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## Walk for Real Security in Bangor

*by Ilze Petersons, Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine*

Has the endless war on terrorism made us safer than we were after the 9/11 attacks? We are told we cannot afford the cost of providing basic health insurance to everyone. We are told we cannot afford to develop alternative energy sources as we face growing problems from climate change. Yet we continue to spend millions on military dinosaurs that even the Pentagon says are not necessary, billions on military bases around the world and billions more for waging wars that make us less secure.

What can we, the majority who do not agree with these priorities, do to make our voices heard? How can we make sure the profit-making health-care industry, composed of huge insurance and pharmaceutical corporations, and military contractors who profit from war, don't define the debate about our priorities and the future of so many around the world? You may have called your elected officials and visited their offices. You may have signed petitions and sent emails. But there are so many more who have not yet found a way to express their concerns or share their vision of how we can best take care of each other as a community. So many have given up on democratic participation that it is likely to become a self-fulfilling prophecy. Let's provide a visible, active alternative to despair.

On Saturday, September 12, one day after the anniversary of September 11, we invite you to join with others for a "Walk for Real Security" in Bangor. Join us at noon as we gather at Davenport Park on Main Street across from the Bangor Homeless Shelter. Together we will walk to Eastern Maine Medical Center and back (about three miles), drumming and carrying signs to express what we feel is needed: health care, good jobs, sustainable environmental policies, education and a foreign policy based on diplomacy and cooperation. Let's show there is a vibrant grassroots movement that will not allow our democracy to be hijacked by the greedy, wealthy and powerful few.



## “War of Terror” has high costs

by Katrina Bisheimer

This article will explore the costs to Afghan people and U.S. soldiers of the escalating “war of terror,” better known as the “war on terror.”

The BBC reported that in the first six months of 2009 the conflict in Afghanistan had resulted in 1,013 civilian casualties, a 24 percent increase over 2008, with 818 civilian casualties, a 40 percent increase over 2007. The report says that insurgents were responsible for more deaths than the government-allied forces, but it also notes that two-thirds of the deaths caused by government-allied forces were from air strikes.

The best illustration of what this means was when U.S. warplanes dropped bombs on a village in the western province of Farah that resulted in the death of about 100 women, children, and men. Survivors carted dozens of corpses from their villages to the provincial capitals in trucks to denounce the carnage, shouting “Death to America!” Our military approach has become a great recruiting tool for the Taliban.

The human cost of this war includes those who are fighting it. We usually hear about the number of U.S. soldiers killed in combat, but not so much about the less visible injuries to the psyche. Author and activist Arundhati Roy says that you can’t expect soldiers to wage war and not bring it home. Why are record numbers of soldiers killing themselves and others at home? While the military has implemented programs to help returning soldiers adjust to civilian life, the killing has continued. Clearly symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder are not being recognized and treated adequately, and this impacts their lives, their families, and the communities they return home to as well.

Our military approach in Iraq has not made Iraq peaceful or improved the infrastructure, and it has continued to drain essential services here at home (health care, housing, etc.) Why are we repeating the same pattern in Afghanistan, including a surge in soldiers which is likely to result in a surge of civilian casualties and soldier suicides and murders? This is not the change we hoped for. How do we pressure President Barack Obama into changing this strategy? It begins with educating ourselves and our communities, and then speaking out.



## Postcards ask senators to meet about Afghan war

by Lisa Savage, CODEPINK Maine local coordinator

The Maine peace community showered its senators with about 800 pink postcards in a full court effort to schedule meetings during the August recess of Congress. Many of you helped gather constituent names and addresses on the postcards -- thank you! Many others joined CODEPINK in a week of office visits around the state to deliver the cards along with cupcakes as a thank-you to the staff for conveying our message: We want to meet your boss to ask questions about the escalating war in Afghanistan.

Printed on each postcard, along with a photo of Senator Olympia Snowe or Senator Susan Collins, were questions generated at organizing meetings held in Augusta on June 13 and in Bath on August 1. Questions included what is the goal of the war on terror? When will torture be investigated? And why waste money on war rather than funding health care?

