



# Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation

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## Olympia FOR LAUNCHES MANY NEW ACTIVITIES

**Watch Olympia FOR's TV programs on the internet:** The Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's TV programs are now being posted to the internet, so you can watch them anywhere in the world! Simply go to [www.olympiafellowshipofreconciliation.blip.tv](http://www.olympiafellowshipofreconciliation.blip.tv), click on the link for past episodes, and choose the episode you want to watch. (See page 4)

**Iraq Memorial to Life:** In the US, the politicians, media and general public largely ignore the innocent Iraq civilians we have killed since March 2003. The Iraq Memorial to Life is a powerfully compelling display of markers showing names, ages, dates of death, and other information. Doug Mackey and others have created this with Olympia FOR sponsorship. In September 2009 local volunteers installed it at Heritage Park, Olympia, and in March 2010 Doug installed it in Central Park in New York City and then near the Washington Monument in Washington DC. Thank you, Doug, for this bold, compassionate project! See [www.oly-wa.us/iraqmemorial](http://www.oly-wa.us/iraqmemorial)

**Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers:** Some young Afghans (mostly teenagers) have been making powerful short videos and posting them at [www.OurJourneyToSmile.com](http://www.OurJourneyToSmile.com). They express their pure heartfelt desire for peace and reconciliation. Doug Mackey and others have generated support from the Olympia FOR and elsewhere to spread their message, organize phone conversations with them, and more. Info: Doug 915-6757 [dougwmackey@gmail.com](mailto:dougwmackey@gmail.com)

**Death penalty film:** The Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty keeps creating opportunities for people to learn and think about the death penalty. We are presenting an intriguing film, "Robert Blecker Wants Me Dead" at **6:30 pm Friday April 9** through the Olympia Film Society, 206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave E. See the flyer enclosed with this newsletter and page 5.

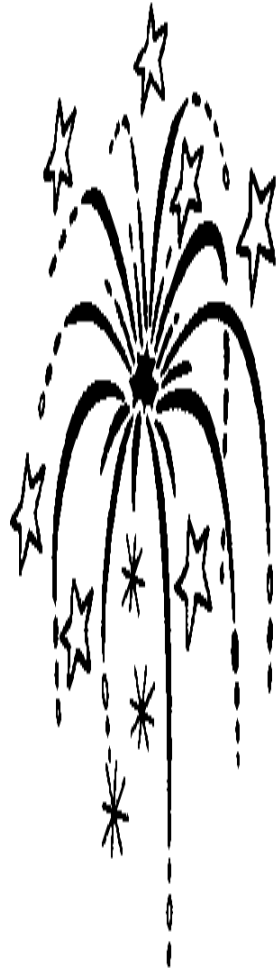
**New website:** Technical problems have made our long-standing website unworkable, so the Olympia FOR created a Web Team chaired by Glen Anderson, who is working with our new webmaster Dennis Mills to build a new website. Look for it by early June. **Make sure we have your current e-mail address so we can notify you electronically as soon as it is ready.**

**Death penalty study groups in local faith communities:** While most of the US's mainstream religious denominations oppose the death penalty at the national level, many people in local congregations are not adequately informed. Yvonne Wilhelmsen, Emily Hammargren, and Glen Anderson from the Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty are arranging for appropriate study sessions in local faith communities to begin in September. Info: Yvonne 357-7163 [ywilhelms@yahoo.com](mailto:ywilhelms@yahoo.com)

**Book study group underway:** The Olympia FOR's new book study group meets on the first Tuesday and the first Saturday of each month. In March we all read one book and discussed it. In April each participant will find and read different books about examples of successful nonviolent action. Join us! Contact Chuck Schultz at 705-8520 [chuckschultz3@msn.com](mailto:chuckschultz3@msn.com)

**"Poetic Justice" – Poems on Prison and the Death Penalty** – Many local people who read or write poetry are concerned about the death penalty and other aspects of the criminal justice system. On behalf of the Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, Rozanne Rants has organized an evening of poetry and spoken word readings for poets and listeners. Bring your works and your ears to Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, at **7:00 pm on Wednesday May 5**. See the May 5 calendar item or contact Rozanne 705-8520 [rozannerants@yahoo.com](mailto:rozannerants@yahoo.com)

**The Olympia FOR is strengthening our organizational functioning:** See new efforts described at the bottom of page 6.



"Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom."

-- Martin Luther King Jr.

# TELEVISION PROGRAMS

For 23 years the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation has produced one-hour TV programs on issues related to peace, social justice, economics, the environment, and nonviolence. The Olympia FOR's program airs on Thurston Community Television (TCTV), channel 22 for Thurston County's cable TV subscribers. Each program airs **every Monday at 1:30 p.m. and every Thursday at 9:00 p.m. for a full month.** This creates many opportunities to watch each program. You may also watch archived programs at [www.olympiafellowshipofreconciliation.blip.tv](http://www.olympiafellowshipofreconciliation.blip.tv)

## APRIL: "RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND RESTORATIVE PRACTICES"

Everybody knows that our nation's criminal justice system does not work:

- Despite paying lip service to victims, the current system focuses almost entirely on offenders.
- Despite paying lip service to "corrections," the current system does NOT correct behavior, but merely punishes it.
- Jails and prisons diminish the inmates' ability to live civilly, brutalize them, and turn them into hardened criminals.
- In the past few decades the US prison population skyrocketed, breaking up families and punishing taxpayers too.

The Olympia FOR's April 2010 TV program explores "**Restorative Justice**" – a totally fresh alternative to our criminal justice system. We also explore applying similar "**Restorative Practices**" to other aspects of our society, including schools, workplaces, and families.

The recent "lock them up and throw away the key" approach is simplistic. It imposes heavy control in the form of punishment, but it provides no human support or help to turn one's life around.

Alternatively, a permissive "social worker do-gooder" approach also is simplistic in caring about the offender without providing real accountability.

Restorative Justice provides the best of both worlds: real accountability to victims with powerful ways to encourage offenders to make positive changes.

The current criminal justice system has elbowed victims out of the way and converted the crime into a crime against "the state." The state punishes the offender and neglects the victim.

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## MAY: "EMPOWERING OURSELVES FOR PROFOUND DEMOCRACY"

- Oppression by big business and powerful political forces
- Unresponsive government
- Homogenous, mind-numbing mass media
- Environmental degradation
- Serious crises – but a frustrating culture of denial

All of the problems we face seem so huge, but we seem so powerless. People have tried to promote peace, social justice, the environment, and progressive issues. But for decades the conservative presidents and Congresses have pushed us backward.

As a result, many progressives feel frustration, anger, powerlessness, despair, and depression. The general public also seems demoralized and immobilized. Why bother?

However, when we look around our local community we find that many people have been successfully organizing ways to meet our political, social, economic, cultural and environmental needs. Some of these solutions are 15-25 years old, such as the Procession of the Species (which has been copied in communities around the world), the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) of Thurston County, Thurston Community Television (TCTV), and the Olympia Food Co-Op (which is more than 30 years old).

All of these are working successfully and thriving!

It turns out we **really can empower ourselves and organize from the grassroots up to meet our various needs directly.** We don't need to wait for governments or other big, formal systems to impose top-down solutions upon us. **We can empower ourselves to meet our needs!**

- This is true in the **COMMUNITY** realm: The Dispute Resolution Center trains mediators to help people learn how to resolve conflicts with each other in mutually agreeable ways instead of giving up our power to police or courts.

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In contrast, Restorative Justice takes good care of both. Restorative Justice can be organized in many different ways, such as **this example:**

If both the victim and offender are willing, they (and their families and supporters) can meet each other in a safe and supportive setting. The victim (and family and supporters) can explain the real effects of the crime. The offender (and family and friends) listen, understand, and gain insights. They devise some way(s) to restore the damage and create a mutually agreeable solution that can produce several dimensions of real justice.

Decades of actual experience in many parts of the world – and scientific research studies – clearly show that this works exceedingly well to reduce the likelihood that the offender will commit another crime. It also significantly reduces the victim's fears and trauma, and it can provide personal and financial restoration for the victim.

Similar principles have been adapted to problems in schools (fights and other behavior problems, academic shortcomings, truancy, etc.) and in workplaces and other settings where conflicts and problems need to be resolved instead of merely punished. These approaches are sometimes called "Restorative Practices."

Our guests – Paul McCold and Beth Rodman – share their extensive experience, very solid knowledge, and wise insights.

They and others in our community are urging Restorative Justice to be used locally for youths and adults. If you want to help, contact them at [pmccold@aol.com](mailto:pmccold@aol.com) or [bethrodman@gmail.com](mailto:bethrodman@gmail.com)

Excellent information is available from [www.iirp.org](http://www.iirp.org), [www.restorativejustice.org](http://www.restorativejustice.org), and books and articles written by Howard Zehr.

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- This is true in the **MEDIA** realm: Thurston Community Television (TCTV) offers training, equipment, and air time at low cost to empower people of all ages and income levels to create their own media.
- This is true in the **CULTURAL** realm: The Procession of the Species provides satisfying and environmentally respectful entertainment for people of all ages without any commercialism or exploitation of live animals. Furthermore, the Procession inspires and cultivates the creativity of people of all ages as they use the Procession's art studio to design and create their own images, costumes, and musical and dance performances.
- This is true in the **ECONOMIC** realm: The Olympia Food Co-Op is owned by the consumers and managed by the staff through consensus. The TULIP Credit Union also is owned by its members to serve their economic needs locally without succumbing to exploitation by big banks.



The net result of this is that **ordinary people really are empowering themselves and building a new culture of profound democracy – from the bottom up!** We're doing it ourselves!

The Olympia FOR's May 2010 TCTV program will feature interviews with people from three or more of these grassroots success stories. The guests will attest to the multi-faceted power of grassroots empowerment for profound democracy.

"We can either have democracy in this country or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few. But we can't have both."

-- US Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis

**Olympia FOR's Mission Statement:** The Olympia Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation works for a nonviolent world, a healthy environment, social justice, economic justice, and peace. We bring together people of diverse ages, races, and faiths who are committed to active non-violence as a transformative way of life and as a means of profound social change. We model these principles by personal example. We collaborate and dialogue with the larger community for mutual education and to engage in nonviolent and compassionate actions.

# Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" DOCUMENTARY SERIES ON TCTV

In addition to the Olympia FOR's TV series of locally produced interview programs (see pages 2-3) we also air thought-provoking documentaries that you're not likely to see elsewhere on TV. Under the series title "**The Big Picture**," Carol Burns finds interesting documentaries and arranges to show them on Thurston Community Television (TCTV **channel 22**) for cable subscribers in Thurston County. Thanks to Carol for continuing to inform the people! You can watch these programs at **10 p.m. every Sunday evening** and **3:30 a.m. every Wednesday morning** for a full month.

Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

## APRIL: "THE PLOW THAT BROKE THE PLAINS" AND "THE RIVER"

April's "Big Picture" offers two documentaries from the Depression era: "The Plow that Broke the Plains" and "The River." Carol Burns, organizer of our "Big Picture" documentary series, writes:

"These documentaries were sponsored by the US government under Franklin Roosevelt, and were shown to generate support for "New Deal" policies. There are complex and timely lessons in these visually stunning films. Both show bad environmental policies exacerbated by deceptive "free market" schemes. "Plow" shows how the deep rooted soils of the arid Great Plains were broken for wheat farming, resulting in dust storms that left farmers destitute. "River" shows environmental devastation on the Mississippi River, but asserts that the problem can still be fixed with more dikes and dams. The films are followed with commentary by George Stoney who was my teacher when I studied documentary film production at Stanford University."

Carol says the DVD also is available from the Timberland Library.

## MAY: "McLIBEL"

"McLibel" is the story of two people in England who took on McDonald's in what became the longest trial in English legal history. In this entertaining documentary, every aspect of the corporation's business is cross-examined: from junk food and McJobs, to animal cruelty, environmental damage, and the company's advertising to children.

The corporations accused two individual activists of libel. The documentary builds suspense as we await the final determination by European courts. But we will reveal the ending. It was a victory for the two individuals and for free speech – in England. (2005, 85 minutes)

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## WATCH THE OLYMPIA FOR'S TV PROGRAMS ON THE INTERNET

Many of the Olympia FOR's people have not been able to watch our TV interview programs because they live outside of Thurston County, they don't have cable, or they don't have TV at all. Dennis Mills is posting our TCTV programs to the internet so people anywhere in the world can watch them.

Visit [www.olympiafellowshipofreconciliation.blip.tv](http://www.olympiafellowshipofreconciliation.blip.tv), click on the link for past episodes, and choose the episode you want to watch.

Thus far we have posted programs about the Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers and their videos, the injustice of "3-Strikes" laws, how to fix our broken immigration laws, why single-payer is the real solution to the health care crisis, nuclear weapons, and the power of folk mu-

sic for achieving peace and justice. We have also posted some special programs, including the 43-minute "Drug War Roadshow" and a two-part program on "Religion in War-time." Dennis will post dozens more of the Olympia FOR's programs in the coming months.

The national FOR's Colombia Program's powerfully informative and entertaining "Drug War Roadshow" shows how the so-called "War on Drugs" hurts Colombian farmers and people in the US. Last August the Olympia FOR produced a performance for Thurston Community Television (TCTV), which aired last fall. Now anyone can watch it – or our other programs – on the internet. Thanks to the "Drug War Roadshow" cast and the crew, especially Carol Burns who served as studio director and editor, Kerri Griffis who produced it, and Dennis Mills who made it available on the internet.

# Olympia FOR Shows DEATH PENALTY Film Friday April 9 at Olympia Film Society

**Robert Blecker Wants Me Dead** is a fascinating documentary film about a man on death row and a death penalty supporter who became his friend.

Darryl Holton is on Tennessee's death row for methodically murdering his four children in 1997. Robert Blecker is a law professor and impassioned crusader for capital punishment. Yet, Blecker comes to know Holton has a keen mind and wry sense of humor. The two men discover a strange philosophical kinship leading to a puzzling and engrossing friendship. **Robert Blecker Wants Me Dead** is a surprising, thought-provoking, and sometimes disturbing documentary about passion, murder, justice, humanity and the American death penalty.

The Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty arranged for the Olympia Film Society to show it at **6:30 pm on Friday April 9** at the **Capitol Theater, 206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE**, Olympia.

Immediately afterward we'll enjoy a brief discussion with Sarah Craft, an experienced organizer from Equal Justice USA ([www.ejusa.org](http://www.ejusa.org)), a nationwide grassroots organization working to build a criminal justice system that is fair, effective, and humane.

Why would the Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, which has actively opposed the

death penalty for 20 years, want to show a film whose main protagonist stands for everything we are against?

The one-night only showing of **Robert Blecker Wants Me Dead**, a sometimes disturbing documentary, will provoke and challenge the beliefs of those on all sides of the death penalty. Holton, whose crime is horrific by anyone's standard, could be the poster child for the death penalty. Yet Blecker himself admits that, "Within me now, there are conflicting emotions, because I've come to know Darryl and some part of me has come to care about him. It's terrible to admit, but this is about telling the truth."

And part of the truth is that sometimes innocent people are executed. In Blecker's view, "The remote, remote possibility of the execution of an innocent person is the cost of doing justice."

But, considering that currently 139 death row prisoners have been exonerated and released because of their innocence, it is far, far from a remote possibility.

For more information about the film, see [www.RobertBleckerWantsMeDead.com](http://www.RobertBleckerWantsMeDead.com)

The Olympia FOR works hard to abolish the death penalty. Contact our committee's new chair, Emily Hammargren, at 352-0695 [emily74437@yahoo.com](mailto:emily74437@yahoo.com)

*Our current vigil signs include these classics:*

We declare peace	<u>All</u> people are <u>one</u> human family	Imagine Nonviolent solutions	Peace for our children
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## NEW SIGNS FOR PEACE Vigils!!!

by Berd Whitlock

It's spring and the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation is looking forward to another great year of peace vigils. And we need some new vigil signs! That's where you come in. This year we want to try something new: an experiment in democracy.

We invite your help in creating new vigil signs. We know that the people who make up the Oly FOR are brilliant thinkers who have many great ideas for powerful, insightful, and compelling messages.

Would you please propose a few short statements that you would like see on the vigil signs?

**Here's how it will work:** Please send as many ideas as you'd like to [olyforvigilsignideas@gmail.com](mailto:olyforvigilsignideas@gmail.com) by April 30

or call them in to Berd at (360) 259-4291 or mail them to the Olympia FOR at 5015 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Lacey WA 98503-2723.

Soon after May 1 we'll compile the ideas and send them back out to you. You may vote your favorite ideas for new signs. (If you don't have e-mail, come to a vigil to read the list and vote on a paper ballot.)

We might need to edit some ideas for brevity, clarity, and appropriateness in regard to the Olympia FOR's mission.

So please think of good ideas and send them to us by April 30. Thanks for your participation! Cheers to another great year of vigils and increasing awareness in the greater community of the need for peace and justice!

# Olympia FOR's ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

## Monday May 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Each year the Olympia FOR's Annual Meeting is a delightful celebration! This year we'll enjoy ourselves again, and **YOU are invited!** Please join us on Monday May 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water downtown.

We'll celebrate with social time, dessert, and snacks. We'll review a year of rich and varied accomplishments since last May and elect some members and officers to our Steering Committee.

This year's special feature will be a mini-workshop to help us speak with people who strongly disagree with us. A special activity might be added at the beginning.

The Olympia FOR's Guidelines allow a maximum of 16 persons on the Steering Committee. Thanks to Steering Committee incumbents Cheryl Crist, Chris Carson, Jody Mackey, Kim Dobson, and Monica Hoover, who are completing two-year terms. Chris, Jody, and Kim are willing to run for new two-year terms (through May 31, 2012), along with newcomer Beth Rodman, who

accepted the Nominating Committee's invitation. If you would like to run for a vacant position, please contact a Nominating Committee member (Jody Mackey 915-6757 or Glen Anderson 491-9093). Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Thanks also to incumbents Alice Zillah, Berd Whitlock, Dennis Mills, Doug Mackey, Glen Anderson, John Harvey, Kerri Griffis, Kristen Dahle, Muhammad Ayub, Rozanne Rants, and Vale Core, who have served half of their current two-year terms.

Jody Mackey is stepping down as Co-Chair, so we'll elect a new one to serve with the other Co-Chair, Berd Whitlock, who has one more year left in his term. Monica Hoover is stepping down after her two-year term as Secretary, so we will elect a new one. Vale Core has another year to serve as Treasurer.

For more information about our Annual Meeting contact planning committee chair Jody Mackey at 915-6757 **hungry-forpeace@gmail.com**.

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## Olympia FOR Works to Become Bigger, Stronger, More Active

The Olympia FOR is following up from our 15-month strategic planning process with new activities to strengthen our ability to work more effectively for peace and justice.

