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Newsletter



Moving into those long, warm days of summer

by Christina Diebold, editor

With this issue, the Peace & Justice Center's Newsletter will go into a brief summer hibernation, with the next issue appearing at the beginning of September. (The deadline for that issue will be August 15.) Therefore, in order to keep up with events you will need to check our website: www.peacectr.org. Those who are not online can call the office at 942-9343.

Judging from the contents of this issue, it's not likely the Maine progressive community will spend all its time relaxing this summer. Passionate views on health care, the escalating wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Mideast peace, and clean energy lead inevitably to action.

Richard Komp of Jonesport has recently returned from Rwanda, where he helped the survivors of the 1994 Hutu-Tutsi genocide build photovoltaic modules, using Yankee ingenuity to construct the modules out of the materials at hand. Now he's raising money for his return to Rwanda, when he'll teach them to make solar cookers.

Lisa Savage, a Solon schoolteacher who is a local coordinator for CODEPINK Maine, is organizing a coalition of peace advocacy groups to lobby the state's congressional delegation to stop funding wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, on the premise that bombing civilians fails to bolster U.S. security or moral standing. You can read about her Pink House training in activism inside.

Brit Tzedek v'Shalom is sponsoring talks in the hope of educating the public about Mideast peace issues. The Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast is working to heal the wounds left by nonviolent crime, going beyond the expensive and ineffective incarceration model. The Bangor MoveOn Council is promoting clean energy jobs.

If you want to experience summer to the max, you can join the Veterans for Peace, Jim Harney Chapter, who will be marching in the Bangor-Brewer July Fourth parade, and would like to have supporters swell their ranks. And you can partake of the festivities at the July Fourth cookout and celebration sponsored by the Food AND Medicine labor group, with eating and speeches in the afternoon, followed by fireworks watching from their location on the Penobscot River at 20 Ivers St., Brewer.



Setting up a solar cottage industry in Rwanda

by Richard Komp, Jonesport

On Friday the 13th of March, Lily Yeh and I flew to Rwanda, where we were warmly received in Rugerero Survivors Village. Our mission was to teach them to make photovoltaic (PV) modules so they could power their off-grid village and make some money. Lily had been working in the area to create a genocide monument and to use art and storytelling to help heal survivors of the 1994 genocide, in which Hutus massacred many thousands of Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

Since the only things I brought in my luggage for this project were 600 solar cells and the special silicone encapsulant, I spent the first couple of days seeing what was available in the street markets and buying the rest of the materials to build the PV modules. Since extruded aluminum was not available, we asked a local carpenter to build wooden module frames, and we puttied in the glass-fronted PV modules using putty made from clay and the locally squeezed sunflower oil.

I started by explaining how PV cells work (in French) and taught everybody how to solder by having them make small solar battery chargers. The group of survivors is an interesting mixture of people: some were completely illiterate and others had advanced degrees in engineering or physics, with lots of people in between. Since the village is off the grid, I bought two 12-volt truck batteries to power the soldering iron and the other power tools needed to make the solar modules. We finished the first two 60-watt PV modules before the batteries were dead and installed them on the roof of the building we were using to recharge the batteries.

Before I left, the Radiant Horizon coop created by the survivors made seven 60-watt PV modules (plus smaller ones) and wired up four homes in the village for solar electricity. I signed 37 certificates of completion for the coop members (almost half of whom are women) who stayed through the entire three-week course. The survivors made me promise to come back next November to teach them how to build solar cookers (the area is badly deforested) and make solar water heaters for them to install on local hotels to bring in some income.

I never asked and nobody told me, so I have no idea who in the cooperative are Hutu and who are Tutsi. It is completely unimportant to us now.



Testing the first two PV modules made in Rwanda. These modules will be installed on the cooperative building on the left.
(Photo by Richard Komp)

Pax Christi offers Restorative Justice forum

by Charlotte Herbold, Belfast

The Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast brings together offenders, victims, and citizens to address nonviolent crime and to advocate for a resolution that can prevent further crimes. In Maine, as in other states, the jail population has steadily grown in recent years, too many offenders return to jail, and the expense of keeping people incarcerated and building a new state prison has been very great. Now, when state and city budgets are being cut to ribbons, alternative programs like Restorative Justice are desperately needed.

