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Newsletter



Working for peace and justice one step at a time

by Christina Diebold, Newsletter editor

As fall approaches and the Peace & Justice Center’s Newsletter resumes publication, we’re entering a turbulent presidential campaign signaling the end – at last! – of an administration marred by deception, invasions of other countries, justification of torture, erosion of constitutional rights, tax breaks for the wealthy, mind-boggling deficits and a stubborn refusal to address climate change.

Far from the political attack ads and frenzied speculation, a dying man, as of this writing, trudges from one town to another in Massachusetts. He has terminal cancer and takes pain medication. He is helped by friends and his loyal partner. He is fueled by an unwavering determination to bring attention to the plight of migrant workers, the millions who put food on our tables, who have been driven from their own countries by intolerable economic conditions and come north at great risk to their lives so they can feed their families.

He is our friend Jim Harney, a photojournalist whose mission has been to identify with the excluded, to document the undocumented, whether in Mexico, Guatemala, Iraq or the United States. You will read more about Jim in this issue.

You will also read about the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine. Not to blow our own horn, but we have turned 20, and we’re going strong. That’s an achievement!

Finally, if you’re beyond frustrated by the five-year-plus Iraq War, which has sucked so much blood and treasure from our communities and caused so much suffering, turn the page to find out how you can participate in our Join Hands to End the War rally on September 13.



With gratitude for the work of Jim Harney

by Ilze Petersons, Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine

In 2003 as we anticipated the “shock and awe” bombing of Iraq, Jim Harney brought to us the faces of Iraqis. He met them when he traveled to Iraq to see first hand the people devastated by U.S. sanctions that killed an estimated 500,000 children. We held copies of his photos at the first Chain of Concern at Cascade Park two days before the bombs were to explode in Baghdad on March 19. We brought copies of these faces to subsequent rallies and Chains of Concern on the sad anniversaries of the bombing. The photos have connected us in a personal way to the innocent civilians who have continued to die because of U.S. foreign policy.

In years past Jim had brought to us the faces of victims of the U.S. policy of military domination and control in El Salvador and Guatemala. More recently he has brought us the faces of immigrants on the U.S.-Mexico border. His photographs have made all too real the devastation of economic and foreign policy administered in our name. In 2000 he brought us the faces of resistance to those policies at the anti-WTO demonstrations in Seattle.

Jim’s own expressive face and passionate voice have been an inspiration to many of us at rallies and vigils over the years. We have appreciated the patient and keen intelligence he has brought to understanding complex economic concepts and their consequence for victims around the world. He has been able to translate these concepts and to help us feel their devastation by sharing the stories of those he met in his courageous and tireless travels. Now sadly because of terminal cancer, Jim faces a journey whose destination he will not be able to show us.

Jim, we thank you for giving us the fruits of your labors with so much heart, creativity and generosity. Your face and the faces of those you have shared with us will continue to inspire our efforts as we carry your spirit with us in the ongoing work for peace and justice.

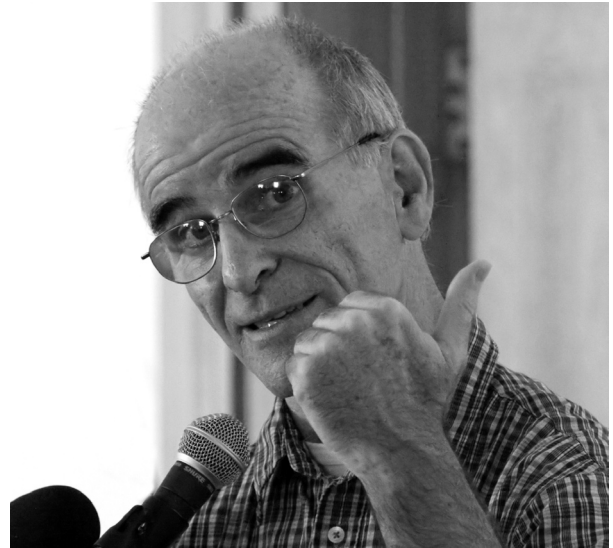


Walking for the undocumented

by Christina Diebold, Newsletter editor

“I’m dying,” Jim Harney said matter of factly. “I have terminal cancer and I intend to spend my last days walking in solidarity with human beings risking their lives to come to the U.S. to find work and support their families.”