### OUTREACH AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

**COMMITTEE:** We are a grassroots organization, so building Olympia FOR – and the overall movement – requires effective strategies and various kinds of communication to share our message with the wider community. We are creating more ways to reach out effectively so more people will see and hear our message and work with us. We seek more opportunities for staffing information tables, talking with groups, and reaching out more to Mason and Grays Harbor counties. If you are interested in staffing information tables or can open doors for other outreach, please contact Kerri Griffis, the committee chair, at (253) 735-7355 **kerrigriffis@yahoo.com** or Glen Anderson at 491-9093 **glen@olympiafor.org**. The committee also includes several other members of our Steering Committee. We welcome additional members.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

We are creating ways to welcome new people into the Olympia FOR and connect them with other members. We'll also collaborate with the Outreach and Public Relations Committee. Think of people you know who might be interested in the Olympia FOR. Invite them to an FOR event, give them information about our group, and offer to help them work for peace and justice through FOR. Rozanne Rants is chairing this new committee. We invite others to join us. Contact Rozanne Rants **rozanne-rants@yahoo.com** 705-8520

### FUNDRAISING COM-

**MITTEE:** The economic crisis hurting us along with other non-profit organizations, so income dropped in 2008 and 2009. But the Olympia FOR is becoming even more active and needs to raise more money, so last fall we created a Fundraising Committee. We organized several successful activities and are planning more. If you'd like to join the committee or help in other ways, please contact the chairperson, Alice Zillah, at 357-7705 **alicezillah@yahoo.com**

# NEWS – RESOURCES – OPPORTUNITIES

**Organize in Olympia to reduce and abolish nuclear weapons:** The immediate need to update the START and Non-Proliferation treaties – plus **Obama's request for a bigger budget for nuclear weapons** – create new opportunities right now! Yes, he won the Nobel Peace Prize and spoke bold words in Prague last year. **But he actually wants to increase federal spending on nuclear weapons!** We need to organize vigorously to make him “walk the talk.” A few years ago Olympia's anti-nuclear organizers produced some very impressive “Beyond Hiroshima” activities. A number of Olympia FOR members and others are active with the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action ([www.gzcenter.org](http://www.gzcenter.org)). We have great opportunities now to organize at our own grassroots in the Olympia area, to educate the public, and to vigorously press government officials for peace. **Are you interested?** Wouldn't it be great to have a local committee focusing attention and action on nuclear weapons? This could be a committee of the Olympia FOR, so we could have a budget and some organizational infrastructure. This could operate in a similar way to the Olympia FOR's death penalty committee, which works very well. What do you think? Would you help start it? Who else would you recommend to include? Contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**You have several ways to help the local 30<sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Walk, coming on Sunday May 2:** (CROP stands for “Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty”.) The 10-kilometer walk equals about 6 miles. People will gather at 1:30 pm at the State Capitol. YOU can be a walker, a sponsor, a team leader or a committee member. You can donate through a walker, use a walker form to ask others for donations, or donate on-line at [www.cropwalkonline.org/olympiawa](http://www.cropwalkonline.org/olympiawa). Three-fourths of the funds raised are used by Church World Service in around 80 countries for projects that alleviate world hunger and one-fourth is divided among eight local hunger programs. Info: Interfaith Works (360) 357-7224 [www.olywa.us/interfaith/CropWalk.php](http://www.olywa.us/interfaith/CropWalk.php) or Chairman Wayne Gruen at 352-9703 [gruenw@comcast.net](mailto:gruenw@comcast.net)

**Olympia FOR newsletter needs volunteers to help research and write it:** Producing this vital community resource is a big task, but several volunteers can make it manageable. We need reliable people who have gumption and excellent writing and editing skills. The Olympia FOR can e-mail raw information to you in advance, and you can edit it down into tight announce-

ments for the **CALENDAR**, this **NEWS-RESOURCES-OPPORTUNITIES** section, and feature articles. You'd need a reliable computer and phone. We'll need a turnaround in just a few days so we can maintain our tight publication schedule. Interested? Questions? Call Glen at 491-9093.

**Help Recruit WWFOR's 2010 Peace Activist Trainees:** The Western Washington FOR is recruiting applicants for this summer's Peace Activist Trainee (PAT) program. Do you know anyone who will be entering their junior or senior year in high school in September and who might want to be empowered to make change in their community? The four-week program emphasizes building organizing skills, connecting with activists, and working on various peace & social justice issues. The program runs July 6-29. Each PAT receives a \$500 stipend. More information, a flyer and the application are at [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org). Apply by Monday May 17 – and help us spread the word!



**WWFOR's 2009 Peace Activist Trainees are pictured here.**

**Experienced youth worker needed for short-term job helping Peace Activist Trainees:** The Western Washington FOR is hiring an Assistant Director/Trainer for our Peace Activist Trainee program. (See announcement above.) This program in July will train several high school students in skills related to peace, social justice, and nonviolence. If you know anyone who has good experience working with young people and these issues – and is skilled in collaboration, facilitation, and anti-racism or anti-oppression training – please tell them about this opportunity. Information about this paid position and how to apply is at [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org). Apply by April 26.

**Volunteer to help Seattle's May 1 march and rally for immigrant rights:** The 10th Annual May 1st March & Rally will be themed "We Are All Workers! Immigration Reform Now!" Gather at 12 noon for rally at Judkins Playfield (behind St. Mary's Church, 611 20th Ave S, Seattle) for a 12:30 March. The organizing committee offers two trainings for security volunteers. Contact Pedro Olguin at [pedroolguin@teamsters117.org](mailto:pedroolguin@teamsters117.org) or (206) 441-4860 x 1257. You may choose either Saturday April 10 or Saturday April 24. Both run from 11 am to 1 pm at Teamsters Local Union 117, 14675 Interurban Ave S, Suite 307, in Tukwila. Many sponsors include immigrant rights groups and West. Wash. FOR. Info: (206) 324-6044

**Fellowship Magazines from 1990s to 2005 are available:** Dozens of copies of the national FOR's informative, insightful and inspiring *Fellowship* magazine are being offered free from one of our local members. The quality of the articles is outstanding, and has been for many decades. Some of the magazines are from the 1990s, and many are from 2000 to 2005. To borrow or own some or all of them for free, contact the Olympia FOR at 491-9093.

**FOR's favorite folksinger, Tom Rawson, gave an interview that you can still hear:** Tom's interview on Northern Spirit Radio's "Song of the Soul" is available for online listening. This program was produced by Eau Claire (Wisconsin) Friends Meeting (Quaker) and Mark Helpsmeet. To listen to the interview online, go to: [www.northernspiritradio.org/index.asp?command=showinfo&showid=506876875981](http://www.northernspiritradio.org/index.asp?command=showinfo&showid=506876875981)

**If domestic violence is bad, why is military violence OK?** Let's work for a "culture shift" in which our society as a whole will know that organized violence (militarism) is wrong, just as our society knows now that domestic violence is wrong. Just a few decades ago, society tolerated the notion that it was OK for husbands to beat wives, and some people still accept the notion that it's OK for parents to beat children. The peace movement needs to **deliberately and explicitly challenge the notion that it's OK for the U.S. to use violence against other nations.** We need to move our society to recognize that militarism is just as repugnant as domestic violence. Let's work now and hope that day will come soon. How could we make progress? Contact Glen 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**The Labor Center offers classes for unions, workers and community organizations:** Washington State's Labor Education and Research Center is located at the Evergreen State College. They offer classes at reasonable fees for participants from unions and community organizations. A minimum of five participants are needed in

order to run a class. Their monthly bulletins announce what trainings are scheduled. Please let them know what topics you would like to see offered! Upcoming classes include Solidarity! (the history of organized labor in the United States and the meaning of Solidarity), Collective Bargaining (a three-day in-depth look at union contract negotiations and campaigns), Dialogue on Farm Workers' Justice, Sisters in the Building Trades Mentor Training, and Summer Institute for Union Women. The Labor Center can keep you informed of their activities through monthly email bulletins. Contact [triffen@evergreen.edu](mailto:triffen@evergreen.edu) More information: Peter Kardas, Director (360) 867-6526 [kardasp@evergreen.edu](mailto:kardasp@evergreen.edu) or Nina Triffleman, Assistant Director (360) 867-6055 [triffen@evergreen.edu](mailto:triffen@evergreen.edu) and [www.laborcenter.evergreen.edu](http://www.laborcenter.evergreen.edu)

**New efforts to free Leonard Peltier, the Native American political prisoner, after decades of unjust imprisonment:** A renewed Campaign for Executive Clemency for Leonard Peltier is underway, and the Northwest Leonard Peltier Support Network (NWLPSN) is being reactivated. Arthur J. Miller, who has extensive experience with this, offers many ways for people to help, including petitioning, writing letters, publishing articles, forwarding e-mails, flyering, fund raising, caravanning, and videotaping the march and rally to help support the campaign in other places), making banners and art, and so on. Contact Tacoma LPSG at P.O. Box 5464, Tacoma, WA 98415 [bayou@blarg.net](mailto:bayou@blarg.net). [www.FreePeltierNow.org](http://www.FreePeltierNow.org) [www.whoisleonardpeltier.info](http://www.whoisleonardpeltier.info)

**Help at the Studio for the Procession of the Species.** Workshops occur DAILY (weekdays 2-9 pm and weekends 12-9 pm) until April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Procession Studio, 311-1/2 Capitol Way North (behind Royal Lounge). Would you like to be involved but don't know how? Go down there and find out what's happening! Folks will be glad to help you! 705-1087 [www.procession.org](http://www.procession.org)

**Berd Whitlock is the Olympia FOR's new representative to Interfaith Works:** When Cheryl Crist announced that she must leave her volunteer role in order to run for Congress, our February 10 Steering Committee sought someone else to represent the Olympia FOR on IW's Program Council. Berd Whitlock will be our new representative. For many years the Olympia FOR has enjoyed being an Affiliate Member of IW, a non-profit association of faith communities and individuals of very diverse faith traditions. IW promotes interfaith understanding and cooperation. It serves the community through charitable, social and educational endeavors, including strong efforts for addressing problems such as hunger and homelessness. 357-7224 [www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/index.php](http://www.oly-wa.us/Interfaith/index.php)

**SATURDAY APRIL 17 IN WEST SEATTLE:**

## **WESTERN WASHINGTON FOR SPRING ASSEMBLY PROPOSES BOLD CHANGES WITH GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP**

The American people voted for “change,” but we’ve been getting more of the same – more wars, more military spending, more favoritism for Wall Street, more delay in dealing with climate, more foot-dragging on restoring constitutional rights, etc.

**People are frustrated and wanting bold actions for peace and justice.** The Western Washington FOR’s Spring Assembly theme for 2010 is “**Change? What Change? Turning Our Frustrations Into Sea Change.**”

While the national level of politics is avoiding real change, WWFOR is considering very ambitious changes, including hiring a Campaign Organizer (see article below) to help WWFOR build a region-wide campaign related to peace and social justice.

Three of this year’s six workshops are examples of the kinds of campaign we have in mind. Here is your opportunity to explore exciting possibilities and help shape them into actual grassroots campaigns. Whether or not WWFOR chooses any of these campaign ideas or something different, all of the exciting workshops in the morning and afternoon can empower us to organize grassroots action on a variety of issues. We also encourage people to offer additional workshops. (See the back of the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.)

Please bring informational handouts, petitions, and other display materials for our extensive **Literature Tables**. Post flyers and announcements for coming events on our soon-to-be-famous **Announcement Wall**. This year’s schedule allows more time for browsing and friendly face-to-face networking, so please come and connect!