On August 10 we kicked off postcard deliveries at both senators’ offices in Augusta. Auburn and Lewiston office visits rounded out our day. On August 12, we traveled to Portland, where we delivered postcards to both senators’ offices and met with Rep. Chellie Pingree and her staff. We thanked Rep. Pingree for her “no” votes on the war supplemental bill and for co-sponsoring the McGovern amendment calling for a timetable and exit strategy for Afghanistan. The congresswoman told us she is adamantly opposed to continuing the war there, and that she has a strong commitment to conversion of Maine’s economy away from dependence on military contracting. Postcard deliveries to both Senate offices in Biddeford completed our day.

On August 13 a group from the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine met in front of the Federal Building in Bangor to deliver postcards to Senator Collins’ office and at Senator Snowe’s office nearby. Signs and a presence on the sidewalks outside both buildings called for VETERANS HEALTHCARE, NOT WARFARE and U.S. OUT OF AFGHANISTAN. Ilze Petersons helped with ideas to organize postcard deliveries for the last two Senate offices in Caribou and Presque Isle later in August.

Our hope is that schedulers for the senators will realize that hundreds of constituents are concerned about war in Afghanistan and want it discussed. Stay tuned for next steps if these meetings are not forthcoming. Rep. Mike Michaud has said he wants to meet, but no date has been set at this time. For more information, call 643-2356.



## Learning from the homeless through their stories

by Will Whitham

A few weeks ago, I was lucky enough to participate in the community project organized by Alex Kelly, interviewing homeless people in Bangor and presenting their stories to the public. "Listen to This: Recording Stories of Bangor Homeless" was a two-week internship that taught me a decent bit about sound editing and the interviewing process, but so much more about societal ills, ignorant prejudices, and homelessness in general.

As a result of my involvement with the Peace & Justice Center and Veterans for Peace, I was particularly moved by the stories of homeless veterans I interviewed -- approximately 40 percent of homeless men have served in the armed forces. I spoke with a 32-year-old man who served two tours in Iraq and "wasn't too happy with the military" when he returned home: He burned all his paperwork, uniforms, and medals, a pretty vivid indication of how he felt. He characterized the Army's basic attitude toward himself as apathetic and uncaring. His tale reminded me of former Marine and conscientious objector Erik Larsen, who said, "It ... is embarrassing to fight for a way of life in which basic human needs, like a place to sleep, one hot meal a day and some medical attention, cannot even be met in our nation's capital," a statement that relates to both homelessness and militarism.

While these two issues matter deeply to me, everyone defines his or her activism differently. Some people focus more on workers' rights, some on single-payer health care, some on environmental protection. On September 12, the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine will be sponsoring a Walk for Real Security around Bangor, where we'll all get to advocate for things we care about. We encourage you to make a sign relating to your own sense of security (whether it be the right to unionize or marry regardless of sexual orientation) and join us on the 12<sup>th</sup> for a march to make our voices heard.

*Walkers will meet at noon at Davenport Park on Main Street, across from the Bangor Homeless Shelter, and walk to Eastern Maine Medical Center and back, about three miles.*

*Will Whitham is 17 and will be a senior at Bangor High School this fall.*



Photo by Tammy Olson.

**With organizers holding signs, Dr. Elizabeth Weiss addresses the crowd at a rally for health care reform in downtown Bangor on June 27. Beside her is a figure showing American health care on life support.**

## Harvest Supper to honor Dansinger, Pilot

by Ilze Petersons, program coordinator, Peace & Justice Center

Come to the 20th annual Harvest Supper on Saturday, October 3, 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 we are pleased to honor Larry Dansinger with the Hands of Peace Award. At Larry's suggestion we will present the first youth Hands of Peace Award to Kira Pilot of Bangor. In addition to founding ROSC (Resources for Organizing and Social Change – formerly INVERT) Larry was a founding member of the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, continues as its fiscal sponsor and has been behind the scenes of so many other progressive organizations and events in Maine.