The Reverend Dick Snyder, former dean of the New York Theological Seminary, retired to Belfast and created a successful model of such a program, one that holds offenders accountable, whether in or out of jail; provides mentoring to those who commit crimes, creates awareness of how illegal acts affect victims and a community, and provides training for teams of community mentors who work both with offenders and law enforcement people to repair the damage done. As the program has succeeded and expanded from Waldo to Knox County, a Restorative School Practices program has been added to intervene in school situations that involve troubled children.

The program's success has inspired Dick Snyder and members of Pax Christi to spread Restorative Justice to other places in Maine. On June 6, 12:30 p.m. at St. Pius Church hall, Ocean Avenue, Portland, Reverend Snyder will be joined by a panel of experts, including Scott Story,

sheriff of Waldo County; Leanne Zainea, assistant attorney general of Maine; Margaret Micolichek, executive director of the Restorative Justice Project; and Paul Gagnon, a Vista volunteer. They will share their history of helping to heal the wounds caused by crime in our neighborhoods, towns, and cities. They will also offer a do-it-yourself model for other Mainers to follow. Everyone is invited to attend.

For information and directions, call or email Denny Dreher, 286-9747 or laffmom@yahoo.com; or the Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast, 338-2742 or info@rjpmidcoast.org.



Learning about CODEPINK activism

by Lisa Savage, Solon, CODEPINK MAINE local coordinator

I often despair of my elected officials in Washington. Why do they keep voting to fund these endless wars? Why do they seem to ignore the will of the people for peace? When Congress authorized more spending on death, I would read of activists from the group CODEPINK being ejected after “disrupting” the proceedings and think, “At least someone is representing me in Washington!”

I recently became the local coordinator for CODEPINK Maine, and in April I spent five days at the Pink House, working with founders Medea Benjamin and Gael Murphy, and their team of citizen lobbyists. I cannot recommend this experience enough. It was like taking a graduate level seminar in political activism.

At a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing, Professor Andrew Bacevich of Boston University testified that there is no military solution in Afghanistan. In fact, our military presence makes the situation worse and is parallel in key ways to Vietnam: no clear goal, no exit strategy, and unaffordable both in \$\$ and public opinion. Yes! Exactly! So good to hear someone say it to Congress. Retired Marine Rick Reyes also bravely shared his experiences of being unable to distinguish enemies from civilians. I hoped the chairman, Sen. John Kerry, saw my sign: *LAST ONE TO DIE FOR THIS MISTAKE?* -- a reference to his testimony as a Vietnam veteran.

General David Petraeus testified to a House Appropriations subcommittee about his enormous supplemental war funding request, with a sea of pink signage calling for more diplomacy, fewer bombs. When Petraeus cited spending to better prepare the National Guard to do their jobs (sic) in Afghanistan, CODEPINKer Liz said, “Our National Guard should be at home in their home states, not in combat, sir.”

She was removed and arrested, presumably for voicing an unwelcome truth.

For more information or to arrange your own visit, go to www.codepinkalert.org. My blog posts for 4/21-4/25 with photos and details can be viewed at <http://codepinkdc.blogspot.com>.



Liz, Sarah, Lisa and Martha in the backyard of Pink House on potluck dinner night.



Coalition to lobby against escalating wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan

by Lisa Savage, CODEPINK Maine Local Coordinator

Dear Maine activists,
I send greetings in appreciation of your many concerted efforts to bring about a more peaceful world.

Might you be interested in a joint effort to lobby Maine’s congressional delegation against plans to escalate warfare in Afghanistan and Pakistan? CODEPINK Maine, Waterville Area Bridges for Peace & Justice, Peaceworks, Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, American Friends Service Committee all have said they will participate.

The first two organizations began this effort in March and April by meeting with Representative Mike Michaud and with aides to both senators (<http://www.wabpj.org/lobbying.htm>). We shared a report from September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows (www.peacefultomorrow.org) analyzing the bleak prospects of any military solution in Afghanistan, emphasizing that

there is no evidence that terrorism has been reduced by U.S. bombing of civilians.

It would be powerful to assemble representatives from Maine's many peace advocacy groups to meet face to face with each of the four (Senator Olympia Snowe, Senator Susan Collins, Representative Chellie Pingree and Representative Mike Michaud) during August when Congress is in recess.