Jim made that statement on July 30 at a press conference at the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, just before setting out on a long walk – from Boston to New Haven, or even Washington, if his health permits. He has said essentially the same thing many times since, knowing that such an action is likely to draw media attention, and his aim is to shine a light on the plight of the undocumented.



Jim Harney

Photo by Kelly Bellis

On August 5, Jim participated in a press conference at the State House in Boston organized by Centro Presente of Somerville, the Center to Support Immigrant Organizing of Boston, Organization Maya K’iche of New Bedford and several other immigrant and community organizations. At that time he spoke of economic conditions in Central America that force workers to come north, risking their lives in the Sonora Desert.

Since then Jim has made his way to Jamaica Plain, Milton, Randolph, Brockton, West Bridgewater and Taunton. He walks about five miles a day, staying in homes and giving talks along the way. Besides media coverage in Bangor before he left, his “Walk for the Undocumented” has been described in the Boston Globe, the Patriot Ledger of Quincy, Mass., and Open Media Boston. Meredith DeFrancesco of WERU-FM Community Radio in Bangor and Blue Hill has been making videos of his odyssey. Jim can be found on YouTube, and his progress followed on a blog, <http://CelebratingJim.net>, thanks to the work of smalleagle and Kelly Bellis. The blog also is accessible from Harney’s website, www.posibilidad.org.

According to an article in the Patriot Ledger, he suffers from a rare form of salivary gland cancer and has been given only six months to a year to live.

In a message posted August 8 on the website, he wrote: "I'm feeling okay, although a bit exhausted after each day's five miles. I suppose at the end of it I'll be in shape. I'm enjoying so much meeting different people who accompany me. The day before Jeannette Huezo's entire family met me and walked a couple of miles with me. One of the walkers was Genesis, all of four months old in her carriage pushed by her mother. For a while, I walked with her in my arms and felt so honored to be carrying the future close to my heart. I feel honored to be closing out 68 years of journey on this planet walking."



Join Hands to end the war, build the peace and rebuild our economy

Saturday, September 13, 2008

1 p.m. Paul Bunyan Park, Bangor

2:30 p.m. Walk for Peace

3 p.m. Talk - Amy Goodman of "Democracy Now!"

Many people are focusing on the next election with the hope that a new administration will end the occupation of Iraq and use diplomacy to negotiate with Iran. We look forward to that possibility, but also want to make sure we continue to build a multi-faceted peace movement that can support and/or challenge the next administration to promote cooperation and diplomacy, reparations for the people of Iraq, support for veterans of this war, and federal budget priorities that serve the needs of people, not primarily military contractors and large corporations.

We hope the rally will bring together peace and justice activists from Eastern and Northern Maine who have been doing the most important work of sustaining weekly vigils and building grassroots organizations in their own communities, as well as the many others who oppose this war but have not yet made their voices heard.

Speakers will include Mary Trotochaud, who spent several years in Iraq after the U.S. invasion; Hosain Aghamoosa, a UMaine student of Iranian descent; Doug Crate, a Bangor area social worker; and Katrina Bisheimer, a labor activist. Music will be provided by Larry and Leslie Latour, Judd Esty Kendall, Cora Rose and Marsha Lyons.

After the rally, we'll go on a "peace walk" to a talk by "Democracy Now!" host Amy Goodman at the Hammond Street Church at 3 p.m. The rally is sponsored by the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine and others, and the talk is sponsored by WERU.

Join us to show how you and the people you serve are being impacted by current budget priorities and policies that support the war in Iraq and neglect our communities.

How would you like to see those billions spent? Here are some ways you can help:

- Have your group listed as a co-sponsor of the event.
- Promote the event to your members through announcements, newsletters, etc. (We will provide posters and postcards to help you do this).
- Write letters to the editor expressing your concerns.
- Bring members to the event with signs expressing their concerns.
- Sign on to a signature ad to appear on September 11 in the Bangor Daily News and encourage your members to sign on by September 4.