**For more information see the flyer/pre-registration form enclosed with this newsletter or download one from the EVENTS box at the left side of [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org).** Please fill it out and mail it to the WWFOR office in Seattle.

**Pre-registering by April 9 will help us plan for enough food and resources, but please come even if you don’t pre-register.**

For more information or carpooling from the Olympia area call Glen at 491-9093.

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Want for work for justice, peace and sustainability?

Want to inspire new activists and work with experienced ones?

This new position may be for you!

## **WESTERN WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION IS RECRUITING A FULL-TIME CAMPAIGN ORGANIZER**

The Western Washington FOR wants to build an issue-based campaign to create focus, visibility, and victories; to involve young people; and to energize current members. **We’re looking for an experienced organizer to develop a campaign for justice, peace and/or sustainability and to build strong productive relationships with people in their teens, 20s, and 30s.** The Campaign Organizer must be able to develop rapport with young people and to work effectively with older people. Proficiency with new media and social networking technologies is required.

Each candidate should submit the application material including a detailed plan for a campaign they would like to work on. WWFOR is also considering other campaigns and will make the final decision about its focus with the Campaign Organizer after hiring. A multigenerational working group will provide consultation and support.

The job’s annual salary is \$20,000 plus \$1,000 toward health insurance. At this point we have raised enough for the first half year. The successful applicant must be willing to help a strong committee raise the second half.

**The application deadline is Monday April 12.** The position will remain open until filled.

For job description and application information go to **[www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org)**.

WWFOR is a multigenerational peace and justice organization that uses nonviolent action to work for a better world. We are an equal opportunity employer.

# CALENDAR

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TCTV PROGRAMS USE CABLE CHANNEL 22 IN THURSTON COUNTY.

## EVERY WEEK:

**NOTE:** TCTV programs use cable channel 22 within Thurston County.

**FOR** Every Sunday evening at 10 pm AND every Wednesday morning at 3 am: The Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" documentary videos on TCTV. **APRIL:** Two Depression-era films: "The Plow that Broke the Plains" and "The River." **MAY:** "McLibel." See page 4. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)



Every Monday through Friday from 5 to 6 am AND from 4 to 5 pm: "Democracy Now" with Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzales on TCTV

Every Monday through Friday from 9 to 10 am: "Democracy Now" with Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzales on KAOS 89.3

FM

Every Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 5:30 pm: Free Speech Radio News on KAOS 89.3 FM

**FOR** Every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: **APRIL:** "Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices." **MAY:** "Empowering Ourselves for Profound Democracy." See page 2



**FOR** Every Wednesday from 12 noon to 1 pm: Peace Vigil in NW corner of Sylvester Park (corner of Legion & Capitol Way). Please come for all or part of the hour to witness in a very friendly way for

peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs. Info: 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

Every Thursday at 9:30 am and every Friday from 9 to 10 pm: Veterans for Peace airs a locally produced program on TCTV. Info: Robert Poteat (360) 880-4226 [rpoteat@hotmail.com](mailto:rpoteat@hotmail.com)

Every Thursday from 12 to 1 pm: "Parallel University" on KAOS 89.3 FM features interesting, informative programs about peace, social justice, the environment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. Info: [parralleluniversity@yahoo.com](mailto:parralleluniversity@yahoo.com)

**FOR** Every Thursday from 9 to 10 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: **APRIL:** "Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices." **MAY:** "Empowering Ourselves for Profound Democracy." See page 2

**FOR** Every Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm: Peace Vigil at south end of Percival Landing near W 4th Ave. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs. Also enjoy the Artesian Rumble Arkestra jazz band that performs here to support our vigil! Sponsor: Olympia FOR. Info: 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

Every Friday from 5 to 6 pm: "Women in Black" Silent Vigil for Peace on the south side of W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. near the fountain. Women only. Please wear black. Some signs are provided. Since 1988 "Women in Black" has been a loose network of women worldwide committed to peace with justice and actively opposed to war and violence. Info: Karin Kraft 754-5352 [kraftkf@comcast.net](mailto:kraftkf@comcast.net)

**FOR** Every Saturday: Peace Vigil in Centralia: 12 noon to 1 pm on the edge of Washington Park at Locust & Pearl in downtown Centralia. Sponsor: Fire Mountain FOR. Info: June Butler 360-748-9658 or Larry Kerschner 360-807-5106 [peacepoet@gmail.com](mailto:peacepoet@gmail.com)

## SPECIFIC DATES:

**FOR** **Thurs April 1:** “Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices.” Olympia FOR’s April TCTV program airs this month every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm and every Thursday 9-10 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. Info: Glen 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org) [www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org)



**Fri April 2:** “Soup and Stories” fundraiser for local welfare rights group: Enjoy dinner, jazz, and readers’ theater at Traditions, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, downtown, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Richard Lopez and friends will provide live jazz to accompany the soup buffet, followed by South Sound Seniors Reader’s Theater Unlimited. This fundraiser

will benefit Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER). POWER is an organization of low-income parents and allies advocating for a strong social safety net while working toward a world where children and care giving are truly valued, and the devastation of poverty has been eradicated. Info: Monica Peabody, 352-9716 [welfare-rights@riseup.net](mailto:welfare-rights@riseup.net) <http://www.oly-wa.us/power/>

**Fri-Sat April 2-3:** 25th annual Shelton Old Time Fiddlers Fest raises money to help kids: This old-time music extravaganza brings talented fiddlers and other musicians from across the nation to perform in a series of concerts. This event is a chief fundraiser for Save Our County’s Kids (SOCK), a local nonprofit whose programs benefit youth in Shelton Mason County. Performances: Friday from 6:30 to 9:00 pm, and Saturday from 1:30 to 4:00 pm and from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. All performances occur in the Shelton High School Auditorium, 3737 North Shelton Springs Road. Also, a family spaghetti feed from 4:30 to 6:30 pm will occur in the high school SUB for \$5 per person. Tickets will be available at the door or at selected ticket outlets. Info: [www.sheltonfiddlefest.com](http://www.sheltonfiddlefest.com) and 432-0815

**FOR** **Sat April 3:** Olympia FOR’s new book discussion group about moving from war to peace: 6:00 pm at Chuck Schultz’s home, 1621 Tullis NE (a little north of San Francisco Street Bakery). For tonight’s session, read a book about examples where nonviolent action has been successful and come ready to discuss. Ask Chuck for suggestions of books you might read. Info: 705-8520 [chuck-schultz3@msn.com](mailto:chuck-schultz3@msn.com) (If you can’t attend tonight, the alternate date is 7:00 pm on Tuesday April 6.)

**FOR** **Sun April 3:** Watch two Depression-era films: “The Plow that Broke the Plains” and “The River” on the Olympia FOR’s “Big Picture” series of documentaries at 10:00 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See page 4. Info: 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

**Sun April 4:** Immigrant rights: Bridges Not Walls meets to plan ways to help our communities value and respect immigrants: BNW meets from 3 to 5 pm on the on the first and third Sundays of each month. Meetings on the first Sunday are at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Meetings on the third Sunday are at the Mason County Literacy office in Shelton. Info: Jean Eberhardt 943-8642 [eberhardtjl@yahoo.com](mailto:eberhardtjl@yahoo.com)

**Mon April 5:** Join welfare rights advocates for a conversation about possibilities for collaboration with caseworkers: On the first Monday of every month, Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER) has a “POWER Outage,” a gathering to do something special together with the local community. Sometimes it’s a training, discussion, or film screening. Today they will brainstorm ways they might work with DSHS caseworkers to change the broken system. Enjoy a 5:30 pm potluck and 6:00-8:00 pm meeting at First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE. (This is not a church-related event.) Childcare will be provided. Info: (360) 352-9716 [welfare-rights@riseup.net](mailto:welfare-rights@riseup.net)

**Mon April 5:** “Be The Change” – This is part 1 of a two-session class on “being the change you wish to see in the world.” (Part 2 is next Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>) 7-9 pm at Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St. NW, Olympia (west of Division St NW, then north of 20<sup>th</sup> Ave NW). It’s offered by OUUC’s Adult Education Program and is open to everyone. A single registration fee of \$10 applies to all the classes, and fee waivers are available. Info: Billie Williams [billie@enfrancetours.com](mailto:billie@enfrancetours.com)



**Tues April 6:** Watch a new short film featuring Olympia’s anti-Nazi organizing: Unity in the Community invites the public to watch a new 30minute film featuring Olympia’s humane ways to frustrate neo-Nazis’ attempts to organize here in 2006. The folks who produced “Not in Our Town” are showing “Turning Lemons into Lemonade” at 5:30 pm at Temple Beth Hatfiloh’s Social Hall, 201 8th Ave SE. It will air on PBS stations later in the year. Info: [gabi@gabiclayton.com](mailto:gabi@gabiclayton.com) and [www.OlympiaUnityInTheCommunity.org](http://www.OlympiaUnityInTheCommunity.org) and

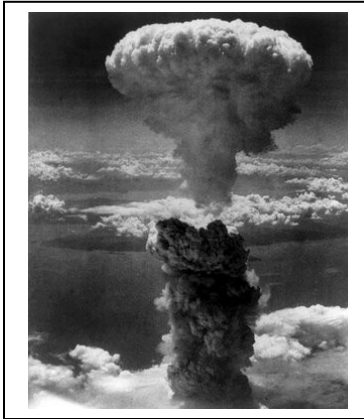
**FOR** Tues April 6: Olympia FOR's new book discussion group about moving from war to peace: Tonight's session starts at 7:00 pm. See April 3 for other info.



