

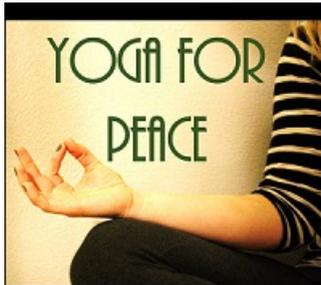


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Monday-Saturday, 10 am-7 pm
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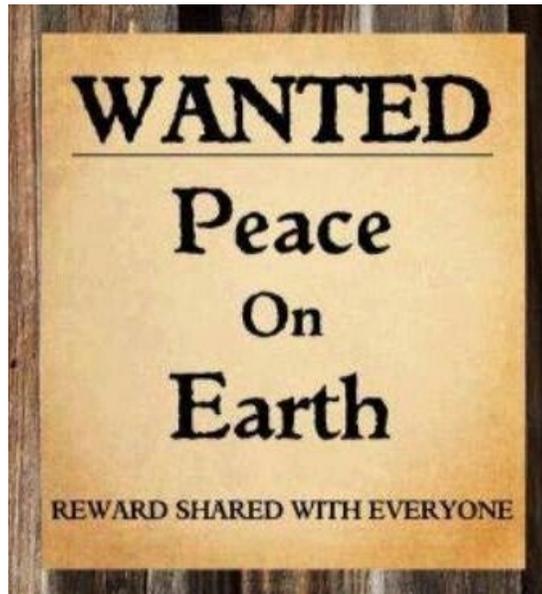
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"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it." ~Eleanor Roosevelt



Dear peace community,

The Peace Center needs you! The more engaged and involved you are, the more the Center thrives. Have you ever thought of things you'd like to see the Center doing? Or asked, "what can I do to make an impact?" Well, here's your chance to "be the change" -- and be part of shaping our work.

- Do you love the fall Peace Party each year? Well come help us plan this year's event -- we are looking for a new committee with new ideas!
- Do you have an issue that is important to you? Come start a discussion group or event around that issue and share it with the community.
- Do you have ideas about what the Center can do and want to make sure it thrives for another 30 years? Come join our Coordinating Council.
- Are you passionate about the peace park? Step up to help maintain it.

Jeannette Rankin would never have changed America if she didn't say yes to the opportunity to serve. There is so much we can do together. We know your time is valuable and we also know the rewards of working for the world we want to live in. All of our volunteers know they are loved and making a difference -- and getting free fair trade chocolate! Come make a difference with us. Send me an [email](#) or call me at 543-3955 and let's talk about what's possible together...Betsy

Calendar

Thursday February 1st, 5-7 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing, Iimate Smart Missoula **Monthly Meetup: Green Building & Energy Efficiency.** Come Learn about some of our upcoming ENERGY SMART projects including a pilot program to improve energy efficiency in

ENERGY SAVING projects, including a pilot program to improve energy efficiency in manufactured homes, building energy "stretch" codes, and more! Come at 5pm to mingle, short program starts at 5:15 then stay to chat and connect. https://www.facebook.com/events/364765393995342/?active_tab=about

Thursday, February 1, 7 pm, The Roxy. **Nathan Baring, one of 21 youth plaintiffs suing the U.S. government over climate change, will be speaking about the historic case in which he is a plaintiff.** Juliana v. U.S. has been moving through the federal court system and is expected to go to trial later this year. The plaintiffs allege that the actions of the U.S. government in causing the dire climate crisis are violating their rights to life, liberty and property under the U.S. Constitution. A march and rally across the Higgins Street bridge will immediately follow the youth panel. (Signs will be provided, but even better, make your own!) The event is free and open to the public. Snacks and activities for young children will be offered.

Thursday, February 1, 6-8 pm, Burns St. Center. Join the Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC) for the **2nd annual Farm Fresh Pitchfest** to support our local food system! They have four small food and farming businesses participating this year. Check out the [CFAC blog](#) to learn more about each of the participants. Join us, eat delicious food provided by [Burns St. Bistro](#), make a loan, and be involved in YOUR local food system!