Crowd scene taken at peace rally

A copy of the poster, which will also be the signature ad, is available to be downloaded at our website - www.peacectr.org/wp/homepage/join-hands-to-end-the-war/.



After 20 years, what the Peace & Justice Center has meant

When 35 folks met at the Bangor Public Library in the winter of 1988 to discuss the formation of a Peace & Justice Center in Eastern Maine, there was excitement in the air about the possibility of pooling resources and joining around issues of common concern. Little did we dream that 20 years and five moves later we would have grown into a hub of progressive activism in Eastern Maine.

The survival and growth of the Center is a testament to the energy, vision and dedication of so many who have volunteered time, talent, dollars and ideas to create multifaceted programs, resources, activities and events. On a shoestring budget with part-time staff, the Center has been a shared space for many groups without a home of their own and has supported the formation of new groups.

Below are a few comments from members about what the Center has meant to them:

"The Peace & Justice Center provides such a wonderful resource to the community -- information, direction, opportunity to raise voices together, avenues for communication to the people that make important decisions in our name, and opportunities to think together and dream and make plans for a stronger, more hopeful future. The leadership of Ilze, Steve and Sandy has been so important to the success of the Center. I believe a key to their leadership is the gift of inviting and welcoming others' opinions and leadership in every situation. The Peace & Justice Center is indeed a Center of all."

~ Marty Kelley, director of Voices for Peace

"Rural Maine has us spread thin, with much of our energy devoted to very local endeavors. The Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine allows us to connect with others around the state by highlighting the most important issues we face in order to speak in unison with a strong voice. This continual spark ignites the light of peace and justice in our small villages and towns. People that would otherwise be struggling to be heard are the energy and focus of the P&J Center. For 20 years, the Center has educated us, enlivened the lives of those in need, provided support for those who put themselves at risk for the benefit of us all, and made Maine a leading voice in this country's struggle to live up to its expectations. From one of Maine's many outposts -- thanks."

~ Ron Greenberg, Mount Desert Island, From Every Village
Green organizer

"Activists in the community can find safe expression at the Peace & Justice Center for feelings of frustration and anxiety surrounding issues of war and peace, racial equality, and economic and social justice."

~ Pat Moulton, secretary of the Bangor-area NAACP

"The Peace & Justice Center has given a voice to my strongest and innermost beliefs and convictions."

~ Mary Perry, who has been attending the weekly vigil in Bangor since 2002, and has been to peace rallies in Washington four times and in Kennebunkport twice

"The Peace & Justice Center has been extremely grounding in a sense of structural space which allows taking action in the community and in the world that I don't think any of us can do alone. It's built a much stronger sense of community and been a cross-pollinating place."

~ Hope Brogunier, environmental activist in Bangor

Sowing peace and harvesting hope at the Harvest Supper

by Ilze Petersons

Come to the 19th annual Harvest Supper on Saturday, October 4, from 6-8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Park Street in Bangor to once again celebrate the fruits of all the labors for peace and justice in the progressive community. This year is a special celebration commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Center's founding, so we hope many of you who have helped the Center to survive and thrive will join us to reflect on our varied efforts to "sow peace and harvest hope" in our communities. If you are new to the progressive community in Eastern Maine, this is a great opportunity to meet many of the wonderful people who contribute in so many ways to promoting peaceful and sustainable alternatives in our region.

As we enjoy the meal, we will be treated to the sounds of beautiful harp music by Daryne Rockett, and after the supper Doug Allen, Education Committee coordinator for the Center since 1998, will share reflections on the Center's history. The evening will conclude with a sing-along led by Brian Dyer-Stewart, long-time peace activist, folksinger and musician.

Please bring a vegetarian dish or dessert to share. The suggested donation is \$10 for an adult and \$3 for a child or \$15 for a family. If you'd like to volunteer to set up or clean up, call 942-9343. If you are unable to attend but would like to honor the Center on its 20th anniversary in our program book, contact the Center. We hope to see you on October 4!