**Wed April 7: Alternative Economics: Creating a Sustainable Society:** Serious problems require profound solutions. Locally and beyond, people are proposing alternatives for various aspects of our economic system. Let's create an economy that is more fair and sustainable than our current arrangements. What do your values lead you to propose? TESC Professor Peter Bohmer presents some ideas. Also, you can watch excellent videos "Power Shift" and "How Cuba Survived Peak Oil." 7-10 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, downtown. This is part of a series sponsored by the Green Party of South Puget Sound. Check out some background readings at [www.greenparty-sps.net](http://www.greenparty-sps.net). Info: Janet Jordan 352-0779 [janetjordan@fastmail.fm](mailto:janetjordan@fastmail.fm)

**Thurs April 8: Isthmus Park monthly meeting:** 6:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia.

**Thurs April 8: Journey to Hiroshima:** Members from the



Journey of Repentance traveled to Japan to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to express their sorrow over the bombings. They continue working actively to abolish nuclear weapons. Tacoma residents Bill Bichsel, Tom Karlin and Demetra Schwieger went there and will speak in Olympia. Come to hear about their visit to Japan

and what they heard from the survivors (the Hibakusha), including forgiveness from survivors' point of view. This speaking engagement and other activities worldwide opposing nuclear weapons are timed to urge governments to take prompt action to renew the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty and move toward worldwide nuclear disarmament. The NPT is the only binding commitment to nuclear disarmament from the countries that have nuclear weapons. Come to hear their story, 7-9 pm at Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St. NW, Olympia (west of Division St NW, then north of 20<sup>th</sup> Ave NW). It's offered by OUUC's Adult Education Program and is open to everyone. Info: [billie@enfrancetours.com](mailto:billie@enfrancetours.com)

**FOR** Fri April 9: "Robert Blecker Wants Me Dead" – **Film about the death penalty:** Daryl Holton is on Tennessee's death row for methodically shooting his four children. Robert Blecker is a law professor who strongly supports the death penalty. Yet these two men get to know each other and develop a puzzling, engrossing friendship. 6:30 pm, Capitol

Theater, 206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, in downtown Olympia. Immediately after the movie, stay for a brief conversation with Sarah Craft from Equal Justice USA ([www.ejusa.org](http://www.ejusa.org)). \$5 if you're a member of Olympia Film Society or \$8 if you are not. Sponsor: Olympia FOR's Committee for alternatives to the Death Penalty. Info: Yvonne Wilhelmsen [ywilhelms@yahoo.com](mailto:ywilhelms@yahoo.com) 357-7163 or Rozanne Rants (360) [rozannerants@yahoo.com](mailto:rozannerants@yahoo.com) 705-8520

**Fri April 9: "Stories of How We Know Our Community" -- Heartsparkle Players** is an outstanding local troupe with a loyal following. They use Playback Theatre, a spontaneous collaboration between performers and the audience. People tell moments from their lives, and then watch them re-created with movement, music and dialogue. Each month they invite a guest artist, community organization, arts program or social service agency to be a part of their performance. Through this collaboration we acknowledge and honor the work individuals and organizations do in our community. April's performance collaborates *with Olympia Power and Light*, Olympia's new local newspaper whose goal is to provide in-depth coverage of local issues that affect our community, and bridge the gap between inline blogs and big media. A \$5-\$10 donation is requested if you can afford it; nobody is turned away. 7:30 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Info: Debe Edden 943-6772 [debek@olywa.net](mailto:debek@olywa.net) [www.heartsparkle.org](http://www.heartsparkle.org)

**Fri-Sun April 9-11: NW Latin American Solidarity Conference** – Enjoy speakers, panels and workshops for a fantastic experience of cross-organizing Latin American solidarity work in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Learn why working on struggles for justice and equality in Latin America directly supports justice and equality work in the US. The conference will occur at The Evergreen State College Seminar 2 building rooms E 1107 and E 2109. See the impressive schedule and pre-register at [www.nwlasconference.wordpress.com](http://www.nwlasconference.wordpress.com) Sponsor: Latin American Solidarity Organization. Info: Bruce Wilkinson 360-753-0499 [latinamericansolidarity@gmail.com](mailto:latinamericansolidarity@gmail.com)

**Sat April 10: Rachel Carson Forum 20th Anniversary event for environmental activism and conservation:** From 9 to 11 am break-out sessions will host a range of facilitators presenting demonstrations on environmental issues. Event participants are able to choose three of the five breakout sessions that include: "**Being Frank**" about the Environment, presented by Billy Frank of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, **Sparkling Political Progress**, presented by Fuse Washington, **Ethnobotanical Garden Walk**, presented by Teaching Gardens, **Homemade Bike Panniers**, presented by the Evergreen State College Bike Shop, **DIY Composting**, presented by the Evergreen Organic Farm. The event ends with an 11 am keynote speech "Becoming a Conservationist" by long-time environmental educator and advocate, Estella Leopold. Info: [www.evergreen.edu/mes](http://www.evergreen.edu/mes) or Melanie Kincaid 867-5940

**FOR Sat April 10: Lewis County's FOR Chapter – the "Fire Mountain FOR" -- meets** from 1 to 3 pm at the St. Lucia Coffeehouse, Locust & Tower in downtown Centralia, following their 12 noon to 1 pm peace vigil nearby in Washington Park on Pearl Street. Info Larry Kerschner (360) 807-5106 [peacepoet@gmail.com](mailto:peacepoet@gmail.com) or June Butler (360) 748-9658 [juneb2@earthlink.net](mailto:juneb2@earthlink.net)

**Sat April 10: Community Discussion of Alternative Economics for a Sustainable Society:** Serious problems require profound solutions. Locally and beyond, people are proposing alternatives for various aspects of our economic system. Let's create an economy that is more fair and sustainable than our current arrangements. What do your values lead you to propose? Enjoy a community discussion from 2 to 5 pm at MIXX-96 meeting room, SW corner of State & Washington, downtown. This is part of a series sponsored by the Green Party of South Puget Sound. Check out some background readings at [www.greenparty-sps.net](http://www.greenparty-sps.net). Info: Janet Jordan 352-0779 [janetjordan@fastmail.fm](mailto:janetjordan@fastmail.fm)

**Sat April 10: Friendly Supper Club – a potluck dinner for people of all ages, colors and religious backgrounds:** Some years ago Dan and Lonnie Locke hosted Friendly Supper Club potlucks focusing on racial diversity. Now the Friendly Supper Club meets on the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Locke home with the new focus on religious harmony. Bring a dish to share. After eating, an interfaith devotional will honor all faith traditions. Info and directions: 456-2865

**Sun April 11: Gather with PFLAG folks and watch the film "Inlaws & Outlaws"** by Seattle filmmaker Drew Emery. This film cleverly weaves together the true stories of couples and singles – both gay and straight – and all into a collective narrative that is as hilarious as it is heartbreaking. This is the feature for this month's meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). PFLAG is the nation's foremost family-based organization committed to the civil rights of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender persons. PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of these persons and their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. 2:00-4:30 p m in the Gathering Place room at First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE (near Boundary Street), Olympia. Info: Alec Clayton 628-8412 and [www.pflag-olympia.org](http://www.pflag-olympia.org) and [www.inlawsandoutlawfilm.com](http://www.inlawsandoutlawfilm.com)

**FOR Sunday April 11: Survival: Conversion to Nuclear Weapons Free World:** Experience an expert panel, a teleconference with the Chairperson of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation in Japan, the premiere of a documentary film about the Pacific Northwest delegation that traveled to Hiroshima last August, a display of thirty large educational posters about the history of nuclear weapons, testimonies from Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors, music, food, and time to work

on action steps toward a nuclear weapons free world. Also share Q&A, strategies, actions, and information on nuclear weapons locally and globally. All of this prepares the public for the upcoming United Nations Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference May, 3 to 7, in New York City. All of this happens from 2:00 to 5:30 pm at Campion Hall at Seattle University (901 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle). Many excellent sponsors include the Western Washington FOR. Info: (206) 296-6079 or 360-321-5687 [nwfw@whidbey.com](mailto:nwfw@whidbey.com)

**Sun April 11: Interfaith Works' 6th annual World Sacred Music Festival** begins with the world renowned Al-Andalus Ensemble, a contemporary chamber trio of oud, violin and guitar, joined by a traditional Spanish dancer. Witness a musical melding between Africa, the East and the West, Christians, Muslims and Jews. One performance only, Sunday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. at the Olympia's Capitol Theatre. Tickets at the door and from [buyolympia.com](http://buyolympia.com) ; \$25 general admission, \$15 low-income. Info at [www.olsacredmusic.org](http://www.olsacredmusic.org). Poster link: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/al-andalus/4453297792/sizes/l/in/set-72157623584518700/>

**Sun April 11: Meet to plan Social Justice Festival and International Day of Peace for September:** Short meetings have been occurring. The next meeting will occur on Sunday May 9. John Newman 360-956-0254 [nwsurveyqc@cs.com](mailto:nwsurveyqc@cs.com)

**FOR Sun April 11: Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Father Roy Bourgeois speaks on "The Struggle for Justice in Latin America"** -- In 1980 Fr. Roy, Maryknoll priest, became involved in issues surrounding US policy in El Salvador after



four US churchwomen – two of them his friends – were raped and killed by Salvadoran soldiers. Roy became an outspoken critic of US foreign policy in Latin America. Since then, he has spent over four

years in US federal prisons for nonviolent protests against the training of Latin American soldiers at Ft. Benning, Georgia. In 1990, Roy founded the School of Americas Watch, an organization that does research on the US Army School of the Americas (SOA), now renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation or WHINSEC, at Fort Benning, Georgia. Each year the school trains hundreds of soldiers from Latin America in combat skills -- all paid for by U.S. taxpayers. SOA's graduates are among the very worst thugs and murderers in Latin America's militaries. The School of the Americas Watch, located just outside the main entrance of Fort Benning and in Washington, DC, informs the general public, Congress and the media about the implications of this training on the people of Latin America. For the last 10 years

there has been a peaceful protest with over 24,000 in attendance. **2:00 pm in Lecture Hall #1 (just south of Red Square) at The Evergreen State College**, 2700 Evergreen Parkway NW, Olympia. Sponsors include the Olympia World Affairs Council, Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation, Catholics Call To Action of Western Washington, The Evergreen State College's Latin American Student Organization (LASO), the Committee in Solidarity With The People of El Salvador (CISPES), Olympia Area Peace Corps Association, and Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP).