Kira has been an associate member of the Jim Harney Chapter of Veterans for Peace and helped with the counter military recruitment efforts at Bangor High School, where she started the online Bangor High peace group. She has instituted a recycling program at the store where she works.

Let us know if you would like to share a tribute or make a donation to honor Larry and/or Kira in the Harvest Supper program book

You will also have a unique opportunity to hear a talk on organic farming by Aaron Bell and Carly DelSignore of Tide Mill Organic Farm. Bell family members have been working the same land in Edmunds, Washington County, since 1765. The farm was featured on Martha Stewart's Thanksgiving program in 2008. In addition to producing organic vegetables, fruit, meat, eggs and dairy, the family delivers balsam fir creations to homes from coast to coast.

Join us to celebrate our 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.

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 contribute to support this special event and the Peace & Justice Center, donations are most welcome.



## Long-time organizer likes to see results

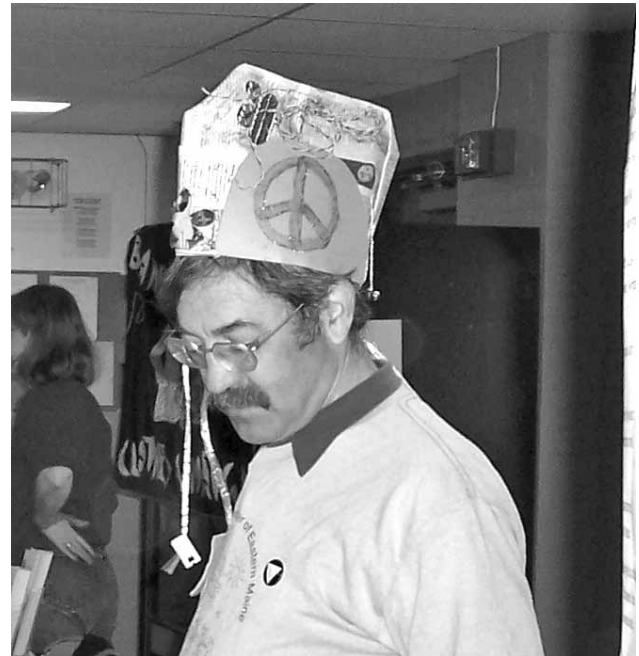
*by Jane Livingston*

In Duluth, Minnesota, Larry Dansinger's fourth-grade teacher told him to stop rescuing scrap paper from the wastebasket. Thinking about resources, like consistently rooting for last-place teams, goes way back in Larry's life. Growing up in a Jewish family in the years following the Holocaust no doubt fed his resistance to war. In 1968 he opted for an occupational deferment and joined VISTA. In upstate New York, he helped farm workers get better housing. They succeeded, and eventually created their own organization.

"My first learning experience as an organizer was a positive one," Larry says. "If I had been discouraged, if we hadn't accomplished anything, it's hard to know if I would have stayed on."

Maine owes those New York farm workers a debt of gratitude, because that was the beginning of an outstanding journey that finally led Larry to Maine in 1974. For a while he pursued a graduate degree in

community development. "But I spent most of my time hanging out at Bangor Tenant's Union and the food co-op, places like that, instead of at school," he says.



**Larry Dansinger working at the HOPE Festival**

Soon he was doing community development instead of studying it. The life suits him because, he explains, "The pay is enough, and I get to figure out every day what I'm going to do. Success is hard to measure, but when I see results, that's exciting." The results of Larry's work are impressive. Hear more about them—and him—when he receives the Hands of Peace Award on October 3 at the annual Harvest Supper of one of the many organizations he helped ...well, organize: The Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine.

