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## WESTERN WASHINGTON FOR FALL RETREAT:

### CUT THE MILITARY BUDGET! FUND DOMESTIC NEEDS!

ORGANIZE! DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS!  
FRIDAY-SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5-6

**CONTEXT:** While military spending keeps escalating, individual Americans are losing their jobs and homes, and state and local governments are cutting needed services. In Washington State 40,000 people have lost basic health coverage, funds to reduce school class size have been slashed 70%, college tuition has risen, and library hours are being cut. Meanwhile, taxpayers from our state have spent **\$23.8 billion** for the wars.

**Goal:** We must cut wasteful military spending such as the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and transfer the savings to fund human and environmental needs. The money to finance one soldier in Afghanistan could pay for 60 green jobs! Let's create a humane and green economy with thousands of new jobs.

**CAMPAIGN:** The Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (WWFOR) is organizing a multi-dimensional and multi-generational grassroots campaign to "**Bring the Billion\$ Home.**" The campaign will inform and activate the public and pressure the Congress to reduce military spending and apply the savings to fund urgent human and environmental needs in the US. See information sheet at [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org).



**FALL RETREAT:** WWFOR's 2010 Fall Retreat in Lacey (Fri-Sat Nov 5-6) will equip people of all ages with information and skills to help us participate in various aspects of the campaign. You can help in many ways right in your own local community! The Fall Retreat will teach you how to design and implement surveys, find the research you will need to support this campaign, use social media like Twitter and Facebook, talk with elected officials, and much more! The campaign will start with supper at 5:30 pm Friday November 5 and continue to 2:15 Saturday afternoon November 6. It will be held at the Gwinwood Conference Center in Lacey. The cost is very low. See the flyer attached with the newsletter and posted at [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org) and [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org)

**WE'LL HIRE A CAMPAIGN ORGANIZER:** WWFOR is advertising to hire a Campaign Organizer to help WWFOR members – and especially to reach out to people in their 20s and 30s – to work on this campaign. See the job posting at [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org). We want to receive applications by Monday October 4, but we will continue accepting applications until we fill the position. While the Campaign Organizer will help a lot, the success of the "Bring the Billion\$ Home" campaign really depends on all of us.

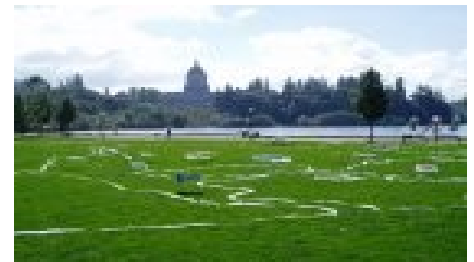
## Olympia CONNECTED with THE WORLD ON SEPTEMBER 20-21, THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Article by GLEN ANDERSON. PHOTOS by BOB ZEIGLER

Volunteers from the Olympia FOR, Veterans for Peace Chapter 109, the Rachel Corrie Foundation, Media Island International, and other groups collaborated to produce a truly stunning and inspiring display and international conversation on Monday-Tuesday September 20-21 to mark the International Day of Peace. (See Doug Mackey at the main tent with a musician ready to perform.)



- The celebration of peace started at noon on Monday and continued around the clock more than 24 hours – following the sun around the earth – until Tuesday evening. Phone conversations with distant parts of the world took place through the night for more than 20 hours.
- Live conversations by computer and telephone connected Olympia people with youths and adults in Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Israel, Singapore, Denmark, England, Africa, and ten locations in the US. Some of these took place in very early morning or very late at night Olympia time in order to reach other nations' people during their waking hours. The Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers (the young people with whom we have been enjoying a warm relationship) shared their "Why not love?" message of peace from their home in Bamiyan, Afghanistan, throughout the night.
- A gigantic map of the world was laid out on the expansive lawn of Heritage Park, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water, in downtown Olympia. (See photo.)
- The words for "peace" spelled out in more than 100 languages for 190 countries were installed on the giant map on the ground. (See photo below the gigantic world map.)
- Volunteers constructed and flew three giant costumed doves (based on Jane Goodall's design) and flew them to circle Heritage Park's giant display of the whole earth.
- People enjoyed Native American drumming and singing while burning sweetgrass. People played the sitar and other music. People danced and worked with arts and crafts.
- A local Buddhist leader led a peace-focused Walking Meditation around the lake. People held a candle light vigil.
- Volunteers created peace banners. Bernie Meyer ("The American Gandhi" in the bottom photo on the right side of this page) is taking one banner to the Youth Peace Festival in Chandigarh, India.



The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. It was established by a United Nations resolution in 1981 to coincide with the opening of the General Assembly.

For more information about the International Day of Peace (Sept. 21 every year) see [www.internationaldayofpeace.org](http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org).

Our community and the world owe a great debt of thanks to Doug Mackey, Jody Mackey, Dennis Mills, Terry Zander, and many other volunteers who worked extremely hard to make this happen.

Thanks to the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation, Veterans for Peace Chapter 109, the Rachel Corrie Foundation, Media Island International, and the other organizations that helped in many ways.

