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We still have some seats left at two our great international dinners. Check out the following and give us a call to reserve your seat!

- 1 seat at le Tour de France with Suzzette Dussault on 6/29/19
- 3 seats at an International Food Journey for Local Connoisseurs by Udo and Nancy Fluck on 8/3/19

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"Transformed people transform people" ~Richard Rohr

Dear friends,

Twenty years ago, a nun in Great Falls, MT told Robert Rivers that he would have a connection to Brazil. At the time it meant nothing, but when he met Fernanda Menna Barreto Krum while working as a Nonviolent Peaceforce trainer in Romania. The two quickly became more than a connection and that magic has made an impact around the world helping people recover from conflict and rebuild lives. Fernanda and Robert settled in Missoula 7 years ago and while they have continued to have an impact around the world, they have built a center in Missoula that has transformed our community and many people in it. I am honored to announce that Fernanda and Rober have been chosen as the 2019 Peacemakers.

Imagine Nation Brewing Company is a place beyond beer -- a Center for Transformation, the first of its kind, where connections conversations and change can occur. Their logo is a buffalo, the only animal that turns to face a storm. Fernanda and Robert have supported many people in conflict zones around the world to face the storms before them and transform their communities. The Center they have built here in Mlssoula is helping us do the same by making space for critical dialogues such as LGBTQI issues, climate change, immigration, veterans issues or criminal justice reform. Robert and Fernanda believe that we are all connected and that what we do together gives us strength. They have given almost have of their profits back to Missoula nonprofits and given us all a place to transform ourselves so that we can impact the world. The African saying that inspires their work is Ubuntu -- we are who we are because of each other.

Please join us and the Missoula Peace Quilters to honor Fernanda M. B. Krum & Robert Rivers on Saturday, May 18 at Imagine Nation Brewing. At 1:30, Fernanda and Robert will offer a peacebuilding workshop presented by Denis Matveev. Then at 3 pm, we will introduce you to the five Youth Peacemakers nominated for the Fr. Jim Hogan Search For Peace Award and then the Quilters will present a special peace quilt to honor the work Robert and Fernanda are doing to strengthen our connections to each other and heal the world. I hope you can join us...Betsy



PS: Last week, our server was interrupted so we thought it wise to reassure you our security systems kept us safe, and we are back on track. We apologize for any disruptions.

Calendar

Thursday-Friday, April 18-19, The Roxy. Catch the last couple days of the 42nd annual [International Wildlife Film Festival](#). Head to wildlifefilms.org to check out this year's selections and events.

Thursday-Friday, April 18-19, UM 3rd floor. Check out the events that are part of the **17th Annual International Conference on Central and Southwest Asia** https://www.montanaworldaffairs.org/event/the-17th-annual-international-conference-on-central-and-sw-asia/?event_date=2019-04-18

Thursday, April 18, 7-8:30pm, JRPC. Local author Jeffrey Winters will be presenting a workshop called "Communication Skills for Human Connecting". This communication workshop will teach the lost art of feedback, listening with empathy, and having the confidence to connect and feel. This event is free and open to the public. www.jeffreywinters.com

Saturday, April 20, 12-4 pm, Home Resource. Missoula Urban Demonstration is hosting the **Earth Day Fair**. Stop in and see the family-friendly activities and games, including a booth folding origami by JPRC!

Saturday-Sunday, April 20-28, EARTH WEEK & ARBOR WEEK 2019. Check out the tours, talks and other events offered during [Arbor Week here](#). And make sure you take part in some of these special [Earth Week Events](#). Highlights include:

- **April 20-28: [Walk Through Time](#) exhibit on UM Oval**
- **April 20 (Sat): Earth Service Day & Ecopentathlon**
 - 9am-2pm: Rock Creek weed pull & planting, RSVP jenny@fvlt.org
 - 9:30 am-1 pm: [Clark Fork river cleanup \(info\)](#), Caras Park, Msla
 - 10 am-12:30 pm: [Run for the Trees \(info\)](#)
 - 11 am - 3 pm: [Fixit Clinic at Home Resource, 1515 Wyoming](#)
 - noon -- [Apple tree sale at Western Cider](#)
 - noon-4 pm: [Earth Fest at MUD Project \(info\)](#)
 - Ecopentathlon - bike/walk to help at 4 events. [Email for info.](#)
 - 7:30-11 pm: Earth Service Day Dance, 705 S. Higgins
- **April 22 (Monday): Earth Day --[UM Sustainaganza, glass recycle drop-off](#).** and more.
- **April 23 (Tuesday): [Missoula Bike Auction](#)**
- **April 24 (Wed): Managing Shared Natural Resources, UM's UC 330. noon-1pm**
- **April 24 & 25 : [Bike Maintenance Workshop at Western Cider](#) 5:30pm**
- **April 25 (Thursday): [Reducing plastic waste in Missoula](#) 5-7pm at UM FLAT**
- [Urban trees & Climate Change](#), 7pm, UM
- **April 26 (Friday): [Arbor Day at the Montana Arboretum at UM](#)**
- **April 27 (Saturday): [Teller Wildlife Refuge Stewardship Day](#), 8:30-12:30**
- [Missoula Rose Garden work day](#), 9am to noon, [contact Tyler at Parks & Rec](#)
- **April 27-28 -- [Missoula Bike Swap](#) at Free Cycles. drop off April 27; sale April 28**

Monday, April 22, 6 pm, Imagine Nation Brewery. Join the **Union of Concerned Scientists Western Montana**, a non-partisan science and democracy advocacy group based in Missoula County for a guided discussion on inclusive spaces in Montana. Together we will explore some of the following questions: How can we build a more inclusive Montana that reflects and celebrates the diversity of our state? How can we raise the voices of those less heard? How can we strive to include all Montanans' perspectives in our policy and decision making? While we are coming at this topic from the lens of environmental policy advocacy, we encourage all people interested in inclusive spaces in Montana to join. This will be an opportunity to learn from each other through group discussion and asking questions. Celebrate this Earth Day by taking a step towards creating a more inclusive Montana, and more inclusive planet. Please e-mail us at WancourL@gmail.com if you plan to come so we can plan for food. Snacks will be provided. Beer and kombucha will be available for purchase.

Monday, April 22, 7 pm, The Roxy. The **Spring World View Film Series: Cultures in Harmony** sponsored by Arts Missoula and partners features **Under African Skies [South Africa]** Sponsored by: *International Rescue Committee & Soft Landing.*

Monday, April 22, 6 pm, UM Dell Brown Room, Turner Hall. An illustrated lecture by Vasudha Narayanan, Distinguished Professor of Religion, University of Florida on **Global Hinduism: Hindu practices today in the U.S., Cambodia and the Caribbean.** It will be followed by a reception. Free and open to all. Contact Director SSEAS: ruth.vanita@umontana.edu

Wednesday, April 24, noon-12:50 pm, University Center Room 330. The Mansfield Center Mansfield Dialogues promotes an understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics and the theme, Challenges to a Peaceful World in 2019. Today, listen to “**Conflicting Claims: The Challenges of Managing Shared Natural Resources,**” presented by Fellows in the U.S. Department of States’ Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative. The dialogue sessions are free and open to the public. For more information and extended session descriptions, visit <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/events/mansfield-dialogue.php> or call 406-243-2988. :

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 pm, Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The sixth annual **Global Public Health Lecture Series** tackles pressing global health issues facing the world today. Tonight hear Jonah Attebery, MD, “*The Head & the Heart: What Global Health Research has to Teach us About Healthcare in Montana*”. Plus, 8 pm, Spring Celebration in Brantley Hall. Free and open to the public. For additional information visit <http://hs.umt.edu/globalpublichealth>, or contact Kelly Yarns at 406-270-0869 or kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu.

Wednesday, April 24, noon-5 pm, JRPC. Join the Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force for the second annual **Red Sand Project**, a participatory artwork that uses red sand in sidewalkcracks to create opportunities for people to question, connect and take action against vulnerabilities that can lead to human trafficking and exploitation.

Thursday, April 25, Imagine Nation Brewing Co. The Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force is having a tap room dialogue on **Human Trafficking in Montana and Missoula.** The panel includes MPD Detective Guy Baker, CVA Erin Shreder and Ivan MacDonald from the Missoula Urban Indian Health Center.

Thursday, April 25, 5-6:30 pm, President’s Room, UM Brantly Hall. **Peace Corps End-of-Year Ceremony**, a combination event between the Peace Corps, the International Development Studies minor and Peace Corps Prep programs, along with members of the Western Montana Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. The event is open to the public. Students who earned the International Development Studies minor, or completed the Peace Corps Prep program, will be honored. New Peace Corps volunteers from UM will also be acknowledged, before they depart for their assignment. Among the guests are Peace Corps staff from Idaho, Seattle, and elsewhere in the region. The guest speaker is Mark Johnson, former U.S. ambassador to Senegal.