To this end an ORGANIZING MEETING has been called for Saturday, June 13, noon – 3 p.m. at Mediation and Facilitation Resources, 11 King St., Augusta. All are welcome. We will designate teams with responsibility for each of the four meetings: content of presentations, coordinating attendance, and reporting out afterwards.

The situation in Afghanistan and now Pakistan has become increasingly deadly. One of many good resources for information can be found in this report prepared by AFSC and the National Priorities Project, *The Cost of War in Afghanistan*: www.nationalpriorities.org/cost_of_war_afghanistan.

For more information contact me (lsavage3@gmail.com), join me on Facebook, or call 643-2356.

Editor's note: Pingree and Michaud voted against supplemental funding for the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan in May, although the bill passed in the House by 368 to 60.

MoveOn Council in Bangor focusing on clean energy jobs

by Suzanne Brunner, co-coordinator of Bangor MoveOn Council

MoveOn Councils are teams of committed members who go beyond email to organize hard-hitting events in their communities. Currently, there are over 200 MoveOn Councils across the country, including four in Maine. In the months ahead, MoveOn Councils will push for sweeping legislative action on health care, green jobs, the economic crisis, the Iraq war, and more. The intent is to be a strong, outside voice to keep Congress and the president honest when lobbyists and corporations threaten to stand in the way of progress.

Recently the Bangor MoveOn Council elicited letters from small business owners in the Bangor region for support of President Obama's clean energy jobs plan. These letters were sent to Senators Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe. In late May, Clean Energy Jobs Days are being organized across the country to demonstrate the promise of the clean

energy economy to Congress, the media, and the public. Clean energy jobs will be highlighted and we'll showcase the ways in which they could expand. The Council will call on our senators and representatives to support President Obama's plan for a new energy economy. A meeting has been scheduled for noon on May 29 at 49 Sixteenth St., Bangor, with a press conference and representatives from Penobscot Home Performance to showcase the energy efficient services they provide. Also present is to be Dr. Habib Dagher, director of the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center of the University of Maine.

The Bangor MoveOn Council organizes events about once a month on key issues to make sure that we're holding our elected officials accountable. Mary Jude and Suzanne Brunner are co-coordinators of the Council. We'd love for you to be a member. For information visit <http://www.moveon.org/team/>.

UMaine scientist reports alarming glacial melting

by Christina Diebold, editor

Landing by helicopter on a moving glacier, setting up equipment in freezing temperatures, and then returning later to check the results is difficult and risky work. That's what Dr. Gordon Hamilton, research associate professor at the University of Maine's Climate Change Institute has been doing in Greenland for several years.

And what he's learning has been shocking. "The speed of glaciers is tripling," he said during a presentation at Bangor Public Library on April 23. "They're moving nine miles a year, sometimes half a football field a day, which is astonishing." He described a conveyor belt, with ice from the interior moving down fjords, and then enormous icebergs dropping off into the ocean.

Atmospheric warming is the reason ice sheets are shifting. Melting water plunges into holes called moulins and descends to the bottom of the ice sheet. Water on the bottom reduces friction and causes the whole ice sheet to slide. Warmer water in the fjords causes glaciers to thin further.

"Since 2005, we've seen rapid changes," Hamilton said. The latest research is not included in the United Nations' IPCC report, which therefore underestimates the impact of climate change. "The rate of sea level rise doubled in the last five years," Hamilton said.

Anyone wondering whether climate change is a peace and justice issue has only to look at Bangladesh, where 275 million people in that low-lying coastal country are threatened by a rising ocean, and are too poor to engineer their way out of the problem. Where are all these refugees to go?

As Hamilton pointed out, 25 percent of the world's population lives in coastal zones, and 15 of the 17 largest megacities are on the coast. When the Shanghai delta floods in China, there will be social problems of major proportions.

The Climate Change Institute offered a series of free public lectures at the library in 2008-2009. The series will resume in the fall.



Critical choices on health care options

by Karen Saum, Orland

There is a perfect storm gathering over health care: Medicare "insolvency" by 2017, and health care reform options being discussed by Congress

Yet in Congressional hearings on health reform, no one represents a single-payer option despite the fact that 60 percent of polled Americans favor it. Indeed, demonstrators pleading for that option to be discussed were summarily arrested.