Friday, February 2, 7:30 pm, The Tophat. Join Montana Backcountry Alliance for the annual **Backcountry Film Festival** produced by Winter Wildlands Alliance. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Get advanced tickets at the Tophat or here: <https://logiampresents.com/event/backcountry-film-fest-18104/> You can see the films and trailers at www.montanabackcountry.org.

Tuesday, February 6, 3 pm, Missoula Public Library, large meeting room. **MCAT is organizing a special meeting** to give community leaders and key stakeholders a "heads-up" about the importance of public input into a Community Needs Assessment. This special meeting will be led by Sue Buske from The Buske Group, a highly experienced communications consultant who is working with MCAT and the City on the franchise renewal process. At the meeting, we will explain the ways you can be involved as the needs assessment moves forward. This will greatly assist MCAT and the City of Missoula in planning for the future cable and communications needs of our community during the upcoming Spectrum (Charter) cable franchise renewal process. Snacks will be provided. Click here to RSVP

Wednesday, February 7, 5-6 pm, JRPC Community Room. **The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center and Yeti Yoga are teaming up to offer the Missoula community a new yoga class: Yoga for Peace! The class will continue every Wednesday through February -- and maybe beyond! Half of the proceeds go toward JRPC's upcoming projects, including the Peace Toolkit and the recreation of the Missoula Peace Sign. The class will be an hour-long yin style class, which targets areas of the body that become sensitive when remaining seated for long periods of time. Originally, it was designed prepare the body for prolonged seated meditation posture. Yin poses are held for 3-5 minutes to stretch beyond the muscles and access the connective tissue around the joints. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now by emailing yetiyogamissoula@gmail.com! Cost: \$10**

Wednesday, February 7, 6-8 pm, Missoula Federal Credit Union Community Room (3600 Brooks St). Join Climate Smart Missoula and partners for a **Solar-Ease Workshop**, an informational workshop all about going solar: we aim to make it easy! Learn about current opportunities, policy, and the pathway to installing residential solar, from working through a bid from an installer to tax benefits and financing. Meet-and-greet with local installers at 6, informational presentation begins at 6:30, with plenty of time for Q&A and mingling after. Snacks and beverages provided. <https://www.facebook.com/events/373329246461998>

Wednesday, February 7, 5:15 pm, MCAT (channel 189). The November 1 panel discussion on **Restorative Justice** that was held at Holy Spirit Episcopal will be shown on MCAT.

Wednesday, February 7, 6:30-8 pm, Gallagher Business Building room 123. The Global Public Health Program Announces Nancy Fitch, Independent Consultant in International Health and Former Director of Curry Health Center. She will present on the **global AIDS Epidemic**. Contact Kelly at kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu or [\(406\) 270-0869](tel:(406)270-0869). The program continues every Wednesday through April 18.

- Feb 14 Joe Russell, Retired Chief Health Officer of the Flathead City-County Health Dept "The Republic of Georgia Food Safety System: Moving past a Laissez-faire System"

- Feb 21 Martin Blair, PhD, Executive Director of The Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities “Building Inclusive Education Opportunities for Kenyan Children who are Deaf/Blind”
- Feb 28 Marshall E. Bloom, M.D. Associate Director for Scientific Management, Rocky Mountain Laboratories “Predicting pandemics and the myth of Sisyphus?”
- Mar 7 Andrew Honken, Pre-med student & 2017 Global Grizzly representatives to Iganga, Uganda “Global Grizzlies 2017: A Look at Ugandan Medicine”
- Mar 14 Libbie Lapp, PA-C “Treating Poverty as an Illness: My Experiences in Haiti”
- Mar 21 Angela Haugo, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine “Kind and Crucial Care for Kenya”
- Apr 4 Nora O'Brien, PhD. Professor of Nutrition, University College Cork, Ireland “Nutritional status of lactating women and their children in two agro-ecological zones of rural Ethiopia”
- Apr 11 Michele Sare, MSN, RN, Director of Nurses for Nurses Internat'l Found. “The Evolution of Public Health in a Republic of NGOs: Why aid in Haiti hasn't had a greater impact”
- Apr 18 Joe Knapp, MD Cardiologist, Past Director of Medical research at the International Heart Institute of Montana “Specialty care in Developing Nations -- an Oxymoron or an Aspiration”