Donations coming in to support the Center

by Steve Soucy, office manager

In July, the Center became aware of a serious shortfall in our income, mainly grants, memberships and major donors. Though most expenses were coming in below budget, we faced a deficit and an immediate need to raise \$9,500 before September 30 just to meet our commitments for the fiscal year. Members of the Steering Committee came together, and we sent an emergency email appeal to everyone for whom we had addresses, and called many of our friends who have helped in the past.

We are happy to report that so far response has been very gratifying. In the past four weeks you have given



over \$7,700, of which \$3,000 came from the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation. We have a ways to go to meet our minimal goal and replenish our reserves, but we are hopeful that member and community response will continue. Thanks to all of you who have responded with your donations, and with your efforts to encourage others to support our work.

Can you help the Center meet this challenge by doing these three things?

1. Call three people you know who are concerned about peace and justice issues and ask them to join the Peace & Justice Center (www.peacectr.org).
2. Ask your church, or other groups with which you are affiliated, to support the Center with a donation. Feel free to contact us at 942-9343, or info@peacectr.org for more information. We'll be happy to talk to you.
3. Send us a special one-time donation to help us get through this difficult time. You can make a secure online donation through our website, or send a check made out to "Peace & Justice Center" to 170 Park St., Bangor, ME 04401

Keep in mind, in September we'll be asking you to renew your annual membership, but for now, our part-time staff, Steering and Finance Committees are working hard to deal with this and develop ways to avoid a shortfall in the future by expanding our fundraising options. Thanks again to all who have responded to our appeal!



We'll miss you, Sandy!

by Christina Diebold

Anyone who has visited the office of the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine knows Sandy Tardiff, who has been working there part time since June 2004. On August 18, Sandy started work with United Way as a Vista volunteer, where she will receive a stipend and acquire skills. Making the switch was a decision reached with reluctance, but Sandy is hoping the opportunity to network at United Way will lead to a full-time job, with benefits.

She will be greatly missed at the Peace & Justice Center, where she was engaged in fundraising, membership development, volunteer coordination and event planning, such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Spoken Word Café which she and Maria Girouard organized last winter.

"I like grassroots, bottom-up organizing, and I'll miss that," she said.

At the United Way she'll work to implement recommendations from a study that – by a stroke of serendipity – she was involved in years ago with the Maine Center on Aging about the transportation needs of seniors.

Transportation has been a theme in her life – Sandy worked as a travel agent for 15 years. For two years she worked at Baxter State Park as a ranger at Togue Pond, and she has a passion for the environment.



**Sandy Tardiff with Teddy,
one of her favorite dogs**

Those who know Sandy know she loves animals. Her little dog Pip was present at the farewell lunch for her at the P&J Center on August 8. Sandy also has two African gray parrots, Buddy and Alfalfa, who have distinct personalities and talents. She lives in Orono with her son, Joe.



"In Search of the Future" film fundraiser

by Maria Girouard, Peace & Justice Center Steering Committee

Kicking off the Peace & Justice Center's fall film series is a film that's generating thought and discussion across the country. Being offered as a fundraiser for the Peace & Justice Center, "In Search of the Future: What Do the Wise

Ones Know?" will be shown at the University of Maine campus, **Thursday, September 25, at 7 p.m.**, in the D.P. Corbett Auditorium. Suggested donations for the screening are \$5 for students, \$10 for non-students and others.

As an added treat: The filmmakers, director Andrew Cameron and producer Connie Baxter Marlow, will be present to engage in discussion after the film. Cameron was born in England and grew up in South Africa. In 1969, he sailed to America and participated in the consciousness-expansion movement of the 1970s in California and Hawaii. This is his first full-length film; he is already working on the sequel.

Connie Baxter Marlow was born and raised in Maine in a family of visionary politicians and philanthropists (think Percival Baxter and Baxter State Park). She has created forums for visionary elders to share their understanding of the nature of the universe for the past 17 years, through photography exhibitions, films, lectures and ceremonies across the United States and Mexico.

"In Search of the Future: What Do the Wise Ones Know?" is a bold and uplifting synthesis of information and ideas. Blending ancient indigenous wisdom, prophecy, science and western thought, the film tackles questions such as: Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where are we going? And are we in the beginning of a grand world-wide consciousness shift?