The plan pushed by insurance company spokesmen and praised by Obama is to lower costs. As those paying attention know, lowering costs means denying people treatment, although that savings usually simply increases profits. Private insurers even oppose a public option, although everyone will be forced to obtain insurance.

Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) proposed a "compromise" to make a public option more palatable to private insurers. In Schumer's compromise, the public plan must be like private plans (no government support, a reserve fund paid for entirely by premiums, an option for doctors not to participate, higher reimbursements than for Medicare). It's like private plans except for one thing: The public plan must have a different regulator from the private.

It seems to me the most urgent item on the people's agenda ought to be saving Medicare and Social Security. Without them, Bush's privatized system will be realized. The Bush dream is still the agenda of private insurers. And unless supporters of peace and justice pay attention, they'll get

away with it, not as planned policy (a la Bush) but as a solution to a crisis that panics us.

A concluding note. Were everyone to pay a flat 7.5 percent tax on all of their income to support Medicare and Social Security, rather than paying that 7.5 percent tax only up to \$100,000 of income, these two programs would be flush. Believing in a flat tax used to be like believing in a flat earth. Get over it. Flat tax for Social Security and Medicare is now so progressive it isn't even mentioned, at least not in polite society.

Editor's note: A rally for single payer health care will be held May 30, noon-2 p.m., State Capitol, Augusta. For information, call 596-7784 or www.MaineHealthcareReform.org. If you would like to car pool and can offer or need a ride from the Bangor area, call the Peace & Justice Center, 942-9343.



Are we a nation of laws?

by Dan Lourie, Bar Harbor

We are a nation of laws, the shining beacon of morality, and we don't torture. So goes the official hyperbole, but remembering Vietnam, Chile, Nicaragua, Iraq, and a host of other murderous chapters in American foreign policy, we know the serious flaws in that assessment.

We do have a deep desire, however, to become a nation of laws, regarded by our citizens and those of other nations as a country seeking a return to morality, a nation in which no one is above the law.

Enter the conundrum of whether to pursue those in the highest levels of our government who contemptuously flouted the law and ordered the wanton sadism which became a systematic program of depraved acts during the interrogation of prisoners of war. We received almost no verifiable information from our repeated torture of prisoners, producing false confessions and sabotaging both American credibility and the morale of our intelligence community. We gained little and lost much.

Can we, should we, agree with President Obama's directive that we look forward, not back, understanding that seeking to hold the perpetrators of that policy to account, we risk jeopardizing the transformative Obama agenda: reforming health care, restoring a thriving and productive economy, making quality education available to all, and protecting the environment?

We spent the last five years demonstrating, lobbying and pleading for the impeachment of the Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld criminal cabal. Indeed, we hold fast to the contention that no one should be above the law. We are shamed by the knowledge that we have become viewed by the world community as a rogue nation, indifferent to international law and guilty of the commission of heinous crimes.

It is my contention that Obama has sufficient political capital to do both: successfully steer the crucial elements of his agenda through Congress, and restore the nation's integrity by investigating, exposing and prosecuting the war crimes of those in power in the previous administration.



Palestinian peace activist to speak in Bangor

The Eastern Maine Chapter of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom (Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace) is pleased to announce that Aziz Abu Sarah will speak at Husson University's Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business in Bangor at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. Aziz Abu Sarah is a Palestinian peace activist from the West Bank. He is a member of the Bereaved Family Forum, a group of Israeli Jews and Palestinians who have lost family members in the violence. They meet to share experiences and to encourage each other in working for peace. Aziz co-hosts a show on All For Peace Radio and directs an organization aimed at empowering Palestinian youth. As a teenager he was a member of Fatah's Youth movement. His brother died shortly after being released from an Israeli prison. Aziz has moved from anger and the desire for revenge to working for peace. For directions or more information about Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, contact Barbara Kates at bkates50@hotmail.com or 947-6858.

This is the first of a series of speakers sponsored by Brit Tzedek v'Shalom. Others will be Diane Balser, interim executive director of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom and Women's Studies professor at Boston University; and Jonathan Reitman, author of *Ten Principles to Aid the Quest for Peace in the Middle East*.



