"Bee the change!"

Dear friends,

Harriet Tubman said, you "gotta look past everything you know and believe in something better." That's what we do at JRPC. For 33 years, we've been keeping the idea of peace alive because we know that war is not the answer. It drains our economies, pollutes our planet, and destroys lives. If war is not the answer, what is? We believe it is connection, conversation and education -- plus a little decency and diplomacy in the way we interact with each other. So one of the other things we work hard at is building a society and a world where those values are the ones we hold in relation to each other. You are likely hearing from many nonprofits in our community asking you to contribute to Missoula Gives today and tomorrow. We all work because of you our community! And if you care about our work, if you need what we offer the world, you need to fund that care with dollars. All it takes is $10 and you can support us or a variety of other deserving groups working in our community. Deepest gratitude for your help and support..Betsy

P.S. Did you notice the peace sign on our bee? It's a little different than the other bees around town and we hope it helps you step up to look past everything you know, believe that a better world is possible and "Bee the change" for peace. Go to our Missoula Gives page between now and 8 pm tomorrow to show us you care. I

PSS: We have to correct a mistake we make last week -- The group that was nominated for the Fr Jim Hogan Search For Peace Award was the University Congregational United Church of Christ Missoula Youth Group -- good luck to them and thanks for their great work!

Calendar

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. Also, join us at these events

- May 13, 2019, 7 pm at City Council Chambers, a proclamation recognizing May 14th, 2019 as a Day of Decency in conjunction with National Decency Day will be read.
- On May 14, 2019 at noon at the Imagine Nation Brewing Company, The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center and Mayor John Engen invite the public to “a decent lunch”. Bring a lunch or purchase one from the Arabian Food Truck on-site, get your decency button or sticker and stand together with your neighbors to celebrate and commit to acting and promoting decency in our community through both conversations and actions. Through our local commitment to civil discourse and respect along with other local initiatives it is hoped that the concept of decency can grow on a national scale. For more information, visit www.decency.today

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. 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.

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


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

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 DANKIN CIVIL LIBERTIES AWARDS RECEPTION. Tickets are free and available here
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**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](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](https://www.mimanagish.org/pride)

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**Action Opportunities**

350 Montana urges all to comment on **NorthWestern Energy's fraudulent procurement plan** to build coal and other fossil fuel infrastructure at the exact time we need to ratchet down on harmful greenhouse gas pollution. This is the last week of the comment period. [www.350montana.org/2019/03/12/nwe-procurement-response-123/](http://www.350montana.org/2019/03/12/nwe-procurement-response-123/)

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 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

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](https://www.choralfestival.org)

**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, 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

**Imagine Nation Brewing Company** is looking to hire a taproom server! Are you a motivated, energetic, hard-working, detail oriented, available and flexible, kind and dependable, individual who is a team player? Do you have experience in the bar and/or restaurant industry? Would like to be a part of a small tight-knit workplace that is focused on positive forward community involvement through discussion of social issues? If you are this person, please drop off your resume, cover letter, and application (you can get the application on our website), to 1151 W. Broadway or, send it all to manager@imaginennationbrewing.com. Applications will be accepted until MAY 5, 2019. No phone calls please. Applications that are not complete will not be considered.

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

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/)
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 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**  we discuss Jewish fiction one Wednesday evening a month.  The next date is May 22.  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

Check out what **Peacemaker Amy Martin** has been up to at her website

A **Korean Peace Trail**!

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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