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"Art is such a powerful vehicle for change." ~RAICES, a Texas Immigration Advocacy Organization

Dear friends,

This week, two Californai professors installed pink seesaws at our southern border. The images of children playing and families laughing contrasts sharply with previous images we have seen from the border. The headline reads "we are all connected". This story is a great learning tool for us in so many ways. How simple it is to transform violence into something beautiful. It only takes us to participate. We cannot be mere spectators. And any gift we have to give can work to power change, especially in concert with the gifts of others. Each side of the seesaw must act in order for it to work and the action of each side impacts the other. Likewise, each of us has a part to play in a world that is all connected. And every thing we do -- for good or bad -- has an impact on others. The Alternative Energy Resources Organization is encouraging us to eat one local food each day during August. I'd like to challenge us further to find one act of connection we can do each day to transform the violence of our world. I'm going to start today by writing a note to someone who is going through a tough time. What can you do?...Betsy



Calendar

Friday, August 2, 5-8:30, JRPC. Join us for **First Friday with our own intern, Jessica Jewell.** Jessica is a local artist with a passion for the environment. She looks to Nature for inspiration and wisdom which are reflected through her paintings. Through art, she seeks to rekindle our relationship with our beautiful planet! <https://www.facebook.com/events/692559851190162/?ti=icl>

Thursday, August 8, 12 noon, UM Stone Hall Seminar, Room 308. Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center Inaugural Brown Bag Presentation: **The Death of Journalism**, a presentation by Michael Mayer, UM Professor of History. All presentations include a sandwich lunch and soft drink.

Saturday, August 10, 7-10 pm, Western MT Fair. **"Rock Your Rodeo Red" MMIWG (Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls) event at the PRCA Rodeo.** Show your support for MMIWG families and survivors by purchasing an Indian Taco at the MUIHC booth and a Rock Your Rodeo Red t-shirt at the MUIHC informational booth. The support of the

Western Montana Fair will enable MUIHC and the Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force to reach a broad audience of all Montanans who may be unaware of the severity of the MMIWG issue. <https://www.facebook.com/events/390956038434167/>

Monday, August 12, 11:30 am-1 pm, Doubletree Hotel, City Club features Senator Steve Daines. Purchase tickets at <http://www.cityclubmissoula.com/>

Thursday, August 15, 5:30 pm, PEAS Farm. Time for the annual [Garden City Harvest Farm Party](#).

Thursday-Sunday, August 15-18, Spokane WA Doubletree Hotel. The **2019 National Convention of Veterans For Peace** will be hosted by VFP Chapter 35 in Spokane, Washington, August 15-18. The theme of this year's convention is *Sacred Lands, Sacred Lives: Peace Knows No Borders*. Visit the [Veterans For Peace website](#) for more information about our Convention. If you'd prefer to mail in your registration you can download a [PDF of the form](#).

Sunday, August 18, 5 pm, Red Hen Farm & Orchard. Join Community Food and Agriculture Coalition for their first **406 Farm Feast**: an evening of delicious local food and beverages in Missoula's beautiful Target Range. Get to know your local farmers, feast on local delights, and support local food and agriculture. Tickets \$60: get them [here](#).

Sunday, August 18, 2 pm, The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula: Building T-1, 2nd Floor. Vietnam war lecture series #3: **DOC'S RETURN, A COMBAT MEDIC RETURNS TO VIETNAM 50 YEARS LATER.** Alan Johnson will discuss his experiences in the Vietnam War, his role as a combat medic, and what it was like to re-visit the country that he had last seen amid a war. For more information contact the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula: 406-728-3472. <https://www.facebook.com/events/367630454134729/>

Saturday, August 24, 9 am-4 pm, Potomac, MT. A day-long retreat in **Compassionate Communication**. You can learn how to balance between listening and expression in our important relationships and even in conflict. This work is based on the Nonviolent Communication model (NVC). \$75 for one - \$130 for two. Bring a friend! Snacks provided, bring your own lunch! Register: <http://www.innerworkingsresources.com/Connection>

Thursday, September 19, 2-3:30 pm, Room 005 in the PARTV building. South & South-East Asian Studies presents: "**Religion and the Arts: Poetry, Painting, and Performance from India**", an illustrated lecture by Dr. John Hawley, Professor of Religion at Columbia University. The lecture will be accompanied by music and visuals of dance. Co-sponsored by the School of Dance and Theater. FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friday-Friday, September 20-27. **Global Climate Strike** <https://globalclimatestrike.net/>. Watch for local actions -- and let us know your ideas! Check out this [behind-the-scenes look at 16-year-old Greta Thunberg and other young protest organisers](#) as they orchestrate their first global climate strike.

Saturday, September 21 is the **UN International Day of Peace**. The theme this year is climate action for peace. We are planning some things locally and hope you can join in. <https://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>

Sunday, September 22, 1-4 pm, Caras Park. **Missoula Together** celebrating all of us coming together with song, speeches and more.

Sunday, September 22, 6-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. **POETry for Change. POETS Be the Voice--EmPOWER CommUNITY.** Audience be ready to hear and act on the messages to create change for a Better World. Poets text Rita aka "Radska" host 406.544.9026 to learn more or to see about sign-ups!

Friday-Saturday, October 4-5, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Fairmont Hot Springs. **Core Skills Training: Mindful Self Compassion**, Presenter: Steven Hickman, PsyD, Executive Director, Center for Mindful Self-Compassion. Event sponsored by Montana Center for Compassion Education. Email brochure requests to: mtcenterforcompassioneducation@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 13, 4-8 pm, Missoula County Fairgrounds, Home Arts Building. **Get Ready to Celebrate for Peace at our annual Peace Party. Details soon, but let us know if you have ideas or want to volunteer or donate!!!**

Friday, October 18, 6-10 pm, Hilton Garden Inn. World Affairs Council invites you to the **Global Gauntlet** featuring a no-host bar, gourmet sit-down dinner, silent and live auction, wine "pull" and six rounds of very spirited team trivia. [PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS](#)

[HERE!](#) Please [email the Council](#) or call (406)728-3328 if you have any questions.

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AERO issues a **local food challenge** -- eat one local food every day during the month of August. <https://mtlocalfoodchallenge.org/>

In 2016, Colombians signed a historic peace deal to end their country's brutal, 50-year armed conflict. Today, however, the peace deal is under threat as key parties to the agreement reverse their commitments. Peace Direct is gathering [signatures on a petition](#) urging United Nations Secretary General António Guterres and the international diplomatic community to **support Colombian peacebuilders and their effort to defend the peace.**

The **2020 Global Art for Peace** registration is open. It's a fun project to make art as a group or individual and then share it with a partner around the world. Deadline to register will be February 29, 2020. Poster and flyer files for the exchange can be downloaded from our website at: <http://www.globalartproject.org/about/posters.html>

Be a host family for the Mansfield Center 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

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

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 Mondays 5-6 pm. 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 a month to discuss fiction. Contact us at readingjewsmissoula@gmail.com. Come once or come every time!

Spanish Conversation Group meets monthly at Iron Griz. Contact joann@rockisland.com for more information.

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

Montana Human Rights Network is launching **Equality Montana**, and effort "to expand the involvement of Montana businesses to advance pro-LGBTQ+ policies for customers and employees. Check them out on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EqualityMT/>

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:**
 - **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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