UMaine students react to HOPE Festival

Below are comments by five University of Maine students who attended the HOPE Festival on April 25. They are first-generation college students from small towns in Maine who had not been exposed to this type of event before.

With the sound of a peaceful guitar, large cello, and soft pat of the tambourine in the background and the rows of environmentally friendly, peaceful coexistence, and pacifist material lining the campus recreation center, I was pleasantly surprised when I entered the building. What was most amazing to me was the abundance of information that was available to everyone there, information that I and many of my peers might never be exposed to. The HOPE Festival seemed to me to be a great event, one that exemplified a feeling of environmental friendliness and peaceful negotiations. The fervor in the air, at a time when people watch the negativity of the stock market and the war in Iraq, the positive vibes that hung in the air at the HOPE Festival were infinite. This feeling of hope is something that all American need to keep.

At the HOPE Festival I tried organic foods that don't use pesticides in their production like local Old Town Goat Cheese; I also learned of new peaceful propositions, a plan to clean up the Penobscot Valley River system, and a plan to use re-education in the classrooms. This event was great. As I walked into the Campus Rec Center and saw the number of people who were attending, I was surprised and pleased. This gives me hope that in the future environmental impact will lessen and the war in Iraq will end. The American "spirit" still does exist.

This event was very interesting because I did not know that all the groups that were represented here existed.

Peace is the word I linked to Saturday. When I kept walking into the basketball courts there were rainbow flags, peace flags and many more hung up around the track. I thought that was great! One of the first booths I went to was a recycling table. There were purses and clutches made from recycled plastic. There were booths set up for women's activism groups ... there were booths set up from Moosehead Lake - where I am from. In the back corner was African drumming.... You could tell they were into their music and loved what they were living for. A story was told from their singing and amazing drumming. Papers were at almost every table that people could sign. I think this is a great idea because it gets UMaine students and community

involved all year long instead of just that Saturday. Natural organic foods were on a couple of tables.... This was such a great event to go to.

The HOPE Festival was a wonderful gathering of numerous different people; there were many children's programs, nonprofit organizations, farmers, live entertainment and special events. This festival was a great way to get a wide array of people involved in making peace and other eco-friendly ideas well known to the public.... Including children in this festival is a wonderful way to get our future generation ready to take up the challenges of global warming and war.



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Starhawk: Magical Activism and Earth Healing

Starhawk, one of the most respected voices in earth-based spirituality, will appear June 20 at 7 p.m. in the Bangor area, location to be announced. Starhawk is a veteran of progressive movements, from anti-war to anti-nukes, and is deeply committed to bringing the techniques and creative power of spirituality to political activism. She is the author or coauthor of ten books, including *The Spiral Dance: A Rebirth of the Ancient Religion of the Great Goddess*, long considered the essential text for the Neo-Pagan movement, and the now-classic ecotopian novel *The Fifth Sacred Thing*. Starhawk's newest book is *The Earth Path: Grounding Your Spirit in the Rhythms of Nature*. Donation of \$10 or \$20 or whatever you can afford. For information contact Simon Beckford at 843-6916, or simonbeckford@riseup.net

Use Center resources

Visit the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine's lending library at 170 Park St. in Bangor. Browse the various alternative periodicals, borrow magazines, books and DVDs. Please call the Center to check on summer hours (942-9343).

Support Center with T-shirt purchase

Limited edition organic cotton HOPE Festival T-shirts with logo by Rob Shetterly and design by Tammy Olson, \$15. Large, X-large (yellow, light blue and light green) and medium (light blue and green). Proceeds support the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine.

Nominations sought for Hartman Awards

The University of Maine's Women in the Curriculum (WIC) program has a lot of resources on women's history, gender roles, and how to keep focused on education despite motherhood, disabilities, etc. WIC is asking for nominations by July 1 for its annual Maryann Hartman Young Women's Social Justice Award, given annually to a young woman/girl age 12-18 who has made special contributions to social justice and change. For information: Angela Hart, Women in the Curriculum, 581-1228 or www.umaine.edu/wic.