**Sun April 11: Meet to plan Social Justice Festival and International Day of Peace for September:** Short meetings have been occurring. Meet today at 1:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. The next meeting will occur on Sunday May 9. John Newman [nwsurveyqc@cs.com](mailto:nwsurveyqc@cs.com) 956-0254

**Mon April 12: Shorelines and Sea-Level Rise: What Can We Expect?** Learn about hydrologic systems and what we *now know* about the behavior of our hydrologic corridors. Nadine Romero, an expert hydrogeologist, will explain the **Hydrologic Cycle and Climate Change in Thurston County**. Wendy Gerstel, an expert geologist, will explain **Geology, Climate Change, and Human Impacts in Thurston County**. Cari Hornbein, the City of Olympia's Senior Planner, and Amy Tousley, Vice-chair of the Olympia Planning Commission, will explain **Planning for Our Shorelines** in the context of Olympia's Shoreline Master Program. Refreshments will be served at 6:45. (Please bring your own mug.) The program runs from 7:00 sharp to 9:30 pm, including time for your comments and questions. The Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St. NW, downtown Olympia. Sponsors: Olympia Climate Action, League of Women Voters of Thurston County, City of Olympia. Info: Barb Scavezze, Olympia Climate Action Chair, 878-9901 or [barb@scavezze.com](mailto:barb@scavezze.com)

**Tues April 13: Dennis Mills speaks on "Visible and Invisible Wounds of War"** at engagement at 1:30 pm at the new auditorium at Panorama City, Lacey. (Go south on Sleater-Kinney Rd SE past 14<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, turn left into Panorama City, and continue east.) Sponsor: Panorama City's Democratic Study Group. Info: [mills.dennis@comcast.net](mailto:mills.dennis@comcast.net) 867-1487



**Tues April 13: Climate Solutions Annual Olympia Fundraiser: Please join Climate Solutions staff and many local co-hosts. Hear several speakers. Get updated on plans to transform cities to the clean energy economy that will power America in the future. 5:30-8:00 pm in the Wine Cellar Room of Waterstreet Café, Legion & Water Streets. RSVP by April 1. Info: [teresa@climatesolutions.org](mailto:teresa@climatesolutions.org)**

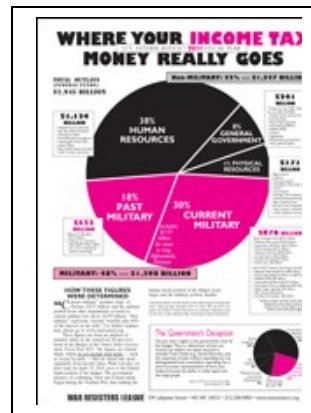
**Tues April 13: National Organization for Women (NOW)** meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. Info: Linda Malanchuk 357-7272

**Tues April 13: Organize to stop sweatshops: South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign** formed in 2000 to address sweatshop issues and has focused on getting public institutions to adopt sweatshop free purchasing practices. SSCCC meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Info: Dick Meyer 705-2819 and [www.southsoundcleanclothes.org](http://www.southsoundcleanclothes.org)

**FOR Wed April 14: Olympia FOR Steering Committee** meets for overall planning and decision-making. 7:00 at Rozanne Rants' home in NE Olympia. Everyone is welcome. Info: Jody 915-6757 [hungryforpeace@gmail.com](mailto:hungryforpeace@gmail.com) or Berd 259-4291 [robertfwhitlock@gmail.com](mailto:robertfwhitlock@gmail.com) or Rozanne 705-8520 [rozannerants@yahoo.com](mailto:rozannerants@yahoo.com)

**Wed April 14: Watch and discuss DVD of *The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community***, a DVD presentation and public discussion about two contrasting models for organizing human affairs. We face a defining choice between two contrasting models for organizing human affairs. Give them the generic names Empire and Earth Community. Absent an understanding of the history and implications of this choice, we may squander valuable time and resources on efforts to preserve or mend cultures and institutions that cannot be fixed and must be replaced. We must make a choice to relearn how we live. Presented by the Earth Stewards Committee of Interfaith Works and by Earth Care Catholics. Everybody is welcome! Free, but donations are accepted. 7:00-8:30 pm, Traditions Café, 300 5th Ave. Info: 459-5825

**Wed April 14: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP)** meets at 7:00 pm. Location and info: Larry Mosqueda 866-2404 [Imosqueda@comcast.net](mailto:Imosqueda@comcast.net)



**Thurs April 15: Leaflet at the Olympia Post Office on Income Tax Day** about the high cost of war and militarism. We'll use the War Resisters League's excellent pie chart flyer showing how much of the federal government goes to war. See pie chart at [www.warresisters.org/federalpiechart](http://www.warresisters.org/federalpiechart)

Leafletting will occur most of the day. Info: (360) 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net)

**Thurs-Sat April 15-17: Environmental Film Festival:** Watch several films at Olympia Film Society. Details are at [www.olympiafilmsociety.org/calendar](http://www.olympiafilmsociety.org/calendar)

**FOR Sat April 17: “Change? What Change? Turning Our Frustration into Sea Change” – Western Washington FOR Spring Assembly:** Mark your calendars now for 9 am to 4 pm in West Seattle. Please see the flyer/pre-registration form enclosed with this newsletter or print out a copy from the “EVENTS” box on the left side of the home page of [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org) Info and carpooling from Olympia: (360) 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**Sat April 17: Sort and box medical supplies for other countries:** No experience is necessary. Volunteers must be aged 14 or above. CHUMA International (Catholic Health United for Medical Assistance) practices global solidarity and environmental stewardship by ensuring that useful medical supplies and equipment are shared with charitable health-care organizations in economically developing countries. Some of the countries CHUMA has sent medical supplies to are Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Haiti, Cuba, Brazil, and Uganda. Help CHUMA’s volunteer efforts locally **from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** at Providence Health International / CHUMA, 2601 Willamette Drive NE, Suite G, Lacey. Call for directions. Ray Reyes 493-5641 [raymond.reyes@providence.org](mailto:raymond.reyes@providence.org)

**Sat April 17: Watch the film “Beyond our Differences” to explore common threads unifying the world’s religious traditions:** This film from Bill Moyers Journal invites religious leaders, politicians and luminaries in their fields give voice to the positive effects of spirituality and morality, focusing on commonalities spanning all faiths. While the negative – even violent – side of religion is widely reported, director Peter Bisanz documents the hope for positive change and healing universal to so many. This is part of the “Spiritual Cinemas” series at The United Churches (11<sup>th</sup> & Washington SE). The series gathers people to view and then discuss films with spiritual themes. Enjoy dessert too! Everyone is welcome. 6:30 pm. Info: Pat Sonnenstuhl [cnmpat@comcast.net](mailto:cnmpat@comcast.net) 943-8933 and [www.beyondourdifferences.com](http://www.beyondourdifferences.com) [www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/12262008/profile.html](http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/12262008/profile.html)

**Sun April 18: Taking Action for Progressive Economic Change:** We know the current economic system is seriously defective. Some local people and organizations are making progress. Find out what they’re doing and how you can help. Watch videos “Affluenza” and “Ithaca Hours from 2 to 5 pm today and discuss local actions Wednesday evening April 21. Today meet at MIXX-96 meeting room, SW corner of State & Washington, downtown. This is part of a series sponsored by the Green Party of South Puget Sound. Check out some background readings at [www.greenparty-sps.net](http://www.greenparty-sps.net). Info: Janet Jordan 352-0779 [janetjordan@fastmail.fm](mailto:janetjordan@fastmail.fm)

**Sun April 18: Immigrant rights: Bridges Not Walls meets to plan ways to help our communities value and respect immigrants:** See the April 4 calendar item.

**Sun April 18: Immigration film: “Sentenced Home” with special guests:** Admitted to the US in the early 1980s, after fleeing the genocide of the Khmer Rouge, some Cambodian refugees and their families found asylum in Seattle. But, even

with status as “legal permanent residents,” these refugees don’t have the same protections as American citizens. Under strict legislation enacted in 1996, certain types of convictions can result in automatic deportation. For some, this means being permanently separated from their families and home. Watch the film “Sentenced Home,” which follows two men who committed crimes as youth (before the 1996 law was even passed) before and after they are deported to Cambodia, a country they left as young children. Meet Jay Stansell and Dori Cahn, who are featured in the film. Jay is a public defender in Seattle who has worked on immigration policy for many years and Dori is a writer, editor and community activist. 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St. NW. Everybody is welcome. Free-will donations will benefit immigrants. Sponsors: OUUC Social Justice Committee and Sound Immigration Reform. Info: Wendy Tanowitz 915-9035 [green-girl@comcast.net](mailto:green-girl@comcast.net)

**Sun April 18: Veterans for Peace: Monthly meeting:** 5:30-7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Info: Terry Zander [tezzer1.tz@gmail.com](mailto:tezzer1.tz@gmail.com) [www.vfp109rcc.org](http://www.vfp109rcc.org) 943-6109

**Mon April 19: “Beware Food” – The Ethical Eating Film Series:** The Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation is sponsoring a monthly movie series that includes April 19 and May 24. The films will cover some of the biggest issues in ethical eating, including fair trade food production, industrial vs. family farming, genetically modified food, organic farming, localized food production, and water safety and availability. Each movie session will be followed by thoughtful discussion and tasty snacks appropriate to the discussion. All sessions will occur from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the sanctuary of the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End Street NW, Olympia. (From W. Harrison, go north on Division, left on 20<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, and right on East End St NW.) Free, but donations are encouraged to help cover costs. Info: Leslie Romer, 357-7638 [lesliehr@aol.com](mailto:lesliehr@aol.com)

**Wed April 21: Taking Action for Progressive Economic Change:** We know the current economic system is seriously defective. Some local people and organizations are making progress. Find out what they’re doing and how you can help. Enjoy a community discussion at 6:30 pm at Lincoln Elementary School Cafeteria (south on Washington Street from 21<sup>st</sup> Ave SE, Olympia). This is the final part of a series sponsored by the Green Party of South Puget Sound. Check out some background readings at [www.greenparty-sps.net](http://www.greenparty-sps.net). Info: Janet Jordan 352-0779 [janetjordan@fastmail.fm](mailto:janetjordan@fastmail.fm)

**Thurs April 22: Can We Improve the Thurston County Government?** The Thurston County League of Women Voters invites the public to a meeting and discussion, 6:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, downtown.

