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**Saturday, May 18**

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**"A good story is like a compass, it points to something true and invites us to orient our own direction according to it and perhaps to live a little better." ~Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen**

Dear friends,

Dr. Remen reminds us that it is the stories we hear that show us the way forward and challenge us to live a little better. This Saturday, we will be celebrating the stories of our peacemakers, our youth, the musicians in our community and each other. We have a special opportunity to learn about peace from Denis Matveev who is joining us from his work in Europe as a Peace Broker with the Crisis Management Initiative. This group was founded in 2000 by Nobel Peace laureate and former President of Finland Martti Ahtisaari and is now one of the leading organisations in its field with a staff of around 70 and ongoing commitments in the Middle East and North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa and Eurasia. This is a rare opportunity for us in Missoula and I hope you can join us.

In fact, the whole day will be filled with peace. There will be a couple food vendors so you can purchase food. And Fernanda and Robert are offering a portion of all beverages sold to support Nonviolent Peaceforce, a great way for our celebration to do more good in the world. Below is the schedule for the day. I hope you can join us...Betsy

10:30 am-12 noon: Living Rhythm Community Drum Circle with Matthew Nord & Dave Robertson from Tangled Tones

12-2 pm: Imagine Ireland Irish Circle

1:30-2:30 pm: Strategic Peacebuilding Workshop w/ Denis Matveev senior advisor from The Crisis Management Initiative (CMI Peace Broker), an independent Finnish organisation that works to prevent and resolve violent conflicts through informal dialogue and mediation.

3-3:45 pm: Congolese Choir and Fr. Jim Hogan Search For Peace Youth Award. The award will be announced at the event. Nominees include:

- 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;
- The Youth Group from University Congregational United Church of Christ who are active in a broad spectrum of social justice issues such as food insecurity, homelessness and Native American reservation issues -- Clara Hahn, Adam Hahn, Josie Firehammer, Helen McGeary, Keira Skovlin, George Cassens, Rowan Welch, Skye Welch, Gabriel Hendrix, Grace Cassens (Youth Leader) and Karin Clark Cassens (Youth Director)
- Lily & Maizy Miller, middle school sisters who started businesses to raise money for girls to go to school in Nepal and Malawi

3:45-5 pm: Montana Women's Chorus Missoula provides music and the Missoula Peace Quilters present the Peace Award to Fernanda M.B. Krum and Robert Rivers

5:30-8 pm: Live Music w/ Good Old Fashioned and time to mingle with our peacemakers and each other and celebrate all that we have to inspire us!

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## Calendar

Thursday May 16, noon–1:30 pm, Missoula County Courthouse, Sophie Moiese Room (enter from Pine St, first room on right) Join Climate Smart Missoula for a drop-in style Open House to learn more and provide input for **Climate Ready Communities: Building Resiliency in Missoula County**, a joint planning effort brought to you by Missoula County, Climate Smart Missoula, and the City of Missoula. Learn more about why this resiliency planning effort, see our timeline, check out the draft Vulnerability Assessment, and provide feedback [here](#). If you cannot attend our open houses, do check out the [Assessment and fill our our comment form](#). Public comment closes for this part of the process May 19.

**Thursday, May 16, 5:30 pm, JRPC.** Come enjoy **India Night** with a presentation by **South & South-East Asian Studies' Fulbright Hindi instructor, 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.** Honor our 2019 Peacemakers, **Fernanda M. B. Krum & Robert Rivers** 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, and then 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. Extra parking available in the Northwest corner of the Fresh Market Lot.

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>

Sunday, May 19, 1-3 pm, Jeanette Rankin Peace Center DIY Medicinal Gardening (Mother/Daughter). Join, Melissa Emily Lafontaine, Owner of [Earth Within Flowers](#), for our third offering for our new educational program as *Earth Within Girls*. We invite mothers and daughters (ages 10 and up) to learn about herbs specific to the 4 phases of their internal cycle. We will explore this topic gently and intentionally through the magic of gardening and DIY tea blending. <https://earthwithin.com/product/5-19-mom-daughter-gardening-tea/>

Sunday May 19, 6-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewery, (1151 W. Broadway). **Slammin' POETry for Change** - POETS be a VOICE for Change and EmPOWER CommUNITY! with poetry that matters--in these times!