"Wake up and be aware. Do something! Change your way of life!"

~ quote from the film: Grandmother Bertha Grove, Southern Ute elder

Let's pack the auditorium on Thursday, September 25, at 7 pm. (D.P. Corbett is located in the central part of campus, on Flagstaff Road. Looking at the front entrance to the Maine Center for the Performing Arts building, D.P. Corbett is located to the right, across the street.)

Activist Nan Stone dies at 64

Nan Stone, 64, died August 1 as she lived -- surrounded by friends, family and a large extended community, whose loving care enabled her to stay at her home in Swanville. She lived courageously with cancer for over two and a half years, maintaining an active life and positive attitude which was an inspiration to all who knew her.

While active in protesting the Vietnam War, she got involved in women's consciousness-raising groups, and this began her feminist and gay/lesbian rights work.

Coming out as a lesbian blocked her path to ordination in the Methodist Church, one of the many instances where Nan's courage and determination to live her beliefs and defend the rights of all people required personal sacrifice.

In the thirty years Nan lived in Waldo County, she helped initiate many needed social services and advocacy programs, including the first volunteer hospice of Waldo County in the early 1980s, co-founding Maine Lesbian Feminists, writing community-based AIDS legislation, being director of the Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition, Alzheimer's Support Group, and Adult Day Care.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution in Nan's name can do so to the Peace and Justice Group of Waldo County, c/o ROSC, 161 Stovepipe Alley, Monroe, ME 04951.

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Protest of Blue Angels Air Show

Maine Veterans for Peace is organizing a nonviolent, statewide peace march on September 6 to protest the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels air show in Brunswick. The march will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the downtown Brunswick mall and continue to the Naval Air Station Brunswick (NASB). An all-night candlelight vigil will be held beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, September 5, at the NASB main gate.

The Blue Angels F-18 Hornet jets are attack aircraft that drop bombs and fire missiles. The air show is used to recruit young people to join the military. At a time of diminishing fossil fuels, the Blue Angels team burns over 8,000 gallons of fuel in one day and significantly contributes to greenhouse gases.

Besides Maine Veterans for Peace, Chapter 001 (www.vfpmaine.org, 865-0655), sponsors include Americans Who Tell the Truth, Augusta Women in Black, Citizens Opposing Active Sonar Threats, Midcoast Peace & Justice Group, Peace Action Maine and the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine.

No War on Iran Resolution

Motivated by the enormous costs of the war against Iraq and ominous rhetoric about Iran coming from U.S. officials, members of the Orono Peace Group and the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine have submitted a No War on Iran Resolution to the Orono Town Council, to be considered at its meeting on September 8. Harpswell was the first town in Maine to pass such a resolution, followed by Bar Harbor.

The resolution reads, in part: "Resolved that the Town of Orono opposes any military action by the United States against the Islamic Republic of Iran without adequate Congressional hearings and deliberations and urges Congress to prohibit the use of funds to carry out military action against Iran without clear, explicit Congressional authorization."

To read more about the ominous buildup of forces in the Persian Gulf and the escalating threats against Iran and to sign on to a national No War on Iran petition go to: <http://stopwaroniran.org/petition.shtml>.

Womancare Needs Helpline Advocates

On Sept. 16 Womancare will offer training around issues of domestic violence, preparing participants to assist in responding to victims seeking support services. The class will meet each Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. in Dover-Foxcroft at Sedomocha. The course is being offered through Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative and is sponsored by Womancare. Call 564-6526 or 564-8165 to register.

Course on Nonviolent Communication

An eight-session course on nonviolent communication based on Marshall Rosenberg's principles will begin Monday, September 22. It will be taught by Peggy Smith, assisted by Kathy Schilmoeller, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 170 Park St., Bangor.

During the course, participants will learn how to express themselves authentically and clearly, to listen with empathy by observing facts without judgment, to identify and express feelings, to express the needs behind those feelings, and to make clear and concrete requests for actions.

For information, call 789-5299; www.mainenvcnetwork.org/trainings.html.