**Sat April 24: Procession of the Species:** 4:30-6:30 pm in downtown Olympia. Info: [www.procession.org](http://www.procession.org)

**Sat April 24: Ret. Colonel Ann Wright (now a peace activist) speaks about the relationship between the Israeli Occupation of Gaza, and the role the US plays in each of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan.** A discussion will follow about the resistance of ongoing war, and the costs to communities and returning soldiers. Ann will recommend what she thinks needs to happen. 2:00-4:00 pm at King's Books, 218 St. Helens Ave, just north of downtown Tacoma. RSVP at [mollygibbs3@gmail.com](mailto:mollygibbs3@gmail.com) or at Coffee Strong's Facebook page.

**Sun April 25: Retirement party celebrating Kathy Erlandson's 9+ years of working as Executive Director of Interfaith Works:** 2-4 pm at St. Placid Priory, 500 College St NE, Olympia (a little north of Martin Way). Info: 357-7224

**Mon April 26: The Yes Men Live!** The Yes Men are a pair of activists who impersonate big-time criminals in order to publicly humiliate them. Their targets are leaders and big corporations who put profits ahead of everything else. Sponsored by BRICK, the SPSCC student club for promoting progressive social change. Capitol Theater on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, downtown. Doors open 6:00 pm for 7:00 pm show. Tickets \$5 for Olympia Film Society members and students, or \$10 general admission. Free for SPSCC students who show ID. Tickets available at the box office day of show.

**FOR Mon April 26: Death penalty abolition committee of Olympia FOR** meets to educate ourselves and work on further activities to abolish that atrocity. 7 pm in Tumwater. Info: Emily Hammargren 352-0695 [emily74437@yahoo.com](mailto:emily74437@yahoo.com)

**Tues April 27: Immigration 101: A FREE Training for Service Providers** -- This FREE training was developed especially for individuals who work with and serve the immigrant community! Basic immigration topics to be addressed include: (1) What barriers prevent immigrants from accessing services? (2) What happens when people are detained? (3) What protections are available to immigrant victims of crime and survivors of domestic violence? (4) What resources are available in the community to help? **Pre-registration is required** for this FREE event. During registration you will have the opportunity to submit questions for the training. [Click here to register.](#) 2:30 - 5:00 pm at The Brockey Center of South Seattle Community College, 6000 16th Avenue SW, Seattle. Sponsor: Northwest Immigrant Rights Center, [www.nwirp.org](http://www.nwirp.org) (206) 587-4009

**Tues April 27: Is Gandhi Now Passé?** Over the last five years Bernie Meyer has made seven trips to India to portray Gandhi in villages, schools, universities. He has presented at seven conferences, three trainings, and many more places throughout India. India is Westernizing at breathtaking speed. This is transforming the nation's villages, countryside, and entire culture. Has India passed up Gandhi? Is Gandhi irrelevant as India Westernizes? Find out how Bernie Meyer ("the American Gandhi") currently understands Gandhi's message and India's current situation. Find out what you think about

Gandhi's relevance to the United States. 7:00 pm at Traditions Fair Trade Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. Info: 570-0975 [berniemeyer2001@yahoo.com](mailto:berniemeyer2001@yahoo.com)



**Bernie as The American Gandhi (right) and resisters block gate at Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Establishment, UK, 2007**

**Tues April 27 to Thurs May 6: ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS: SET THE DATE NOW!** A series of events in Puget Sound and around the world demand that the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference, which begins at the United Nations on May 3, sets a firm date and implementation plan for the total elimination of nuclear weapons. Sponsors include the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action and other groups. See a few of the individual events listed as separate calendar items here, many more from the info sources. Info: Ground Zero [www.gzcenter.org](http://www.gzcenter.org), [gznnonviolencenews@yahoo.com](mailto:gznnonviolencenews@yahoo.com), Jackie Hudson or Sue Ablao at (360) 930-8697, or Anne Hall (206) 545-3562 [annehall@familyhealing.com](mailto:annehall@familyhealing.com)

**FOR Sat May 1: March and rally for immigrant rights:** The 10th Annual May 1 March & Rally is themed "We Are All Workers! Immigration Reform Now!" Gather at 12 noon for rally at Judkins Playfield (behind St. Mary's Church, 611 20th Ave S, Seattle) for a 12:30 March. Many sponsors include El Comite Pro-Reforma Migratoria y Justicia Social and Washington Immigrant Rights Action Coalition (WA-IRAC), and also the Western Washington FOR. Info: (206) 324-6044

**Sat May 1: Plan an action at the Trident nuclear submarine base:** Meet 12 noon to 6 pm at Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Road NW, Poulsbo, Kitsap County, for potluck lunch and supper while planning the action and making signs and banners. [www.gzcenter.org](http://www.gzcenter.org) (206) 545-3562 or (360) 286-9036 or [info@gzcenter.org](mailto:info@gzcenter.org)

**Sat May 1: Benefit Concert for CIELO, which provides GED and English-as-Second-Language services for local low-income residents, especially Latinos:** Enjoy an exciting program of traditional Mexican music with the Celso Duarte Sextet, Laura Rebolos and Los Calaveras. 7:00 pm at Capitol Theater, 206 5th Ave SE, Olympia. Buy tickets at [www.buyolympia.com/events/?details=516](http://www.buyolympia.com/events/?details=516) and at Traditions Fair Trade. Info: [www.cieloproject.org](http://www.cieloproject.org)

**Sun May 2: The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Walk helps you fight hunger locally and worldwide:** (CROP stands for “Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty”.) People will gather at the State Capitol at 1:30 pm for a 10- kilometer (6-mile) walk. People pledge money for each mile you walk, or you could sponsor others. Three-fourths of the funds raised are used by Church World Service in around 80 countries for projects that alleviate world hunger and one-fourth is divided among eight local hunger programs. Info: Chairman Wayne Gruen at 352-9703 [gruenw@comcast.net](mailto:gruenw@comcast.net) or Interfaith Works 357-7224 [www.oly-wa.us/interfaith/CropWalk.php](http://www.oly-wa.us/interfaith/CropWalk.php) or [www.cropwalkonline.org/olympiawa](http://www.cropwalkonline.org/olympiawa)

**FOR Sun May 2: Rally and March to Call for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons:** Gather at 1:30 pm at Seattle University (in the Quad in the center of campus, 2 buildings south of 10<sup>th</sup> & Madison in Seattle) for a 2:30 pm march to Westlake Plaza and a 3:15 rally and leafleting event. Please bring signs, banners, floats, puppets, balloons, drums & instruments to create a festive atmosphere. Sponsor: Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action; endorsed by Western Washington FOR and others. Info: Anne Hall [annehall@familyhealing.com](mailto:annehall@familyhealing.com) (206) 545-3562

**Sun May 2: Immigrant rights: Bridges Not Walls meets to plan ways to help our communities value and respect immigrants:** See the April 4 calendar item.

**Sun May 2: Prepare for an action at the Trident nuclear submarine base:** Meet 6 pm at Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Road NW, Poulsbo, Kitsap County, for a light supper, nonviolence training, vigil planning, and a role-play of the action. Spend the night if you wish. Info: [www.gzcenter.org](http://www.gzcenter.org) (206) 545-3562 or (360) 286-9036 or [info@gzcenter.org](mailto:info@gzcenter.org)

**FOR Sun May 2: Watch the documentary “McLibel”** about the McDonalds Corporation’s British lawsuit against activists. It will air weekly at 10:00 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. This is the May episode of the Olympia FOR’s “Big Picture” series of documentaries. See page 4. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

**Mon May 3: Legal vigil and nonviolent action at the Trident nuclear submarine base:** Meet at 5:30 am (yes, **morn-ing!**) at Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action. Bring warm, waterproof clothes, flashlight, and peaceful spirit. Info: [www.gzcenter.org](http://www.gzcenter.org) (206) 545-3562 or (360) 286-9036 or [info@gzcenter.org](mailto:info@gzcenter.org)

**FOR Mon May 3: “Empowering Ourselves for Profound Democracy.”** Olympia FOR’s May TCTV program debuts today and airs this month every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm and every Thursday 9-10 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. Info: Glen 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**Mon-Fri May 3-7: “The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers”** – Watch this film this week at Olympia Film Society, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, downtown. 6:30 pm Mon, Wed, Fri, and 9:00 pm Tues and Thurs. [www.olympiafilmsociety.org](http://www.olympiafilmsociety.org)

**Wed May 5: “Voices of the Hibakusha”** – public event featuring the visiting delegation of Japanese nuclear abolitionists, including testimony by Hibakusha (atomic bombing survivors), 7:30 pm at First United Methodist Church of Seattle, 180 Denny Way.

**FOR Wed May 5: “Poetic Justice”: Poems on Prisons and the Death Penalty:** Open mic poems and spoken word readings for poets and listeners. Original poems and other works relevant to the topic are welcomed. 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. (Much info on the death penalty is at [www.deathpenaltyinfo.org](http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org) and [www.ejusa.org](http://www.ejusa.org)) Sponsor: Olympia FOR’s Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Info: Rozanne at 705-8520 [rozannerants@yahoo.com](mailto:rozannerants@yahoo.com)

**Thurs May 6: Nuclear weapons opponents invite everyone to a public gathering in Tacoma with Japanese delegation:** Planning is still underway.