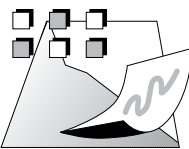
Guide to Maine Legislature available

The first session of the 124th Maine Legislature is winding down, but there is still plenty to do to influence legislation and legislators. The Maine People's Resource Center has published its biannual "Citizens Guide to the Maine Legislature" with profiles and information on all those serving in the 124th legislative session during 2009 and 2010. Copies are \$19.95 plus \$2.50 for shipping from Maine People's Resource Center, 565 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101, 797-9207 or www.mainepeoplesresourcecenter.org.

Guide for alternatives after high school

"It's My Life" is an almost 100-page guide to alternatives after high school for youth who may believe their only choice for a job is to join the military. Produced by the American Friends Service Committee, the book is a colorful guide to thinking about career options, survival skills, seeing the world, training possibilities, and paying for college. It's available (check on reduced rates for multiple copies) from the AFSC Maine Program on Youth and Militarism, 371-2077 or gaia@gwi.net.





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HOPE Festival Scrapbook

Photos by Tammy Olson



Arnold Neptune, Penobscot Elder, opens the HOPE Festival with a blessing for the 14th year.



HOPE Festival Singers, directed by Marty Kelley, express the spirit of the day with songs.



Students from the Wassookeag School created their own t-shirts and joined HOPE Festival singers.



Thursday Night Drummers close the festival with a community dance of hope.





Windover Arts Center helps create spring hats with recycled materials.



David Mallett delights audience with his songs.

Thank you to all the performers, organizations and volunteers who made the HOPE Festival a day of joyful sharing.

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May 29: Meeting on clean energy jobs, noon, 49 Sixteenth St., Bangor, sponsored by Bangor MoveOn Council. For information, <http://www.moveon.org/team/>.

May 29: "Playing for Change" (peace through music) film shown, evening time TBA, Public Library, Blue Hill. Peninsula Peace and Justice, 326-4405 or jrobbins@mainecoastmail.com.

May 30: Rally for Single Payer Health Care as part of National Day of Action, supporting federal bill HR 676, noon-2 p.m., State Capitol, Augusta. Call 596-7784 or www.MaineHealthcareReform.org.

June 6: Fourth annual symposium on PTSD with Judith Herman, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Abromson Center, USM, Portland. Veterans for Peace, Dud Hendrick, dudhe@myfairpoint.net or 348-2511.

June 6: "Dance to Celebrate a New Era in El Salvador" salsa dance, with lesson at 7:30 and dance at 8 p.m., Unitarian-Universalist Church, 120 Park St., Bangor. PICA, 947-4203 or www.pica.ws.

June 6: "Restorative Justice: A Successful Maine Model" with

Richard Snyder, 12:30 p.m., St. Pius Church hall, Ocean Avenue, Portland. Denny Dreher, 286-9747 or laffmom@yahoo.com; or the Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast, 338-2742 or info@rjpmidcoast.org.

June 7: Vigil for Tibetans (being denied democratic rights), 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Village Green (near library), Camden. 832-6603.

June 13: Meeting with representatives of Waterville Area Bridges for Peace and Justice, CODEPINK, and other groups on lobbying Congress to end the U.S. military presence in Afghanistan, noon-3 p.m., Mediation and Facilitation Resources, 11 King St., Augusta. Lisa Savage, 643-2356 or lsavage3@gmail.com.

June 20: Starhawk: Magical Activism and Earth Healing, 7 p.m., Bangor area location to be announced. Simon Beckford, 843-6916, simonbeckford@riseup.net.

June 21-July 5: Earth activist training with Starhawk and Charles Williams, combining permaculture, organizing, and earth-based spirituality, Unity. 800-381-7940 or EarthActivistTraining@gmail.com.

June 24: Palestinian peace activist Aziz Abu Sarah, 7 p.m. Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business, Husson University, Bangor. Barbara Kates, 947-6858, bkates50@hotmail.com.

June 24-26: Summer Institute in Restorative Practices (persuasive rather than coercive discipline and practices in schools), Civic Center, Augusta. UMaine Peace and Reconciliation Studies, 581-2625 or barbara.blazej@umit.maine.edu.

July 1: Deadline for nominations for Maryann Hartman Awards. For information: Angela Hart, Women in the Curriculum, 581-1228 or www.umaine.edu/wic.