GROW Maine to train organizers

GROW Maine (GrassRoots Organizing Workshops) will hold its annual organizer training/gathering for both new and experienced organizers and activists in Maine on October 3-5 at Earthrest farm resort in South Hiram. The event is open to people from New Hampshire and Vermont as well.

The weekend is ideal for those newer to social change work but also will offer plenty of learning and networking opportunities for even very experienced organizers. Workshop topics include grassroots fundraising, community power analysis, creating multicultural groups and campaigns, using the media to support grassroots projects, and making intergenerational connections in social change work.

The cost for the three days in a beautiful setting in western Maine during fall foliage season is \$10 to \$60 (based on ability to pay), including fresh, locally grown food and comfortable lodging. Child care is available for those who preregister.

For more information and a brochure, contact Tina Smith at 615-9760, tnsmith09@gmail.com; Iggy Brimmer at 415-4458, iggy@riseup.net; or Larry Dansinger at 525-7776, rosc@psouth.net.

Grants for Groups Serving Girls

The Maine Girls Collaborative has \$35,000 in small grants available for collaborating girl-serving organizations. The National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) is an initiative funded by the National Science Foundation through the Puget Sound Center to improve girls' participation in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). There will be a kickoff conference on October 10 at the University of Maine for organizations, educators, and other individuals interested in improving girls' participation in STEM. For information contact the Women's Resource Center at (207) 581-1508.

Pax Christi Maine Retreat on Restorative Justice

Take some time out from the busyness of life to join with other peacemakers from all over Maine Oct. 11-12 to explore the challenges and opportunities for restorative justice in our communities. The Rev. T. Richard (Dick) Snyder will facilitate discussion on the culture of vengeance and punishment perpetrated by the government of the United States both here and abroad. Rev. Snyder is a former dean of the New York Theological Seminary and author of *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Punishment*. Group participants will address how faith communities can pursue and sustain restorative justice efforts.

The weekend includes overnight accommodations at the Living Water Spiritual Center in Winslow. The Center is well known for its warm hospitality, wonderful meals and beautiful grounds bordering the Sebasticook River. People of all faith traditions and spiritual paths are welcome. Cost of two days with room and meals is \$126. Early arrival on Oct. 10 with additional night lodging/dinner is available for \$200. Deposit of \$25 is due on or before Sept. 17. A check made out to Pax Christi Maine can be sent to Mary Ellen Quinn, 91 Baker Road, Winterport, ME 04496. For more information about Pax Christi or the retreat, contact Mary Ellen at 223-4992 (evenings) or memquinn@peoplepc.com



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September 4-6: Protest of Blue Angels Air show, Brunswick. See Notices for information.

September 9: "Lady's Hands, Lion's Heart: A Midwife's Saga" (talk and book signing), Carol Leonard, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Bangor Room of the UMaine Memorial Union, sponsored by Women in the Curriculum.

September 11: "Mahatma Gandhi and Socialism," Professor Doug Allen, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Bangor Room, Memorial Union, UMaine; part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Series, 581-3860 or douglas.allen@umit.maine.edu.

September 12-13: "Justice at the Surface, Justice at the Core" workshop on incorporating social justice issues into nonprofit groups, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Convergence Center, Orland. 469-2654 or www.theconvergencecenter.org.

September 13: "End the War/ Build the Peace and Rebuild Our Community" rally, 1 p.m., Paul Bunyan statue by Bangor Auditorium and walk to Hammond Street Church, talk by Amy Goodman (3 p.m.). Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 942-9343 or info@peacectr.org or www.peacectr.org.

September 16: "Chunk of My Soul: One Nurse's First-Hand Account of the Vietnam War" (film and discussion), Beth Parks, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Bangor Room of the UMaine Memorial Union, sponsored by Women in the Curriculum.

September 17: Maine Harvest Lunch 2008 (celebrating local foods used on school menus) in various school districts throughout Maine. MOFGA, 568-4142 or mofga@mofga.org.

September 17: Harvest Celebration for community gardens, 6 p.m., Knox Street Garden, downtown Lewiston. Lots to Gardens, 513-3844, lotstogardens@yahoo.com or www.lotstogardens.org.