Wednesday, February 7, 7 pm, the Natural History Center. The first lecture in the MT Natural History Center series is **Rosalyn LaPier**, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at UM and award-winning Indigenous writer. She studies the intersection of traditional ecological knowledge learned from elders and environmental and religious history of Indigenous people. She will discuss the "seasonal round" or the annual journey taken by the Blackfeet and other northern Plains tribes throughout their territory, share their knowledge of the natural world, places, plants, and animals and their relationship with the supernatural. Check out our full list of speakers and topics here. Cost per lecture: \$10 non-members; \$5 members; FREE for high school and college students. Purchase tickets [HERE!](#) Ticket includes beer and/or wine (if over 21) from The Dram Shop; non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Sponsored by the Good Food Store.

Thursday, February 8, 7 pm, The Roxy. Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund and WildEarth Guardians are co-sponsoring the screening of featured documentary "**To The Ends Of The Earth**" narrated by Emma Thompson. This award winning documentary directed by David Lavalleé explores extreme energy, breaking free from fossil fuels, divestment and the future of the industry. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Purchase your tickets at www.mtvoters.org.

Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Missoula Public Library: **Climate Change in Missoula: From Statistics to Strategies.** The Climes, They Are a'Changing! What will the future bring to the Missoula valley in terms of temperatures, precipitation, snowpack and stream flows? Bring your questions to a **free public forum** with several authors of the September, 2017 Montana Climate Assessment to hear forecasts for the Missoula area derived from world climate change models. City and County sustainability officers will be on hand to discuss how Missoula is responding, as will several Missoula-based non-profits engaged in climate change education and advocacy. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters Missoula, Climate Smart Missoula and the Clark Fork Coalition.

Tuesday, February 13, 6-8 pm, Home ReSource Community Room. **MUD WORKSHOP: ETHICAL VALENTINES DAY BOUQUETS.** Join Melissa Lafontaine, Owner of Earth Within Flowers, for an informative flower design class to discuss Flower Justice and the budding slow-flower movement here in Missoula. Create a locally-sourced, dried, bouquet that symbolizes love of the environment and our local flower growers. Melissa will share some of her favorite flower design tricks, including the secret language of flowers and medicinal properties of the blooms. Early bird rate: \$20 MUD members/\$40

non-members. More details & reservations online at: <http://muqproject.org/events/ethicalvalentines/> FYI, we will also have some of Melissa's arrangements for sale in our Olive Branch Fair Trade Store!!

Friday, February 16, 7 pm, The Wilma. The BSDFF will open with the film **DARK MONEY**. From Montana-born director Kimberly Reed, DARK MONEY spotlights the historical consequences of dark money's influence in Montana, and the public servants, journalists and citizens that stood up to oppose corporate control of politics. Free admission. A Q&A with the filmmaker and panel discussion will follow the screening. It will also be screened on Sunday, Feb 25 at 3:15 pm. You can click [here](#) to purchase those tickets.

Friday, February 16-Sunday, February 25. The Big Sky Film Institute is proud to announce the OFFICIAL SELECTIONS of the **15th Annual Big Sky Documentary Film Festival**. And JRPC is proud to be a sponsor again this year. See you at the movies!!

Saturday-Sunday, February 17-18, UM. **Black Solidarity Summit: Reflecting on the Past, Preparing for the Future: Laying the Groundwork for the Next 50 Years.** This February marks the 50th anniversary of the University of Montana's Black Studies program, the third oldest program in the United States. The Black Solidarity Summit will bring together representatives from Black Student Union's, African Student Associations, and Black Studies programs around the United States to support one another and engage in discourse about vital issues impacting black students. Please visit the [Black Solidarity Summit website](#) for more details and information regarding the Summit.

