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2019 Peace Party
October 13

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"For small creatures such as we the vastness is bearable only through love."~Carl Sagan

Dear friends,

Each of us has a choice about the way we see the world. We can see the turmoil and look for blame, for enemies. Or we can see beyond that to ask the causes and to seek out the solutions. Why do those we call enemies do what they do? Can we change the narrative from blame and evil to understanding and compassion? I think we can. But it is not easy because everything in our world teaches us to think in terms of a war narrative of blame and evil instead of the peace narrative -- winning and losing instead of cooperating and collaborating. However, I believe we can be the change. In times of fear and panic, we can be a force of calm. We can be safety for those who are trembling or the voice of reason for those who question. We can comfort the oppressed and be compassion to those who suffer. Let's all practice looking first for the things we can do and understand instead of looking first for those to blame and attack. Together we can change the narrative.



PS, at long last, our new database is up and running. At long last, this will be our last newsletter in this format. Next week we will send it from our new database. This should solve many of the problems you all have had viewing this on your phone, etc. But as with any transition, there will be issues to work on. So please let us know if you don't get next week's e-news or if you have any problems viewing it. We are grateful to all of you for your support, for staying in touch with us and for helping to make this transition possible...Betsy

Calendar

Friday-Sunday, September 6-8, 7 pm, Missoula Children's Theatre. See the play, **Every Brilliant Thing** by local artist Rosie Ayers. It is "the funniest thing you'll ever see about the least funny thing in the world". "You cannot get through life without an experience of depression, whether that means suffering from it yourself or knowing a loved one who is going through it. So talking about depression is absolutely vital but it's a difficult thing to do.

Friday-Sunday, September 6-8, Spokane, WA. Western States Center is hosting the **2019 Activists Mobilizing for Power** conference: [Register now to join us in Spokane for AMP 2019!](#)

Saturday, September 7, 9 am-7 pm, Free Cycles. Join the [Free Cycles Climate Ride](#). Choose your ride option and join the festivities in the evening! Details [HERE](#).

Saturday, September 7, 6-10 pm, MUD (1527 Wyoming St.) Come join the **Missoula Urban Demonstration (MUD) Project at this year's Garden Party!** The Garden Party will feature live music, local beer, a raffle featuring items from a variety of local businesses, a silent auction, and local food and drink! For tickets and more info visit: <https://mudproject.org/events/garden-party/>

Sunday, September 8, 10 am-6 pm, Ewam in Arlee. Don't miss the **Peace Festival** beginning with the annual walk-a-mile for peace. Musica, inspiration and more. And don't forget to visit JRPC's booth! <https://www.ewam.org/about/peace-festival>

Wednesday, September 11, 11am-12:30 pm, Stockman Bank, Downtown Missoula, 6th Floor. Join the World Affairs Council for **Resilience at the Roots: Community-Based Conservation in Central America**, a Business Luncheon with Ana Luisa Moran Ahern, Executive Director for [EcoViva](#). \$25 per person.

Friday-Sunday, September 13-22, Welcoming Week with Soft Landing and many others. <https://softlandingmissoula.org/events-calendar/2019/9/13/welcoming-week>

Saturday, September 14, 10:30 am-5 pm, Location TBA. Join Victory Institute for a day-long, intensive training for **LGBTQ Leadership Summit**. Space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline for registration is Friday, September 13. For more information, email domesticleadership@victoryinstitute.org if you have questions.

Sunday, September 15, 12-4 pm, Higgins Avenue. Come check out [Sunday Streets](#) celebrating Missoula as a bikeable and walkable community. Sunday Streets Missoula encourages all ages and all abilities to be active, support local businesses, and rethink how our community can be more livable. **Come visit JRPC!**

Thursday, September 19, Time TBD, JRPC. Join us for our next **book discussion** as part of Welcoming Week.

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, September 20. Global Climate Strike! People of all ages all [across the globe](#) are striking on Friday, September 20th, and planning is underway for a rally and festivities here in Missoula. Details coming soon - plan to join this mass mobilization for urgent action to address the climate crisis.

Friday-Friday, September 20-27. Global Climate Strike continues with events and actions all week <https://globalclimatiestrike.net/>. Find out about local actions at <http://www.climatestrikemissoula.org/> and about the efforts of our local student group at <https://missoulaclimatestrike.org/>.



Saturday, September 21, Time TBD, Jeannette Rankin Park. Join us to **honor former peacemaker Mike Chessin** as we gather at the tree that was planted in his honor at JR park. Contact [Betsy](#) if you'd like to speak.

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. <https://www.facebook.com/events/600538387017407/>

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!

Saturday, September 28, 8:30 am-2:30 pm, UM Phyllis Washington College of Education Auditorium. **Cultural Mosaic: Embracing Cultures Through Art,** aconference for educators and community membersbrought to you by SPARK Arts and Arts MIssoula. Lunch included. [Information and Registration here.](#) OPI Credit available.

Saturday, September 28, 10 am-3 pm, Caras Park. Missoula's second annual [Clean Energy Expo.](#) Join Climate Smart Missoula, The Montana Renewable Energy Association and many others to learn about and celebrate climate solutions and clean energy. Learn more [here](#) and contact [Abby](#) at Climate Smart if you'd like to co-sponsor or volunteer.

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.

Wednesday, October 23, 5:30-7 pm, Goodworks Ventures (129 W. Alder Street) Join the Western MT Fundraisers Association for [Philanthropy Day](#) to celebrate the winners of this years awards. Winners include our own board member Erin Nuzzo and our 2019 Young Peacemakers Lily and Maisy Miller, creators of Lily's Lovebirds and Brave Bikes. Featuring Keynote Speaker Brenda Solorzano, CEO at Headwaters Foundation. [Buy Your Tickets HERE!](#)

Saturday-Sunday, October 26-27, Hilton Garden Inn in Bozeman. The Montana Racial Equity Project presents its Fourth Annual Conference **Race, Equity, and Justice,** featuring Keynote Speaker [Dr. Ibram X. Kendi](#), New York Times best-selling author, National Book Award winner, Professor and Founding Director of the [Antiracist Research and Policy Center at American University](#).

Action Opportunities

The Olive Branch is in need of large borwn paper bags with handles in preparation for holiday shopping. If you have some to spare, we thank you!

Check out the **Homestead Skills Classes** offered in September and October by Wheaton Labs at <https://permies.com/wiki/118704/permaculture-projects/September-October-Homestead-Skills-Jamboree>

Wanted: People to serve on our JRPC Program committee. Help us design educational modules, podcasting and more. Call Betsy at 543-3955.

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

[Reviving The General Strike](#)

[Twelve Excuses for Climate Inaction And How To Refute Them](#)

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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