September 18: "Going to War: Israel, Palestine, and Iran," Professor Alex Grab, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Bangor Room, Memorial Union, UMaine; part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Series, 581-3860 or douglas.allen@umit.maine.edu.

September 19-21: Common Ground Country Fair, MOFGA fairgrounds, Unity. 568-4142 or mofga@mofga.org or www.mofga.org.

September 20: "The Ayes (eyes) Have It" (group facilitation training) workshop, time TBA, Convergence Center, Orland. 469-2654 or www.theconvergencecenter.org.

September 23: "What Did the American Revolution Mean for White Women?" Liam Riordan, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Bangor Room of the UMaine Memorial Union, sponsored by Women in the Curriculum.

September 25: "In Search of the Future," Peace & Justice Center film/fundraiser, 7 p.m. D.P. Corbett Auditorium, UMaine, information on Page 5.

September 25: "The Two Fair Trade Movements: Bridging the Divide Between Buying Coffee and Repealing NAFTA," Sarah Bigney, organizer at the Maine Fair Trade Campaign, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Bangor Room, Memorial Union, UMaine; part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Series, 581-3860 or douglas.allen@umit.maine.edu.

September 30: "Somali Narrative Project's Research on Women," Kim Huisman and Kristin Langellier, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Bangor Room of the UMaine Memorial Union, sponsored by Women in the Curriculum.

October 2: Benefit concert for WERU Radio w/Noel Paul Stookey, Alamo Theater, Bucksport. 469-6600 or info@weru.org or www.weru.org.

October 4: Harvest Supper, 6-8 p.m. Unitarian-Universalist church on Park Street, Bangor, sponsored by Peace & Justice Center. Information on Page 4.

October 3-5: GROW training in South Hiram. See Notices for information.

October 8: "Perspectives on Family Care-Giving: Experiences of Adult Daughters," Sandy Butler, Muffy Eastman, Renate Klein, Martha Proulx, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Bangor Room of the UMaine Memorial Union, sponsored by Women in the Curriculum.



Help build the peace movement at the 9/13 rally:

Please come and bring friends and family!

Sign on to the signature ad by calling 942-9343 or go to info@peacectr.org by Sept. 4th.

To ride the bus or carpool from Hancock County, contact rongreenberg@wildblue.net.

Peace Vigils:

For additions & cancellations: cpdiebold@yahoo.com

Bangor: Tuesdays 5-6 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.

Next month's newsletter may not arrive by October 1st due to the layout volunteer's vacation. It will depend upon the airline's operating on schedule. Please check with the Peace and Justice website for updates on events or call the Center at 942-9343 to keep up to date.

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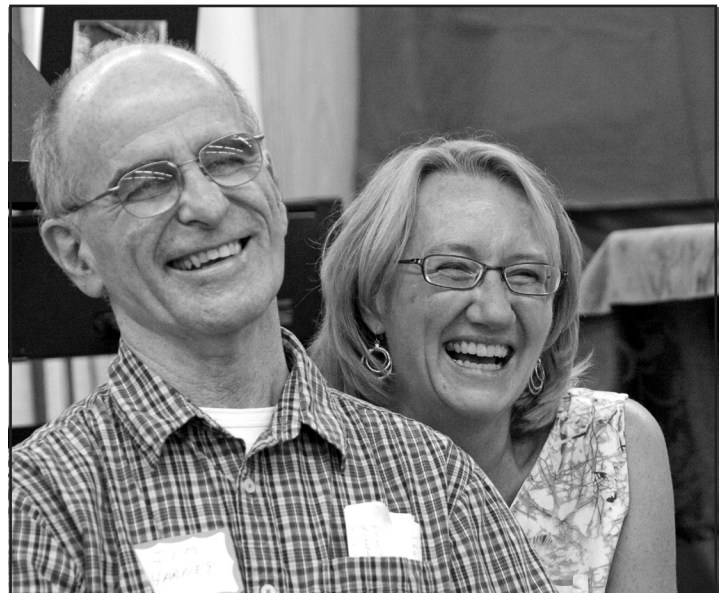
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