**FOR Sat May 8: Lewis County’s FOR Chapter – the “Fire Mountain FOR”** -- meets from 1 to 3 pm at the St. Lucia Coffeehouse, Locust & Tower in downtown Centralia, following their 12 noon to 1 pm peace vigil nearby in Washington Park on Pearl Street. Info Larry Kerschner (360) 807-5106 [peacepoet@gmail.com](mailto:peacepoet@gmail.com) or June Butler (360) 748-9658 [juneb2@earthlink.net](mailto:juneb2@earthlink.net)

**Sat May 8: A “People’s Assembly” will bring together Olympia’s peace, justice and progressive folks:** While some people are going to the US Social Forum in Detroit in June ([www.ussf2010.org](http://www.ussf2010.org)) for a nationwide gathering, we can improve our effectiveness by getting to know each other and collaborating more effectively in our local community. This event will run from 9 a.m. to 5 pm at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia Street NW, downtown. Enjoy an opening panel on some hot current issues, three sets of workshops on many other issues and ways of working for positive changes, and end before 5 pm. The Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) is organizing this and welcomes everyone. Info: Larry Mosqueda 866-2404 [lmosqueda@comcast.net](mailto:lmosqueda@comcast.net)

**Sat May 8: The Gaza Solidarity Mural Project and the Rachel Corrie Foundation are planning an event** at the mural's location State & Capitol Way, for early evening. Info: [www.rachelcorriefoundation.org](http://www.rachelcorriefoundation.org)

**Sun May 9: Meet to plan Social Justice Festival and International Day of Peace for September:** Short meetings have been occurring. Meet today at 1:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. Info: John Newman 360-956-0254 [nwsurveyqc@cs.com](mailto:nwsurveyqc@cs.com)

**Sun May 9: PFLAG-Olympia Monthly Meeting:** PFLAG is the nation's foremost family-based organization committed to the civil rights of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender persons. 2:00-4:30 p m in the Gathering Place room at First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE (near Boundary Street), Olympia. Info: [www.pflag-olympia.org](http://www.pflag-olympia.org)

**Mon May 10: Olympia Climate Action's monthly meeting:** 7-9 pm at the MIXX-96 meeting room, SW corner of State & Washington. Olympia Climate Action meets the second Monday of every month, except December. Info: Barb 878-9901

**Tues May 11: Organize to stop sweatshops: South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign** formed in 2000 to address sweatshop issues and has focused on getting public institutions to adopt sweatshop free purchasing practices. SSCCC meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Info: Dick Meyer 705-2819 and [www.southsoundcleanclothes.org](http://www.southsoundcleanclothes.org)

**Tues May 11: National Organization for Women (NOW)** meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. Info: Linda Malanchuk 357-7272

**Wed May 12: Watch and discuss *The Great Story* about the life and work of Thomas Berry**, the great cultural historian and ecologist. At the heart of the film is Berry's experience of the universe as a cosmic liturgy. With his eye and heart on the rampant exploitation of earth, he reminds us that "we are not a collection of objects but a communion of subjects." His values are rooted in this sacred cosmology which includes the entire natural world. The mountains, rivers, birds, fish – indeed, all living organisms – are there not simply for our use, but as sources of wonder for the mind, beauty for the imagination and intimacy for the emotions. As Berry says, "I am not myself without everything else." Presented by the Earth Stewards Committee of Interfaith Works and by Earth Care Catholics. Free, but donations are accepted. 7:00-8:30 pm. Traditions Café, 300 5th Ave. Info: 459-5825

**Thurs May 13: Greg Mortenson speaks:** The author of *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School At A Time* and *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan* will speak at 6:45 pm in the Marcus Pavilion at Saint Martin's University, 5300 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey. Several sponsors and supporters.

**Fri May 14: "Stories of New Lands" – Heartsparkle Players** is an outstanding local troupe with a loyal following. They use Playback Theatre, a spontaneous collaboration between performers and the audience. People tell moments from their lives, and then watch them re-created with movement, music and dialogue. Each month they invite a guest artist, community organization, arts program or social service agency to be a part of their performance. Through this collaboration we acknowledge and honor the work individuals and organizations do in our community. May's performance collaborates with CIELO (Centro Integral Educativo Latino de Olympia – Integral Hispanic Educational Center) a non-profit, volunteer organization whose mission is to be a force for justice by serving the self-sufficiency and empowerment of the Latino and other underserved communities in Thurston, Mason and Lewis counties. **This will be a bi-lingual performance in Spanish and English.** A \$5-\$10 donation is requested if you can afford it; nobody is turned away. 7:30 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Info: Debe Edden 943-6772 [debek@olywa.net](mailto:debek@olywa.net) [www.heartsparkle.org](http://www.heartsparkle.org) collaboration

**Sat May 15: Sort and box medical supplies for other countries:** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. See Sat. April 17 calendar item for details.

**FOR Sat May 15: Western Washington FOR Area Committee meets in Seattle** from 10 am to 4 pm to provide overall planning and decision-making for the WWFOR regional level. All members are welcome. Info and carpooling from Olympia: (360) 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**Sat May 15: Watch and discuss the film "Kite Runner" --** The novel sets the interpersonal drama of the characters against the backdrop of the modern history of Afghanistan, sketching the political and economic toll of the instability of various regimes in Afghanistan; from the end of the monarchy to the Soviet-backed government of the 1980s to the fundamentalist Taliban government of the 1990s. The action closes soon after the fall of the Taliban and alludes to the rise of Hamid Karzai as leader of a new Afghan government in the wake of the events of September 11, 2001. 6:30 pm. This is part of the "Spiritual Cinema" series at The United Churches, 11<sup>th</sup> & Washington SE. See details for the April 17 listing.

**Sat May 15: Citizens Band performs** an evening of anarcoustic music, varied and topical. Playing folk, blues, swing, almost rock or a little bit country, Citizens Band conveys their beliefs with passion, audacity and harmony. 8:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, downtown.

**Sun May 16: Immigrant rights: Bridges Not Walls meets to plan ways to help our communities value and respect immigrants:** See the April 4 calendar item.

**Sun May 16: Veterans for Peace: Monthly meeting:** 5:30-7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Info: Terry Zander [tezzer1.tz@gmail.com](mailto:tezzer1.tz@gmail.com) [www.vfp109rcc.org](http://www.vfp109rcc.org) 943-6109

**FOR Mon May 17: Olympia FOR's Annual Meeting and Election:** Please join us from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water downtown. We'll celebrate another year of Olympia FOR's vigorous and varied accomplishments and enjoy social time, dessert, and other snacks. We'll and elect some members and officers to our Steering Committee. This year's special feature will be a mini-workshop to help us speak with people who strongly disagree with us. It might begin with something creative and special to engage us. Please see page 6 for more information. For other information about this event contact Jody Mackey at 915-6757.

**Tues May 18: "Communicating to Connect" – Nonviolent Communication introductory session:** Learn Marshall Rosenberg's radical process to help heal relationships, resolve conflicts, promote social change, and increase personal happiness. Liv Monroe offers excellent insights and skills, 6:45-9:00 pm, Lincoln Elementary School cafeteria, around the corner on Washington Street from 213 21<sup>st</sup> Ave SE, Olympia. Free, but donations help support these trainings. Info: 357-4503 [livmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:livmonroe@gmail.com)

**FOR Wed May 19: Deadline for Olympia FOR's June-July newsletter:** Send news, announcements and calendar items by the 19<sup>th</sup> or soon after. [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org) 491-9093

**Sun May 23: South Sound Buddhist Peace Fellowship** hosts an open meeting. SSBPF includes members of the local Buddhist community engaging in the Buddhist path of right action in regard to working for peace, justice and social change. 3:30-5:00 pm. Location and info: Robert Lovitt 357-2825 [ssbpf@comcast.net](mailto:ssbpf@comcast.net) [www.ssbpf.org](http://www.ssbpf.org)

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**June 14 to July 2: Second annual Canadian School of Peacebuilding (CSOP),** a program of Canadian Mennonite University (CMU), will be held in Winnipeg, MB. Three 5-day sessions, each with two or three courses running concurrently, will be offered for academic credit or for professional training for practitioners. The Canadian School of Peacebuilding serves practitioners, professionals, activists, students, non-governmental organizations and faith-based groups engaged in peacebuilding. Its goal is to serve peacebuilders around the

world by bringing them together in a collaborative learning community, nurturing and equipping them for various forms of peace practice and exposing them to some of the most significant, emerging ideas and teachers in the field. Session I (June 14-18) and Session II (June 21-25) offer fascinating topics with expert instructors. Info: [www.cmu.ca/csop](http://www.cmu.ca/csop) Ask [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca) for an electronic version of the brochure, application, and poster that you can forward to your contacts.

**Tues-Sat June 22-26: U.S. Social Forum in Detroit will bring many people together for multi-issue progressive conference and organizing:** 20, 000 activists, including many from the labor movement, are expected to attend. The USSF is an important step in our struggle to build a powerful multi-racial, inter-generational, diverse, inclusive, internationalist movement. For information about the Forum, including registration; presenting a workshop; where to stay; how to get there; and how to volunteer for local projects while in Detroit, visit [www.ussf2010.org](http://www.ussf2010.org) and [www.abc.ussf2010.org](http://www.abc.ussf2010.org). See [www.ussf2010.org](http://www.ussf2010.org)

**FOR Fri-Mon July 2-5: "Visioning the Confluence of Justice & Peace" – FOR's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seabeck Conference: Mark your calendars now!** For 52 years the Western Washington FOR and Oregon FOR have partnered to conduct one of the largest and best-loved peace conferences in the Northwest. Nationally known keynote speakers and many workshop options inform and inspire people who gather to examine and discuss current peace and justice concerns in our local communities, the nation, and the world. Seabeck also offers an outstanding music program, led by folksinger Tom Rawson. Our 200 attendees represent a wide variety of faith traditions and people with no religious connections. Child and youth programs ensure learning experiences for all family members. We welcome all to join us! This year, we are inviting faith-based peace fellowships to collaborate with us during the weekend. Info: John Roy Wilson (503) 585-5436 [jrw45@comcast.net](mailto:jrw45@comcast.net) and Janet Hawkins (503) 244-7703 [janetchawkins@msn.com](mailto:janetchawkins@msn.com)

**Sat-Mon July 3-5: "Resistance for a Nuclear-Free Future" will celebrate decades of organizing and action against nuclear weapons and nuclear power.** Prominent organizations invite you to a national gathering, including nonviolent direct action to declare independence from nuclear weapons and nuclear power. Meet with hundreds of activists nationwide. Enjoy a weekend of learning, networking, music, speakers, celebration, workshops, community, nonviolence training and nonviolent action. New and seasoned activists can meet and strategize for a nuclear-free future! Meet near the Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Complex at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Info: <http://nukewatch.com/30th/index.htm> Pre-registration: <http://nukewatch.com/30th/registerpage.htm>

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--- General Douglas MacArthur, May 15, 1951

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-- David Dellinger, longtime nonviolent activist for peace and social justice

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