*The Harvest Supper will begin at 6 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 120 Park St., Bangor.*

*Jane Livingston, herself an organizer, identifies herself as one of the lucky ones who has been friends with Larry and his wife, Karen Marysdaughter, for a quarter of a century.*



## TABOR II not the answer, teacher says

*by Martha (Pojasek) Gladstone  
co-president, Bangor Education Association*

In September, I will return to my kindergarten classroom and that is one reason I am opposing TABOR II. If this referendum should pass, TABOR II will have a significant impact on education. Bangor lost \$530,000 during the last

budget cycle, and it is predicted that amount could double next year. Passing TABOR would add insult to injury. Maine schools are already hurting from this deep recession, and any further cuts would only undermine what teachers are trying to do, provide quality education for all Maine students.

The Bangor City Council voted 7-1 on July 27 to oppose TABOR II as well as another referendum that would reduce auto excise taxes on vehicles that are five years old or newer. During the council meeting, a University of Maine student spoke up. She talked about being a lifelong resident of Maine and wishing to stay in Maine to find a job and raise a family. She explained that right now she is able to afford an excellent education from the University of Maine, but fears that when our state university system no longer receives the funding that is needed, she as well as many others will not be able to afford the rising tuition. It is unfortunate when our state loses its young people to out of state competitors.

A firefighter addressed the council and described how public safety is already feeling the financial pinch. He reminded the council that as citizens we have been down this road before with Carol Palesky's initiative in 2004 and TABOR I in 2006. Mainers voted both down, but here we go again. TABOR II is not the answer.

*If you would like to join Citizens Unified for Maine's Future, please contact Communications Director Crystal Canney at 615-5968 or [crcanney@yahoo.com](mailto:crcanney@yahoo.com) for volunteer opportunities. Volunteers will help us move this campaign forward and defeat TABOR again.*



## The Seeds of Defeat

The flag-wavers say we need to support our troops. I say, "What? In getting them killed or traumatized?" Occupying a foreign country is not patriotic, just as capitalism is not democratic. The warring occupation of Afghanistan drags on, eight years now and counting. Here at home, the deepest recession since the Great Depression continues with no end in sight. It sickens me the more to read our discharged veterans sleep upon our streets. Osama Bin Laden's strategy was to draw us in and drain us. In our hubris lie the seeds of our own defeat.

*by Ron Warner*

## Fostering solar energy in Pakistan

*compiled by Christina Diebold, editor*

Richard Komp, the solar energy guru from Jonesport, has been surviving monsoon downpours in Pakistan, where it is hot and muggy, and searching for thin, tin-plated copper ribbon in Karachi markets. The ribbon is used to solder solar cells together to make photovoltaic (PV) modules.

The people he is teaching to make the modules are organizing the Soonzla Solar Company, and are purchasing 10,000 Evergreen Solar cells. Komp believes the new cottage industry will be able to compete with Chinese imports.

After assembling the required materials, Komp planned to begin installing finished modules and to make three installations by the time the course is finished on August 24. Already there is a waiting list for 60 modules.

The people attending the course are mostly unemployed and two are refugees from the Swat Valley. He is not sure yet how many will be working as part of the new Soonzla Solar Company and how many intend to work on their own, but says their excitement is contagious as they work on learning these new techniques. "We are using the latest techniques my friends like Marilu and Marco Antonio in Nicaragua have developed after their years of doing this work, so the training is going well and the modules are looking very professional," Komp says. "Of course, all of the modules are performing up to or better than specs and should last at least the guaranteed 25 years."

Komp is to return to Maine by September 9 after giving PV module assembly workshops at Tufts University and the University of Nebraska, and making a trip to Peru for a month-long PV module assembly and installation workshop in Ninacaca, 14,500 feet up in the Andes.