Watch the Olympia FOR's November TCTV program to see Dennis Mills' inspiring video coverage and to enjoy interviews with a few of the key organizers.

# SHUT DOWN SOA/WHINSEC, THE US ARMY SCHOOL THAT TRAINS TERRORISTS & HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSERS!

After September 11, 2001, the US government said it wanted to shut down the schools that train terrorists. They should start right here in the USA, where the US Army has been training Latin American military troops to practice terrorism, assassination, torture – and to overthrow democracies – since 1946. The notorious US Army School of the Americas (SOA, often called the School of Assassins) was renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC) in 2001, but the activities and results have remained the same. It is located at Fort Benning, Georgia.

A great many of the military coups that have occurred in Latin America for the past 60 years (including the June 2009 coup in Honduras – see page 4) were conducted by military troops trained at SOA. So also were a great many of Latin America's most notorious murderers and human rights abusers. This is no accident. Crimes against their own people have been part of the curriculum.

For six decades SOA has trained more than 60,000 Latin American soldiers in counterinsurgency techniques, sniper training, commando and psychological warfare, military intelligence and interrogation tactics. These graduates have consistently used their skills to wage a war against their own people. Among those targeted by SOA graduates are educators, union organizers, religious workers, student leaders, and others who work for the rights of the poor. Hundreds of thousands of Latin Americans have been tor-

tured, raped, assassinated, “disappeared,” massacred, and forced into refugee by military thugs trained at the School of Assassins. In 1996 the torture training manual that was used in the 1980s was released.

The US had based SOA in Panama, but the Panama Canal Treaty forced it out in 1984. Former Panamanian President Jorge Illueca stated that SOA was the “biggest base for destabilization in Latin America.” In the past few years several Latin American nations have elected progressive leaders who have stopped sending their troops to SOA for training.

The US Army's activities are clearly an assault on democracy and human rights. In 1990 a campaign of education and action was created to urge the American people and Congress to shut SOA down. The well respected organization, School of the Americas Watch ([www.soaw.org](http://www.soaw.org)) has been working all year around and conducting a massive nonviolent action each November at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The 3020 action will occur from Friday through Sunday, November 19-21, at Fort Benning, near Columbus, Georgia. It will include workshops, trainings, a large rally, a vigil honoring the martyrs, and optional nonviolent civil disobedience. For information contact SOAW at (202) 234-3440 or [www.soaw.org](http://www.soaw.org)



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## 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 nonviolence 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.

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On April 4, 1967, exactly one year before his death, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., gave his “Beyond Vietnam” speech in New York City. Today, as then, the world suffers from wars, racism, economic disaster, and political cowardice. Let us remember his words: **“When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered.”** He also said, **“Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal hostility to poverty, racism, and militarism.”**

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# TELEVISION PROGRAMS

For 23 ½ 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 more than 60 of our recent programs through our website. Visit [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org), click the link for TV Programs, and click any program you want to watch.



## OCTOBER: "HONDURAS"

In the early morning of June 28, 2009, about 100 soldiers from the Central American nation of Honduras forced their way into the bedroom of Honduran president Manuel Zelaya, kidnapped him while he was still in his pajamas, and forced him into exile in another country. This military coup – backed by conservative business leaders – overthrew a freely elected president.

Latin American nations unanimously denounced this military coup against democracy.

U.S. politicians and news media have distorted the realities, so the American people do not understand what really happened, or why. The crisis continues now, more than a year later.

The Olympia FOR's October TV program goes far beyond the simplistic explanations and provides accurate information and insights that we do not hear from mainstream sources.

Although the US government pays lip service to democracy and human rights, it actually provided political support for the violent military coup against the democratically elected President Zelaya.

This is the old policy of the US government for many decades. It is a bi-partisan policy. President Obama campaigned for "change," but he has given us more of the same. In fact, the Obama Administration has been pressuring other nations to support the illegitimate coup government and its phony November 2009 election.

This TV program features two knowledgeable and articulate guests – Nina Murano and Bruce Wilkinson – who learned even more while they were in Honduras earlier this year.

Nina Murano went to Honduras in 1989 with a women's delegation, and again in August 2010 with Witness for Peace. She has extensive first-hand knowledge of many Latin American countries, and she is active in the Fellowship of Reconciliation and other peace groups.

Bruce Wilkinson was in Honduras in late January 2010 when the new president was being inaugurated. He went with a delegation from Rights Action, an international group that focuses on Central America. He works in Olympia with the Latin American Solidarity Organization.

Be sure to watch this powerfully informative TV program!

## NOVEMBER: "INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE: OLYMPIA CONNECTS WITH THE WORLD!"

In recent years the International Day of Peace (September 21) has been inspiring more and more enthusiasm in more parts of the world. In 2010 it was a very big deal in Olympia, although our local daily newspaper did not bother to cover it. But you can read about it on page 1 of this Olympia FOR newsletter!

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The Olympia FOR's November TV program will feature interviews with local organizers Doug Mackey and Dennis Mills. It will include some of the powerful video footage that Dennis filmed.