Saturday, April 27, 4 pm, The Roxy Theatre, Dominion: Documentary and Panel Discussion. Come learn about the conditions and environmental implications of one of the nation's largest multi-species slaughterhouses currently proposed in Montana and how it affects Missoulians. The award winning documentary exposing the dark underbelly of modern animal agriculture through 7 years of undercover footage. Free and open to the public. Panel discussion following the film. Panelists: Stacey Gordon Sterling- Professor of Law, U on MT, Bart Mihailovich - Waterkeeper Alliance/Energy & Climate Team, Uma Graham - Community Plant-Based Ambassador

Sunday, April 28, 5-7 m, 7-5 S. Higgins. YWCA's **Stand Against Racism** panel on immigration justice. For more information, contact Meshayla at 406.543.6691 or mcox@ywcaofmissoula.org

Monday, April 29, 5:30-7 pm, JRPC. Please join the JRPC in the next in our series **exploring the skills of peacemaking. FORGIVENESS with Dr. Veronica I. Johnson, Associate Professor & Department Chair, at UM's Counselor Education Dept. Free and Open to the public. Come learn how to make this choice and make peace. Discussion to follow.**

Tuesday, April 30, 7 pm, MCAT Ch. 189. *Each of Us Here*, our fundraising concert to benefit the Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project will air. It will repeat on May 3 @ 9:00pm. The program will also be available for viewing on MCAT's Video on Demand at www.mcat.org, after the original air date.

Sunday May 5, 1-3 pm, Western Cider. Make **Spring Wreaths** with Earth Within flowers using locally sourced fresh flowers and foliage that will dry nicely! \$55 by 4/1 and \$65 after. <https://earthwithin.com/workshops/>

Mondays, May 6-20, 6-8 pm, 210 N. Higgins, Suite 207. Join **Patrick Marsolek for a Communication Class.** Healthv. effective communication is essential at home. work or when

having fun. Develop tools that will bring ease, clarity and personal integrity to every conversation. \$75 or \$140 for two. Register online here: <http://www.innerworkingsresources.com/CommunicationMissoula>

Tuesday, May 14 is National Decency Day. Come in for a free button/sticker and pledge to do your part as an ambassador of decency in our thoughts, words and actions.

Thursday, May 16, 5:30 pm, JRPC. Come enjoy **India Night with a presentation by Ekta Gupta** on the Changing Role of Women in India. We will be offering henna, snacks and a preview of fair trade items from India.

Saturday, May 18, 1:30-4:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. A new place for us to unveil and honor our 2019 Peacemaker and give the Fr. Jim Hogan Search for Peace award to one of our youth peacemaker nominees. There will be a special workshop on peacebuilding from 1:30 to 2:30 followed by the Search for Peace award, the Peacemaker Quilt presentation by the Missoula Peace Quilters and a reception with music and treats. Beer, kombucha and food will be available for purchase.

Saturday, May 18, 9 am-3 pm, 210 N. Higgins, Suite 207. Join Patrick Marsolek for a Practical Workshop to Develop Your Intuition. This class will offer a hands-on approach to accessing intuition more effectively in your life. You will learn practical techniques to focus your awareness and learn to discern between intuition and imagination. Cost: \$75 - Two for \$135 Take this class with a friend! Register online here: <http://www.innerworkingsresources.com/IntuitionMissoula>

Monday, May 20, 7 pm, The Roxy. The **Spring World View Film Series: Cultures in Harmony** sponsored by Arts Missoula and partners features **The Music of Strangers, [Turkey/China]** *Sponsored by: The Missoula Symphony.*

Saturday, June 1, 11 am-4 pm, Doubletree Hotel. The first ever **Missoula Coffee Con**, a coffee/chocolate convention sponsored by Missoula Rotary. Sample Montana's best coffee and chocolate (including fair trade goods at the Peace Cafe with yours truly -- JRPC! Educational classes offered all day! Tickets at <http://CHOFFEECON.COM>

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9 is Wear Orange Days for Gun Sense Solutions

Saturday, June 8, 6-8 pm, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls (1400 1st Ave N). The ACLU honors Ana Suda, Mimi Hernandez and Melissa Smylie at the **JEANNETTE RANKIN CIVIL LIBERTIES AWARDS RECEPTION.** [Tickets are free and available here.](#)

Thursdays, June 13, 20, 27 and July 11 and 18, 5:30-7 pm, JRPC. Mark your calendar for our popular international discussion series with Humphrey Fellowship professional from around the world. This year will feature 15 mid-level folks from 15 countries in professions as varied as education, journalism and government.