## Horrors of nuclear war recalled on August 6

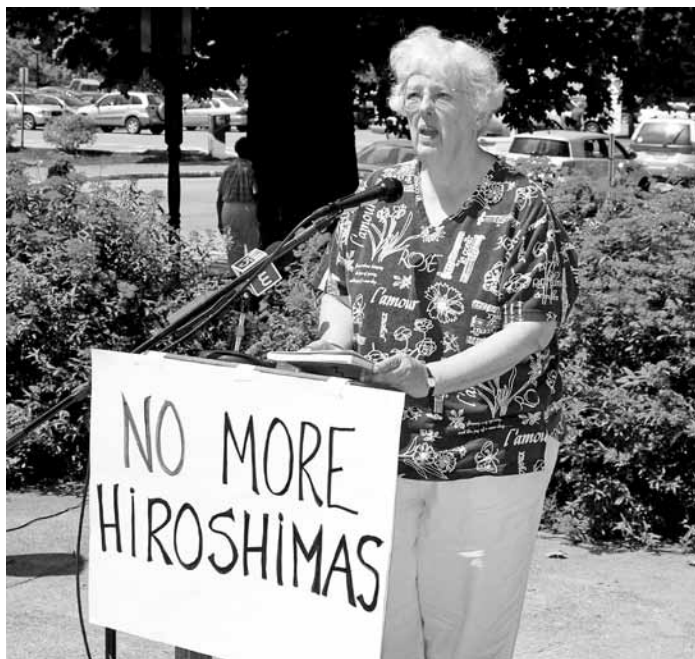
*by Ilze Petersons*

On August 6 the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine commemorated the 64th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and then Nagasaki three days later. Some of those present in Peirce Park next to the Bangor Public Library read from a description of the day written by Bangor's Jim McDonald for the commemoration held in 2000. Then participants read a statement by the Mayor of Hiroshima in 2003 called "Reconciliation Instead of Retaliation. Humanity Instead of Animosity." Finally a dozen of those present lay down to represent the more than 220,000 who died in those two bombings and their

aftermath. High school students and others drew chalk outlines of those lying down to represent the shadows that were all that remained of some of those incinerated. In conclusion, a prayer composed by the Rev. Elaine Hewes of Redeemer Lutheran Church was read by Peter Phillips, steering committee member of the Peace & Justice Center and member of the Jim Harney Chapter of Veterans for Peace.

Leaving the shadow outlines behind, we went to the Bangor Library conference room to watch slides of drawings by Hiroshima survivors from a book entitled *Unforgettable Fire*. Ann Schonberger, who had spent a year in Hiroshima with her husband, Howard Schonberger, introduced the slide show and provided commentary. She and Howard had worked with Japanese students to compile the slides and translate captions for a slide show produced by the Maine Peace Action Committee in 1975.

We were reminded how important it is continue to raise awareness about the horrors of nuclear weapons and to carry on efforts to challenge policies that could lead to their use. Peter Phillips had his grandson read his button, which said, "One death is murder. 100,000 deaths are foreign policy." We watched the slide show end with the words etched in stone at the cenotaph in Hiroshima: "Rest in peace, for we will not repeat the sin."



*Photo by Eric Olson*

***At a remembrance of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki held August 6 at the Bangor Public Library, Ann Schonberger introduces a slide show of drawings by Hiroshima survivors from the book "Unforgettable Fire." She and her late husband, Howard Schonberger, spent 1975-76 in Hiroshima, working with Japanese students to translate writing***

***by survivors. Eric Olson of the Peace & Justice has the video podcast of the Hiroshima commemoration on our website, [www.peacectr.org](http://www.peacectr.org)***



## notices

### **Sign holding to protest war in Afghanistan**

Ron Warner of Veterans for Peace will hold a sign saying "Good Jobs and Healthcare, Not Warfare" from 7-9 a.m. September 8 on the bridge in Orono near Pat's Pizza as University of Maine students return to classes. On September 9 he'll be at the corner of State Street and Broadway in Bangor, 7-9 a.m. On September 10 he'll be on Main Street in Bangor across from Dunkin' Donuts, 7-9 a.m. Other signs will be available for those who wish to join him. For information, call 942-9343.

