Dear Friends,

The holidays are fast approaching and each year, we are challenged to shop in ways that reflect our values and support our world in positive ways. JRPC's Olive Branch offers you a way to do just that -- to support our work as well as the many farms, cooperatives and people around the world who rely on the fair trade market here to buy their goods so they can make a better life for themselves, their families and their communities. Plus this year, we have several new local and indigenous crafts to offer. I don't know about you, but I prefer to see myself as a consumer that feeds these workers and communities rather than one that supports large corporations. So here are some suggestions for how we can be the consumers we wish to be this holiday:

- We have lots of events coming up at JRPC to show off our fair trade and local goods -- The Helena Fair Trade Market this coming Sunday, our Open House and Member Appreciation on 11/24, the Helena Made-Fair on 12/1 and 2, JRPC Peace Crane making on 12/1 and Kid's Night on 12/7 (check them out below)
- Consider donations to JRPC or to one of the other great non-profits in Missoula -- or to an organization helping our neighbors in California (see below). This is a way you can spend a little or a lot, depending on your situation and know that it is helping make a better world.

Thanks for your support so that PEACE PARTIES ON!
Now, please support our donors with your business to say thanks to them!
And check out Our Event Photos

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy
- Missoula is also fortunate to have some great local artists and locally-owned shops, like Upcycled, next door to JRPC where you can buy usable art pieces made from trash. You can visit many of these at the Holiday Made-Fair on 12/9.
- If you care about small and locally-owned businesses, now is the time to support them so they can stay in business and keep your dollars here in our community.
- Look at the link to our list of businesses that support our annual peace party and give them some love!
- And shopping second-hand, making items or giving services you can provide is always a great way to support zero waste and materialism -- Ask us about all the ways that a simple origami crane can become a beautiful gift!

If your holiday includes gift-giving, perhaps you can plan now for a combination of gifts that support these local alternatives. We’d love to hear your ideas for making the holidays more peaceful and just. [Send us an email](mailto:info@jrpc.org)

Thankful for your support, Betsy

PS: We'll be taking a break from our newsletter next week to spend time with our families and we will again be closed on Friday after Thanksgiving to observe, "Buy Nothing Day"!
Calendar

Thursday, November 15, 5:30 pm, Missoula College (1205 E. Broadway). **The Warfare of Tariffs: Understanding the Trade War from China's Perspective.** SGLong financial invites you to join guest speaker Dexter Roberts, former China Bureau Chief at Bloomberg Business Week and our strategic Investment Management Team for an evening of insight, analysis and discussion. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30-6:30, followed by the presentation. RSVP to 721-0999 or smedeiros@sglong.com

Thursday, November 15, 6:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewery. You are invited to a discussion on the importance of creating inclusive spaces as we do environmental policy advocacy, the challenges that come with that task, and ways to overcome those challenges. This will be an opportunity to learn from each other through sharing stories and asking questions. At the end of the discussion, we will explore further ways to support each other (sharing ongoing work, making new action-items, planning future discussions, or simply building broader networks). Pizza and salad will be provided! Beer and kombucha will be available for purchase. Please e-mail Lindsay at WancourL@gmail.com if you plan to come.

Monday, November 19, 6 pm, Scotty's Table. Call Soft Landing Missoula (493.0504) quick to join us on for a special Eritrean Buffet. Perfect food for a warm cozy early winter evening, the chefs are excited to share a variety of delicious entrees with you from their home country of Eritrea, as well as the beautiful and delicious Eritrean Coffee Ceremony. More details available here.

Monday, November 19, 6:30–8:30 pm, Missoula Public Library. Missoula Rises Community Conversation invites members of the public to a free community discussion and speaker panel “Radical Realism for Climate Change – a Social Responsibility”. Four impressive panelists will discuss Climate Change and Social Responsibility: (1) Bonnie Buckingham from the Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC) discussing local food security; (2) A member of Local Indigenous Network Collective (LINC), covering their work on the pipeline frontlines; (3) Summer Nelson (Sierra Club) talking about the recent project to push the city of Missoula to commit to 100% renewable energy; and (4) Steve Schwartz, author from the University of Montana, discussing coal industry rhetoric used to undermine sustainable energy policies. For further information, please contact Rebecca Weston at 406-546-0938. Email: rebecca abweston@gmail.com

Saturday, November 24, 3-7pm, JRPC. Celebrate Small Business Saturday with us at our Holiday Open House for Peace Center Members. Come eat, drink and be merry with us - and enjoy 20% off our entire fair trade, local and non-profit store, The Olive Branch, to say thank you for your support. As you most likely know, we have everything from books, toys, ornaments, decor, winter woolens, food, health & beauty and a wide array of unique holiday gifts for everyone. All fair trade, local and goes to support peace & justice programming in Montana. Gifts you can feel good about!