Audience expect the unexpected -- Hear Impassioned poets perform 3 minute performance, no props. Enjoy craft beer along with vibrant poetry. Open spots! Text Rita aka “Radska” host 406.544.9026

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 Choffee 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>

Sunday, June 2, 2 pm, Good Works (129 W. Alder St.). **Kevin Martin, President of Peace Action**, the nation's largest peace and justice action group, will be speaking in Missoula as part of a May 29-June 2 Montana Speaking Tour being arranged by the Helena Service for Peace and Justice and the Montana Peace Seekers Network with additional local co-sponsors in each

JUSTICE and the MONTANA PEACE SECRETS NETWORK, with additional local co-sponsors in each community. More at <https://www.facebook.com/events/837481403290787/>

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9 is **Wear Orange Days for Gun Sense Solutions**. Friday June 7, 2019 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day. In 2013, 15 year old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed in Chicago. After her death, her friends wore orange to raise awareness about gun violence in their community. Then, Hadiya's friends asked all of us to Wear Orange to honor Hadiya and the hundreds of Americans killed and injured by gun violence every day. They inspired Wear Orange, which now includes a broad coalition of nonprofits, cultural influencers, and elected officials working to reduce gun violence in America.

Saturday, June 8, 10 am, Waterworks Trailhead parking lot. Hike & Write with UCS Western Montana: Scientific Integrity Act. We will be hiking up Waterworks to the Jeannette Rankin Peace Park (the giant peace sign on the hill), enjoying snacks and good conversation, then soaking in the views while we write letters to Congress in support of the Scientific Integrity Act. Please bring water, snacks, and a hard surface to write on (a clipboard or field guide would work well). We will provide paper, writing utensils, and resources on the [Scientific Integrity Act](#). This event is hosted by Union of Concerned Scientists' Western Montana Local Team, a non-partisan science and democracy advocacy group based in Missoula County.

Saturday, June 8, 11:30 am-1 pm, 208 E. Main (2nd floor of the historic Union Hall Building) **Summer Aikido Intro for Beginning Adults**. Try the martial art of harmony with an orientation followed by two guided basics classes. For more information visit <http://AikidoMissoula.com>, call 549-8387 or come by the dojo.

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

Move To Amend asks us to sign their "**We The People**" [Amendment petition](#)

**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

**Help needed Immediately!** The **International Choral Festival** is seeking host families to provide lodging, meals, transportation and hospitality to choir members from around the world coming for the International Choral Festival. Choirs are due to arrive sometime between July 16 or 17th, with the festival running through Saturday night, July 20, and choirs departing Sunday, July 21. All that you need to provide for these few days is a room with sleeping space for a minimum of two choir members, most meals while they are here, and the ability to transport them to and from choir events during the festival. This is a most wonderful way to welcome the world to our community! If you can be a host, please go to the International Choral Festival website for more information and to sign up. Time is getting short, and as of May 1, the Festival had hosts for less than half of the 362 guests coming. Go to: <https://www.choralfestival.org>

**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, 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

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 a month to discuss fiction. Contact us at [readingjewsmisoula@gmail.com](mailto:readingjewsmisoula@gmail.com). Come once or come every time!

**Spanish Conversation Group** meets monthly at Iron Griz. Contact [joann@rockisland.com](mailto:joann@rockisland.com) for more information.

**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

## Articles Of Interest

We received the sad news that **Margery Fels Palmer** died on Monday April 29, 2019. Our thoughts go out to her husband Mac who stands each week with Women in Black as a member of the local Veterans For Peace Chapter.

[How To Stop The March To War With Iran](#)

[Americans Who Tell The Truth](#)

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**
  - **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](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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