### **Penobscot River cruise to support HoltraChem cleanup**

The Maine People's Alliance invites you on a two-hour cruise of the Penobscot River on September 12. The steam ferry Patience will leave the Bangor waterfront at 2:30 p.m., and the cruise will feature brief educational talks about the history and wildlife of the longest river in Maine. Passengers will ride from Bangor to Orrington and the former site of the HoltraChem chemical plant. For more than a decade, MPA has fought to force the corporate owners of the plant to halt the dumping of mercury into the river and to clean up the site, which is still heavily contaminated with the dangerous toxin. Proceeds from the event will support this legal battle. Tickets are \$25 and available by phone, or online or from a chapter organizer. For information contact Ryan Tipping-Spitz, 990-0672; [ryan@mainepeoplesalliance.org](mailto:ryan@mainepeoplesalliance.org).

### **"Rethink Afghanistan" film on tap at Peace & Justice Center**

Director Robert Greenwald's latest film, "Rethink Afghanistan," will be shown September 20 at 7 p.m. at the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 170 Park St. in Bangor. The film is free and will be followed by discussion. It focuses on the human and financial costs of combat in the Middle East to challenge the notion that Afghanistan is "the good war." Instead, Greenwald argues troop escalation threatens to entrench America in an unwinnable, unwanted war that only further empowers the resurgent Taliban.

### **Travel guide geared to GLBTQ audience**

GayMaine is a travel guide with GLBTQ people in mind. This glossy booklet features especially gay-friendly spots like Ogunquit as well as interesting attractions in on-the-beaten-path places like Portland and off-the-path locations as well. To get a copy or to be included in future editions,

contact TravelMaine, info@gotravelmaine.com or www.gotravelmaine.com.

622-7381 or nwitherbee@mecep.org.

**Report details Maine health care successes**

A new report from the Maine Center for Economic Policy, "National Health Reform: Lessons from Maine," suggests that some kind of public health care system can work, that states can't do it themselves, that cost containment is crucial, and that a watered down system will not solve the problem. Maine has had some successes: a 20 percent drop in the number of uninsured people, a reduced rate of increase in health insurance costs, and some documented savings in health care spending. For a copy: MeCEP,

**Events posted by Maine Video Activists Network**

The huge single payer health care rally in Portland in July, the withdrawal of test wells by bottled water company Nestlé, the premiere of the film "Tapped" on the problems of bottled water, and the demonstration at Bath Iron Works against continued production of weapons of mass destruction: These are topics from the Maine Video Activists Network #38, which is posted on the web under that title. FMI on the Network, try craig@roundpointmovies.org.



**Members keep P&J Center strong**

*by Steve Soucy*

Thanks to all of you who have donated to the Peace & Justice Center in the past year.

Our annual membership drive will be in the mail in the next month or so. To save us the postage, please renew your membership today, by going to [www.peacectr.org](http://www.peacectr.org), or mailing your donation to us today, using the form below.

If you click on **Donate Now**, you have the option of making monthly, quarterly or a one-time payment through our secure, online payment service [Groundspring.org](http://Groundspring.org).

You may use the occasion of your donation to honor or commemorate someone or something important to you.

Acknowledgement of your gift can be sent to related family or friends whose names and addresses you give to us, and will also appear in the Newsletter.

Your support, past, present and future, has helped make the Peace & Justice Center a hub of education and activism for peace, justice and a sustainable environment. Your membership support gives people in Eastern Maine the opportunity to come together, learn about the issues, stand together to work for a better world, celebrate small victories, and shore each other up for the long haul.

Thank you again for your donations, and please feel free to email or call me at any time with your questions, comments and suggestions!

*Stephen Soucy is the office manager at the P&J Center. He can be reached by email at [Stephen@peacectr.org](mailto:Stephen@peacectr.org), or by calling the Center (942-9343).*



**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 memory of Maureen Waltz**  
Kevin Holmes, Bangor

**In memory of Francis Parkman**  
Anne Parkman, Belfast

**In honor of Elizabeth Schneider**  
Michael Michalski, Henniker, N.H.

**Yes! I support the work of the Peace & Justice Center. Here's my donation.**

\_\_\_ I have enclosed my check for \_\_\_ \$35 \_\_\_ \$60 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ other \$ \_\_\_

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September 7: Labor Day celebration with singer Bill Morrissey and Harlan Baker performing "Jimmy Higgins: A Life in the Labor Movement," 3 p.m., Greater Bangor Labor Council, 20 Ivers St., Brewer. Food AND Medicine, 989-5860.