Friday, November 23, The JRPC will again close to observe "Buy Nothing day".
Saturday, November 24, 4 pm, Shakespeare & Co. Internet superstar and first-time author Hank Green joins us in the bookstore on Small Business Saturday for a special Missoula reading and signing of his #1 bestselling debut novel, An Absolutely Remarkable Thing.

Tuesday, November 27, 7 pm, The Public House (130 East Broadway). Post-Election Climate Thought Forum: THE ELECTION IS OVER. THE LANDSCAPE HAS SHIFTED. NOW WHAT? Join Paul Haber (political science professor), Martin Kidston (editor, Missoula Current), Abby Huseth (Climate Smart Missoula, Faith and Climate Action Montana), Dave Ditloff (National Wildlife Federation), Daniel Carlino (environmental studies student) and Skye Borden (Environment Montana) as they take this political moment to reflect on the climate movement while peering into the year ahead. https://www.facebook.com/events/118273705744324/. Contact david.merrill@sierraclub.org

Thursday, November 29, 5:30-8 pm, The Gilkey Center for Executive Education. The Montana World Affairs Council in partnership with the Mike and Maureen Mansfield Center presents: At the Nexus of Politics and Economics: Are Peace and Unification Possible on the Korean Peninsula? featuring distinguished speakers Philip Yun, Executive Director of the Ploughshares Foundation & Thomas Byrne, President of the Korea Society. For directions, please click here, RSVP by 11/26 to Janet Rose, Executive Director at jrose@montanaworldaffairs.org or call (406)728-3328.

Saturday, December 1, 12 noon-3 pm, JRPC. Peace Crane Making for the Peace Tree - All Ages! - we will be hosting peace crane making for the Make a Wish Foundation's Peace tree during the Parade of Lights from noon to 3pm. Please stop by write your wish for peace and fold it into a peace crane for this incredible tree that will be on display at First Interstate Bank for the whole week of Festival of Trees! Lewis and Clark students want to create 1,000 peace cranes and collect 250 peace wishes from students and the Missoula community that will then be folded into Peace Cranes and placed onto the Missoula Peace Tree that will be auctioned off. A portion of the proceeds will go to Make-A-Wish Montana supporting their mission of granting wishes to children with life-threatening illness.

Saturday-Sunday, December 1-2, 10-5 (4 on Sunday), Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds, Helena. Helena MADE fair, with 30,000 sq. feet of continuous space to feature over 180 talented artisans, local non-profits -- including JRPC, activities, and delicious food & beverage options. FREE entry, FREE parking, and plenty of room to shop. Even a FREE tote bag for the first 50 people each day! Please bring a non-perishable food item to help support Helena Food Share. SUNDAY: Bring the kiddos for FREE pictures with Santa on Sunday noon-2pm. Enjoy some extra awesome offers and discounts during Happy Hours 2pm-4pm on Sunday!

Saturday, December 1, 11:30 am-1 pm, Aikido Missoula (208 E. Main, 2nd floor Union Hall Building). Winter Aikido Intro for Beginning Adults, followed by four guided basics classes. Try the martial art of harmony. For more information visit http://www.AikidoMissoula.com, call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by November 28. http://www.facebook.com/AikidoMissoula

Sunday, December 2 is the first night of Hanukkah
Monday, December 3, 7:30-10:30 pm, Dennison Theater. Shakespeare & Co. is co-hosting Vice President Joe Biden: The American Promise Tour. This is a ticketed event. Each ticket sold includes a copy of Mr. Biden's book, Promise Me, Dad, now in paperback. This event is presented by Creative Artists Agency and Knitting Factory Entertainment. Email americanpromisetour@caa.com for event-related info.

Thursday, December 6, 6-8 pm, Western Cider. DIY Holiday Wreaths with Earth Within Flowers. Weave together local winter foliage, dried flowers and herbs into a circle that represents the gifts of 2018. $45 in advance, $50 day of. Two tickets for $80 (use code DIY2018 at checkout) https://earthwithin.com/workshops/

Friday, December 7, 5-8 pm, JRPC. It's our annual Kid's Night at the Olive Branch. Bring your kids for a kid-friendly shopping experience. You tell us what their budget is and we'll have volunteers on hand to help them find the perfect gifts for everyone on their list -- and we'll even help them wrap their gifts. Call us at 543-3955 with questions.

Sunday, December 9, 11am-6pm, the Adams Center. Come and visit JRPC at our Missoula Made Fair booth and support many other local artists by shopping for your local and handmade holiday gifts.