July 4: March with Veterans for Peace in July Fourth parade, Bangor-Brewer. Al Larson, VFP, 947-3513 or Peace & Justice Center's website: www.peacectr.org.

July 4: July Fourth cookout and celebration, afternoon through fireworks, Food AND Medicine, 20 Ivers St., Brewer. 989-5860 or www.foodandmedicine.org.

August 6: Hiroshima commemoration in Bangor. Time and place TBA. 942-9343 or visit the Peace & Justice Center's website: www.peacectr.org.



In memory, in honor

The Peace & Justice Center is grateful for donations received recently in memory and in honor of loved ones. Your generosity is acknowledged and appreciated.

In honor of Father Dan Berrigan's 87th birthday:
Harry and Louise Conroy, West Lebanon, N.H.

In memory of London Mitchell
Kip Penney, Knox

In memory of Silas Brognier and Karel Weisberg
Christina and William Baker, Bass Harbor

In memory of Jake and Betty Bennett
David Bennett, Orono

In memory of Gladys and Ray Pratt and Ma Bickford
David Pratt, Bangor



Peace Vigils:

For additions & cancellations: cpdiebold@yahoo.com

Bangor: Tuesdays 5-5:30 p.m. Federal Building, Harlow St. Call the Peace and Justice Center at 942-9343.

Bar Harbor: Sundays on the Village Green; 1-2 p.m., a silent and respectful peace vigil; bring your own signs. For information, call Suzanne at 288-8037 or Dee at 288-4365.

Belfast: Sundays noon-1, High and Main Sts. Call 338-6365.

Blue Hill: Sundays, noon, Blue Hill Bridge. Call 326-4405.
Bucksport: Sundays at noon on the Bucksport/Verona Bridge; meet at the traffic light on the Bucksport side; call 469-8972.

Deer Isle: Mondays 4-4:30, Route 15 across from Deer Isle Congregational Church. Call 326-4405 or 348-2511.

Ellsworth: Sundays at noon on the bridge in town; bring signs and songs. For information, call Martha at 667-5863.

Houlton: Fridays, noon-12:30, silent vigil at the Peace Pole in Monument Park. Call Marilyn, 532-3797.
Lincolnton Beach: Sundays at noon, Ducktrap Bridge. Call John, 230-2410.

Presque Isle: Sundays 12-1, Bridges for Peace on the Aroostook River Bridge.

Rockland: Sundays at noon, corner of Park and Main Sts. Call 273-3247.

Skowhegan: Sundays 12-1 at the Margaret Chase Smith Bridge.

Southwest Harbor: Saturdays 11 to noon, Pemetic School Green, Main Street. Westside Peace Group. Bring your own sign or use one from our collection. Kate, 244-3702.

Waterville: Sundays, noon-1 p.m, Messalonskee Bridge on Kennedy Memorial Drive (by CVS).

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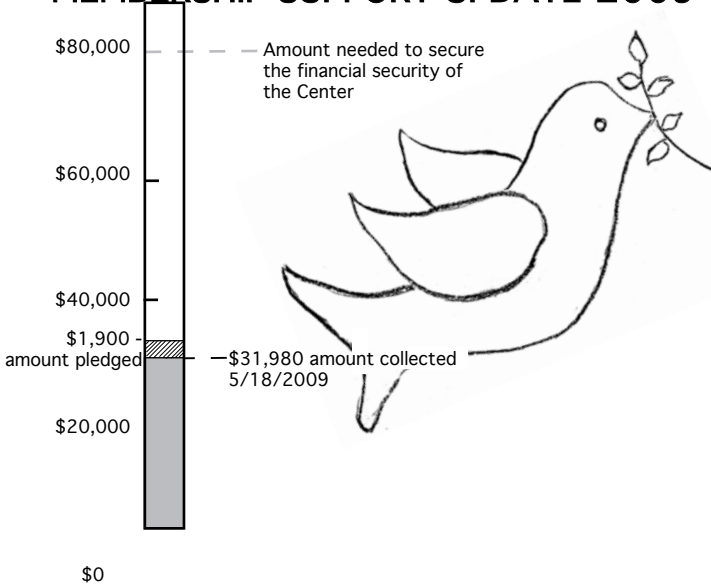


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