September 9-11: Fr. Roy Bourgeois will speak on the campaign to shut down the School of the Americas. He will be speaking in Portland, Lewiston, Farmington and Blue Hill. September 10th, he will speak in Orono at 7:00 p.m., 120 Little Hall, University of Maine. Bill Slavick, Pax Christi, 773-6562 or william.slavick@maine.edu.

September 10-11: Major gifts fundraising workshop w/ Andy Robinson, Dover-Foxcroft. Call 564-4346 or wecare@pinetreehospice.org.

September 12: Walk for Real Security, starting at noon at Davenport Park, Cedar and Main Sts., Bangor. Peace & Justice Center, 170 Park St., Bangor. Call 942-9343 or info@peacectr.org or www.peacectr.org.

September 12: Benefit cruise on Penobscot River to celebrate and fund campaign to clean up river, 2:30 p.m., Bangor waterfront. Maine People's Alliance, 990-0672 or ryan@mainepeoplesalliance.org.

September 18-20: GrassRoots Organizing Workshops (GROW) Maine Tanglewood 4-H Camp, Lincolnville. Larry Dansinger, Resources for Organizing and Social Change, 525-7776, rosc@psouth.net; Iggy Brimmer, 415-4458 or iggy@riseup.net.

September 20: "Rethink Afghanistan" documentary with discussion to follow, 7 p.m., Peace & Justice Center, 170 Park St., Bangor. Call 942-9343 or info@peacectr.org or www.peacectr.org.

September 22: "Teaching and Taking Feminist Theory: Feminist Scholars Speaking Across Boundaries," 12:15-1:30 p.m., Bangor Room, University of Maine Memorial Union, Orono. Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program, 581-1228 or 1229.

September 25-27: Common Ground Country Fair, Crosby Brook Road, Unity. MOFGA (Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association), 568-4142 or mofga@mofga.org or www.mofga.org.

September 25th: No on 1 -- Protect Maine Equality Coalition informational forum and fundraiser. Dorothy Day Memorial Room of Unitarian Universalist Church, 120 Park Street, Bangor, 6:30 p.m.

September 29: "Life After Genocide: Long-Term Coping Strategies of Adolescent Survivors of the Holocaust," 12:15-1:30 p.m., Bangor Room, University of Maine Memorial Union, Orono. Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program, 581-1228 or 1229.

October 3: Annual Harvest Supper featuring great potluck food, entertainment, and awards, 6-8 p.m., Unitarian-Universalist Church, 120 Park St., Bangor. Peace & Justice Center, 170 Park St., Bangor. Call 942-9343 or info@peacectr.org or www.peacectr.org.

October 10: Vigil in honor of Keep Space for Peace Week, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bath Iron Works. Meet at the Administration Building on Washington Street to protest the building of Aegis Cruise Missile Destroyers. FMI: Smilin' Trees Disarmament Farm, 763-4062.



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**PEACE & JUSTICE CENTER FILM SERIES**

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**RETHINK AFGHANISTAN**  
Sunday, September 20, 7:00pm

Director Robert Greenwald's latest film, "Rethink Afghanistan" focuses on the human and financial costs of combat in the Middle East to challenge the notion that Afghanistan is "the good war." Instead, Greenwald argues troop escalation threatens to entrench America in an unwinnable, unwanted war that only further empowers the resurgent Taliban.

