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Sunday, 12 noon-5 pm

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We still have some seats left at two of 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 Suzette 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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### "If we are to teach real peace in this world...we shall have to begin with the children." ~Mahatma Gandhi

Dear friends,

There are so many stories of folks doing great things to change the world. And we love to hear them. Gandhi tells us that if we want to change the world for peace, we must begin with the children. But here is something I have learned. The "children" have a lot of wisdom to share with us if we will listen to their stories.

Today, I would like to introduce you to several young people who are changing the world. They are living stories of courage, compassion and justice that will inspire us all with hope. These are the nominees for our 2019 Fr. Jim Hogan Search For Peace Award.

- Allison Moran, a 6-year-old kindergartner at Jeannette Rankin School who epitomizes kindness and caring by volunteering in the community, looking at the positive in every situation, going out of her way to help others and pay it forward and spreading love everywhere she goes.
- Cecilia Spencer, a 4th grader who is active in the constant effort to promote justice and harmony;
- Kara Good, Blake Lindemer and Emma Stevenson, from Seeley Lake who are bravely spreading awareness about discrimination, injustice and environmental issues;
- University Congregational Church of Christ Missoula Youth Group who are active in a broad spectrum of social justice issues such as food insecurity, homelessness and Native American reservation issues
- Lily & Maizy Miller, middle school sisters who started businesses to raise money for girls to go to school in Nepal and Malawi

These are the faces and voices of the future stewards of our world -- the authors of the stories that will change our world. A group of their peers will have to select one of these individuals or groups to receive a cash award for their contribution to the search for peace -- not an easy task! But we want to honor and appreciate all of them for giving us hope for the future.

Please join us on Saturday, May 18 at Imagine Nation Brewing Company at our annual Peacemaker Celebration to honor and thank all these young people and announce the winner of the Fr. Jim Hogan award just prior to celebrating our 2019 Peacemakers, Fernanda M. B. Krum & Robert Rivers. If you are at all discouraged by the world around you, these inspiring young people along with our two amazing peacemakers will renew your hope for the world and make you proud to be part of this community. At 1:30, before we announce the Search For Peace winner, there will be a special peacebuilding workshop arranged by our peacemakers. This is a celebration you won't want to miss and there will be a reception to follow so you can meet and mingle with all the movers and shakers of peace in Missoula! See you there...Betsy





## Calendar

Thursday-Sunday, April 25-28, EARTH WEEK & ARBOR WEEK 2019 continue. 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 25-28:** [Walk Through Time](#) exhibit on UM Oval
- **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

Thursday, April 25 from 5-7pm at the UM FLAT. Home ReSource, Climate Smart Missoula, and Zero Waste Missoula are excited to invite you to the next **ZERO by FIFTY Community Series** event to spark conversation about opportunities for waste reduction and prevention and inform the community about current innovative efforts to address wasted materials in Missoula. This event will focus on plastic, featuring a panel of local experts working to reduce the amount of plastic sent to the Missoula Landfill.

Thursday, April 25, 5:30-7:30 pm, Union Hall, second floor, (208 East Main). **350 Montana and the Sierra Club** invite you to dinner, some beverages, music, a speech or two, and a few celebratory whoops! to give thanks to both the Missoula Board of County Commissioners and the Missoula City Council for courageous, unanimous votes to move Missoula to a 100 percent renewable electric system by 2030. You'll also have a chance to register your last-minute comment on NorthWestern Energy's fossil-fuel-heavy procurement plan. More information here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/393881894790652/>

Thursday, April 25, 5:30 pm, UM Brantley Hall, President's Rm. The **Peace Corps** is calling all past, present and future Peace Corps Volunteers (plus family and friends, too)! Join them as they gather to share stories, learn about Volunteer experiences, and celebrate those preparing to depart for assignments overseas. For questions about this event, contact [Bethany Martinez](#).

Thursday, April 25, 6 pm, 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](mailto: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](http://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.** Healthy, 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.

Friday, May 17, 8-9:30 pm, MASC Studio (1200 Shakespeare) A dance and visual piece performed by Kate Jordan and Bruno Augusto of Arts & Above. **"The Things"** asks the audience to contemplate the objects and thoughts which we may collect, build, destroy, hoard, or choose to use. It asks How much is enough? Too much? Isolating? Liberating? Intended to evoke curiosity and questioning, more than answers or opinions. \$12 General Admission. Children under age 12 free. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2253417781583572/>

**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 Vally, 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

**JRPC is looking for someone to plant a couple small trees in the Peace Park. Let us know if you are able to help!!**

**Travel the World Withuot 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, Sir 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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:amy@climatesmartmissoula.org)

**Women in Black & Veterans For Peace** Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. [missoulawib@montana.com](mailto:missoulawib@montana.com)

**Balanced View Clarity Online Call** Sundays, 11am-noon, or Mondays 5-6pm. Contact: [CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:readingjewsmissoula@gmail.com)

**Nonviolent Communication Practice Group** Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC [info@patrickmarsolek.com](mailto:info@patrickmarsolek.com)

**The Cranium** creates origami delights every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. [bonnie@bonnietarses.com](mailto:bonnie@bonnietarses.com)

**Time Bank Orientation** Contact [info@missoulatimebank.org](mailto: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

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## Articles Of Interest

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

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## 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!**
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*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](http://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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