Tuesday, December 18, 6-8 pm, Western Cider. DIY Garlands with Earth Within Flowers. Dress up your home with a unique seasonal garland. We will have an assortment of dried local dried flowers, foliage and aromatics to play with. $45 in advance, $50 at the door. Two tickets for $80 (use code DIY2018) https://earthwithin.com/workshops/

Monday, December 31, 4 pm to midnight, Caras Park. New Year's Eve Peace Sign Luminary Lighting. Ring in 2019 with friends and family while spreading the message of peace by lighting a luminary to help create a giant symbol of peace in Caras Park on New Year's Eve day.

Action Opportunities

Soft Landing Needs Our Help! As we now realize, the proposed "Public Charge" change could affect refugees as well, because many families could withdraw from SNAP or TANF out of fear, as they have done in the past. Please read this updated statement, with a link to the IRC's excellent toolkit. Please join us in making our voices heard BEFORE December 10th, when the public comment period will be closed and this could be a permanent change.

Here's some organizations that are helping the victims of fires in California -- they could use our support!

- **American Red Cross** is seeking donations for the numerous evacuation centers they've opened for California residents seeking refuge. Red Cross evacuation centers do accept pets. You can visit redcross.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a $10 donation.
- **United Way** in Los Angeles and Northern CA is seeking donations to help their respective communities.
- **Salvation Army** is working at both ends of the state to provide meals and gift cards to victims of the wildfires.
• **International Association of Fire Fighters**, which represents thousands of firefighters and responders, is accepting donations for its Disaster Relief Fund to help firefighters who are working on the front lines and their families, from financial to emotional support.

• **GoFundMe** has compiled a list of verified GoFundMe campaigns to help victims of the fires. If you can't decide on a campaign or want to help more than one, you can also donate to their **Direct Impact Fund**, which supports a number of campaigns connected to California fires.

• **Humane Society of Ventura County, The Los Angeles Animal Care Foundation, the Pasadena Humane Society, The Gentle Barn**, and the **CA Wildlife Center** are accepting donations to help them support the displaced animals

EmpowerMT announces the **MLK Youth Art and Essay Contest**. Submit a piece of 2-D art work or an essay, poem or letter of no more than 250 words in response to the quote, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others". Handwritten or typed essays will be accepted. Artwork may be any medium but no larger than 8.5 X 11 inches. On the back of each entry please include the student’s full name, grade, school, home address and home telephone number. To enter you must be a student in preschool-12th grade in Western Montana. Entries are due no later than December 21, 2018 to the Missoulian (MLK Contest, Missoulian, P.O. Box 8029, Missoula, MT 59807). Winners will receive a cash prize, be featured in the Missoulian, and recognized at the MLK Community Celebration on Monday, January 21, 2019. Contact Jamar Galbreath at 541-6891 or jamar@empowermt.org

Are you an employee of the State of Montana? If so, you have an opportunity to support JRPC through your employee giving program. Starting September 24th, state employees can support JRPC through the **State Employee Charitable Giving Campaign** using SECGC #8042. Many other workplaces can support JRPC as a part of Montana Shares, making giving easy, simple and painless. If your workplace doesn't offer payroll giving, contact us to find our how you can participate.

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2020 award. Go to [https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/](https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/)

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**Fair Trade News**

Missoula's only all fair trade store, a program focused on JRPC's international peacebuilding efforts. Who wouldn't love a gift that brings more peace and justice to the world!!

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**Ongoing Events and Meetings**

**Global Issues Study Group.** Third Monday, 4:30, JRPC

**Spanish Conversation Group.** Thursdays, 12 noon-1 pm, JRPC. Jim, jimcook47@gmail.com, 529-1917 or Walter, wrwilde44@msn.com, 721-5289

**Climate Smart Missoula.** First Thursday of every month. Topics vary. 5 - 7 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing Co. Contact: amy@climatesmartmissoula.org

**Women in Black & Veterans For Peace** Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. missoulawib@montana.com
Balanced View Clarity Online Call  Sundays, 11am-noon, or Mondays 5-6pm. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org. Visit http://www.Bright.how.
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
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Women in Black of Polson Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. c211p110@earthlink.net
Peace & Conflict Studies Group, Thursday, 1-2 pm, JRPC. 406-697-5032. NO MEETING ON OCTOBER 11!
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 every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday, 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.
Montana Moves To Amend statewide phone calls 4th Tuesday of each month. Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

An Olive Branch in Montana

If you missed the "It's complicated" Tell Us Something last month where Betsy Mulligan-Dague told the story of her friendship with Dan Gallaagher, here is the podcast.https://www.tellussomething.org/stories/2018/its-complicated/3211/

Ways to Help JRPC

1. We want to reimagine our community room space and we are looking for folks to help. If you have ideas or
2. creative energy to share, please call us.
3. We are always looking for good folks to help lead our organization by becoming great board
members. Call and talk to us about this great opportunity to be a bigger part of our great family

Jeannette Rankin Peace Center ha 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.