<http://rethinkafghanistan.com/>

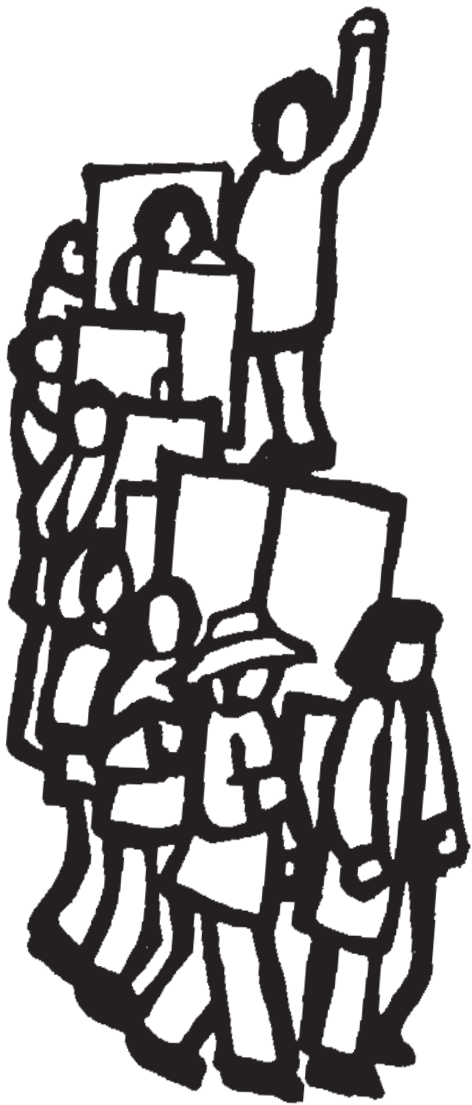
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**Discussion after program**  
Phone ahead for childcare

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# **Walk for Real Security**

## **Saturday September 12th**



**Meet at 12:00 Noon**

**Davenport Park, Bangor**  
**(Corner of Main and Cedar**  
**Streets, close to downtown)**

**Walk to Eastern Maine**  
**Medical Center and back**

**We will gather at Davenport Park, across**  
**from the Bangor Homeless Shelter,**  
**walk to Eastern Maine Medical Center on**  
**State Street, and then walk back**  
**(approximately a three-mile round trip).**

**Bring signs expressing what you feel**  
**would contribute to real security**  
**in Eastern Maine. Drums and other**  
**instruments welcome.**

***Free and open to the public***

**Sponsored by: Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, Maine Peace Action Committee,**  
**Peace & Justice Group of Waldo County, Waterville Bridges for Peace,**  
**Peninsula Peace & Justice, and others.**

***For more information:***

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Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine's

# 20th Annual Harvest Supper

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> • 6-8 P.M.

at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Park Street in Bangor

## Awards & Speakers

This year's **Hands of Peace Award** recipients are **Larry Dansinger**, peace and justice activist and founder of Resources for Organizing and Social Change, and **Kira Pilot**, associate member of Veterans for Peace and first Youth Hands of Peace Recipient.

There will be a talk on organic farming by **Aaron Bell and Carly DelSignore** of Tide Mill Farm in Washington County. The Bell family members have been working the same land in Edmunds, Washington County since 1765. Aaron and Carly are the 7th generation to sustainably manage their woodlands and blueberry fields and the 8th generation to produce organic foods from their farm.

## Garden-Fresh Potluck

The Harvest Supper is a potluck dinner. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share made from the bounty of this year's garden harvest.

Suggested donation:  
\$10 adult, \$3 child, & \$15 family

Sowing Peace



Harvesting Hope

The Harvest Supper is an opportunity for people to come together to celebrate the fruits of our labor for peace, justice and a sustainable environment. If you are unable to attend but would like to support our work please send a donation to the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 170 Park Street, Bangor, ME 04401.

For more information, please call 942-9343 or visit our website at [www.peacectr.org](http://www.peacectr.org).



## 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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...to support as well as link individuals and groups concerned with peace, social justice, and environmental issues. Center services promote cooperation, expand awareness, explore connections, and encourage community involvement in working toward a peaceful and just society. The Center also develops programs in response to those community concerns not being adequately addressed by existing social change organizations.

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