

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**Articles Of Interest**

YouTube locations for videos of the **Oct 25 2017 Jail Tax Levy Debate Forum in Helena:**

- Video 1 of 10 -- P1020076: https://youtu.be/Tqjfx8O7lWo
- Video 2 of 10 -- P1020075: https://youtu.be/ohdKWWUyFYM
- Video 3 of 10 -- P1020074: https://youtu.be/dfDmcXoU_k
- Video 4 of 10 -- P1020073: https://youtu.be/yNhV2thAY0
- Video 5 of 10 -- P1020071: https://youtu.be/GKkvT4vOcU
- Video 6 of 10 -- P102007.2: https://youtu.be/tlaQyynP0TQ
- Video 7 of 10 -- P1020070: https://youtu.be/tAsG9kEgWGw
- Video 8 of 10 -- P1020069: https://youtu.be/I26J8s-yKk4
- Video 10 of 10 -- P1020067: https://youtu.be/GAAOAr1v6fc

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!!**

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**Ways to Help JRPC**

Do you have any area rugs that you would be willing to donate to The Olive Branch for use in the store? We would like to add some area rugs to some sections of the store to jazz it up a bit. Please call or e-mail our store manager, Jenny Zaso, to let her know! E-mail store@jrpc.org or call (406) 543-3955.

Do you have any extra tablecloths or large swaths of fabric - either solid or printed - that you would be willing to donate to The Olive Branch for use in the store for store displays? We would love to have them! Please call or e-mail our store manager, Jenny Zaso, to let her know! E-mail store@jrpc.org or (406) 543-3955.
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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