Friday-Sunday, June 14-16, Har Shalom. Shabbaton Weekend to celebrate Har Shalom's future and **Rabbi Laurie Franklin's ordination.** <http://www.har-shalom.org>

Monday, June 17, 7 pm, The Roxy. The **Spring World View Film Series: Cultures in Harmony** sponsored by Arts Missoula and partners features **The Singing Revolution [Estonia]** *Sponsored by: The International Choral Festival.*

Wednesday-Sunday, July 10-14 Camp Mimanagish, Boulder River Valley, Montana. **PRIDE Camp** for LGBT+ families and children, couples, children, individuals, or any combination of LGBT+. It will encompass a spiritually broad based program to assist families, children and their families, and individuals to connect with a God of their own understanding without fear of judgment or condemnation for who they are. <https://www.mimanagish.org/pride>

Action Opportunities

Travel the World Without Leaving Home. Be a host family for the Mansfield Center.

- **June 14-16: Global High School Teachers. Host a pair from two of the following countries:** Nigeria, Algeria, Jordan, Greece, Mali, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Guatemala, Sudan, Malaysia, Mexico, Belarus, Panama, France, South Korea, Estonia, Lithuania, Cameroon, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.
- **July 12-14: Global faculty and practitioners in workforce development. Host a pair from two of the following countries:** Ethiopia, Algeria, Brunei, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Israel, Uganda, Ukraine, Suriname, South Africa,

Ecuador, Myanmar, Latvia, Uzbekistan, Honduras, Albania, Tunisia

- **August 30-September 1: Students and young professionals studying global environmental issues. Host a pair from two of the following countries:** Brunei, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Timor Leste

Paul Wheaton is starting a kickstarter campaign to help with the costs of editing his new book about luxuriant environmentalism called "**Building a Better World in Your Backyard Instead of Being Angry at Bad Guys**"

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/paulwheaton/better-world-book?ref=51fi6q>

Stayed tuned for a Jeannette Rankin Park Clean-up Day at the end of May -- volunteers needed!!

The **United States of Hope** is collecting toys, clothes, gift cards, diaper bags, diapers, and other items to be given as gifts to honor 40 new veteran mothers from around the state of Montana as well as items for the mothers themselves. You can donate by contacting Susannah at 406-207-9217 or susannah@unitedstatesofhope.org. Items are needed by the first week of May.

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2020 award. Go to <https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/>

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!!!

Ongoing Events and Meetings

Climate Smart Missoula. Second Thursday of every month. 5 - 6:30 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, 4-6 pm, JRPC. [406-363-6150](tel:406-363-6150) or pvaughan184@gmail.com

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

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.

Jewish Reading Group: one Wednesday evening a month, usually the 3rd Wednesday. The next date is February 27. readingjewsmissoula@gmail.com

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

[A Special Earth Day Message](#)

Check out the community room at Home Resources where **1000 colorful paper cranes were lovingly folded from used (aka scrap) paper** by The Cranium, a group of artists dedicated to creating origami experiences in Missoula and beyond that meets at JRPC. The Japanese word "senbazuru" means folding 1000 cranes, stringing them together, and presenting them as a gift. An ancient Japanese legend says that a wish will be granted to anyone who folds 1000 paper cranes. **The Cranium's wish is ZERO BY FIFTY!**

Check out 350 Montana's new ad at <<http://threefiftymissoula.350montana.org/lists/lt.php?id=bUtVAQRJVQsLSgRTAw>>

[How U.S. Presidential Candidates Answer 20 Basic Questions](#)

Have you read a good article that you'd like to share? Send us a link and we'll take a look!

Ways to Help JRPC

- **We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:**
 - **Volunteer Coordinator**
 - **Library Coordinator**
 - **Newsletter editor**
- **We are starting the planning for our fall Peace Party -- and we need you!! Give us a call!**

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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