Tuesday, February 20, 6-8 pm, Payne Family Native American Center. Empower Montana and YWCA offers their **True Colors Training**, a series of workshops created in an effort to address the unique challenges faced by indigenous people and people of color, as well as white allies taking action against racism. Trainings will take place every Tuesday evening, through March 20. There is a cost for the series. [Register by filling out this form.](#)

Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm-8:45 pm, Missoula Public Library Large Meeting Room. **Wrongful Convictions Film Series brought to you by the Innocence Project presents The Child Cases.** When a child dies under suspicious circumstances, abuse is often suspected. That's what happened in the case of six-month-old Isis Vas, whose death was deemed "a clear-cut and classic" case of child abuse, sending a man named Ernie Lopez to prison for 60 years. But now a Texas judge has moved to overturn Lopez's conviction, and new questions are being asked about the quality of expert testimony in this and many other similar cases. Two CLE credits available. Panel discussion after each film. Free and open to the public. Contact director@mtinnocenceproject.org, call (406) 243-6698 or visit <http://mtinnocenceproject.org>

Monday, March 5, 7 pm, The Roxy. JRPC, 350 Montana, World Affairs Council and others invite you to the film, **The Age of Consequences** from award-winning filmmaker Jared Scott. The film investigates growing threats to security on a national and international scale, including increasing resource scarcity, infrastructure risks, conflict and increasing refugee populations.

Thursday, March 8, 7pm, Freecycles. **International Women's Day benefit for WORD** w/Arrowleaf, Sasha Bell Band, and New Old Future.

Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 pm-8:45 pm, Missoula Public Library Large Meeting Room. **Wrongful Convictions Film Series brought to you by the Innocence Project presents The Fear of 13.** After more than 20 years on death row, a convicted murderer petitions the court asking to be executed. But as he tells his story, it gradually becomes clear that nothing is quite what it seems. Two CLE credits available. Panel discussion after each film. Free and open to the public. Contact director@mtinnocenceproject.org, call (406) 243-6698 or visit <http://mtinnocenceproject.org>

Tuesday, March 20, 7 pm, Christ the King Church. The **Inaugural Newman Lecturer** will be Marie Dennis, speaking on **Active Nonviolence: A Paradigm Shift to a More Peaceful World**. Marie Dennis has been Co-President of Pax Christi International since 2007 and was for many years director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns. Marie was named the 2016 person of the year by the National Catholic Reporter and is a Public Peace Prize laureate.

MIST / Free Cycles is seeking comments on a **draft Roundabout Policy for the City of Missoula**. Properly designed roundabouts save lives, energy and time. An average roundabout, like Higgins Beckwith, saves about 200 tons of carbon a year, with less idling of engines. Also, \$5,000 to \$10,000 in electricity costs are saved when compared to a traffic signal. Send comments to Bob Giordano, Director Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation

www.strans.org, mist@strans.org, [406.830.7676](tel:406.830.7676)

Hold Congress accountable to **protect Dreamers**. Resources and information available at <https://www.dreamerpledge.org/>

For **Black History Month** in February, here is [a reading guide](#) on the history and politics of the Black freedom movement.

Visit the **Missoula Resistance Library** for great reading lists on topics that are relevant today.

<https://missoularesistancelibrary.wordpress.com/>

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2019 award. Go

to <https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/>

Fair Trade News



Free Trade is not fair -- doesn't your valentine deserve a gift that is fair? Check out what we have to offer at the Olive Branch

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

Doomsday Clock Moves Forward to Two Minutes to Midnight <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5425124/doomsday-clock-moves-forward-to-two-minutes-to-midnight-bringing-world-closer-to-self-destruction-than-any-time-since-the-cold-war/>

The Republic At Risk <https://www.therepublicatrisk.org/>

What if?... <http://stephendpalmer.com/puzzle-humanity/>

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

Consider a gift membership or honor donation as a great "green" holiday gift for that hard to buy for person on your list!

And we would be honored to have you consider a donation to JRPC as you plan your end-of-year giving.

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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