See page 2 of this newsletter for more information about this year's event.

## Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" Documentary Series on TCTV

In addition to the Olympia FOR's TV series of locally produced interview programs (see page 4) 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)

### OCTOBER:

#### "It Was a Wonderful Life"

"It Was a Wonderful Life" shatters every stereotype about homeless people. The film profiles six women, well-groomed and articulate, who became homeless after divorce or loss of a job. They do not show up at shelters or sit on the street asking for handouts. Instead, they use a variety of strategies to conceal their homeless status, using ingenuity and perseverance to get by.

80 minutes, 1992

### NOVEMBER:

#### Two Films from the Rainforest Action Network

"Green" is a highly-acclaimed documentary that tells the emotional story of a female orangutan in Indonesia. You will understand the story of deforestation through her eyes and how the everyday products we buy here at home are affecting the habitats of creatures like her.

"Orang Rimba" tells the story of a group of Indigenous people whose lives are also affected by deforestation, deep in the heart of Sumatra. Living on the frontlines of corporate greed, the Orang Rimba people are impacted directly by corrupt corporations feeding the Western appetite for palm oil and paper.

One hour. Get more information from the Rainforest Action Network, [www.ran.org](http://www.ran.org)

SEE THE OLYMPIA RAFAH SOLIDARITY MURAL AT STATE AVENUE & CAPITOL WAY, OLYMPIA.  
READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 9 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

The Olympia FOR's leaf on this olive tree is near the upper right corner, 2<sup>nd</sup> row from the top, 4<sup>th</sup> leaf from the right - a white dove on blue background.)



# If NOT THE DEATH PENALTY, WHAT?

by Glen Anderson

When we talk with people about abolishing the death penalty, some people express fear that without the death penalty, we would be defenseless against criminals. They ask what a realistic alternative would be. This article addresses that concern.

## 1. THE QUESTION “If NOT THE DEATH PENALTY, WHAT?” IS MISLEADING, BECAUSE IT ASSUMES THAT THE DEATH PENALTY IS A COMMON SENTENCE FOR MURDER CASES, AND IT ASSUMES THAT THE DEATH PENALTY’S ABSENCE WOULD LEAVE A GREAT VOID.

Actually, very few homicide cases could even qualify for death sentences. In Washington State, for example, death sentences are possible (not required, but merely possible) only in very rare situations. Death sentences are possible only for those homicides that are First Degree Murder and have certain aggravating factors as defined by law and are free from mitigating circumstances as defined by law and for which the county prosecuting attorney has chosen to charge as capital crimes and for which the juries are unanimous in imposing a sentence of death. The death penalty is possible only for cases that meet all of these requirements.

**Death sentences cannot be imposed in cases that are lacking even one of these requirements.**

The death penalty cannot be considered for the vast majority of homicides. The vast majority of homicides are already covered by state laws that provide for prison sentences through the regular sentencing procedures.

Washington State usually has only approximately ten individuals on death row at any given time. This is an almost trivial number when compared to the overall number of homicides. With such small numbers, the question “If Not the Death Penalty, What?” is practically irrelevant.

## 2. FURTHERMORE, EVEN WHEN DEATH SENTENCES ARE IMPOSED, THE OFFENDER IS VERY UNLIKELY TO BE EXECUTED, SO – IN EFFECT – WE ALREADY DEAL WITH THE “WHAT” ALTERNATIVE.

Washington executed nobody at all from the mid-1960s through 1992. We executed four persons from 1993 through 2001, and one more in September 2010, when we published this article. With only five executions in nearly 50 years, the death penalty clearly is not much of a solution to the crime problem.

Except for those five cases, people stay on Washington State’s death row until appeals overturns their sentences or until they die of natural causes.

## 3. WASHINGTON STATE LAW ALREADY PROVIDES AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE “WHAT” QUESTION.

In Washington State, even for the very rare kinds of homicide cases that could result in the death penalty, the default sentence already is a life sentence without any possibility of parole. If for whatever reason the jury is not

unanimous in imposing a death sentence, the offender would serve a life sentence and never be eligible for parole.

## 4. FIFTEEN STATES IN THE U.S., ALL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION NATIONS, AND A GROWING NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD DO NOT USE THE DEATH PENALTY AT ALL, SO THEY ARE ALREADY EFFECTIVELY DEALING WITH THE “WHAT” ALTERNATIVE.

The question “If Not the Death Penalty, What?” is not a difficult question at all. It’s a non-issue in much of the U.S. and much of the world. They impose prison sentences without getting mired in the problems and complex-

ities of trying to impose death sentences and wade through the complexities of so many appeals. Effective solutions already exist. Asking the “What” question just keeps us stuck in the past.

GET MORE INFORMATION FROM THE Olympia FOR’s COMMITTEE FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY, (360) 491-9093, AND SEE [http://olympiafor.org/death\\_penalty.htm](http://olympiafor.org/death_penalty.htm) WE MEET ONE EVENING NEAR THE END OF EACH MONTH. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

# NEWS – RESOURCES – OPPORTUNITIES

Compiled and edited by ALICE ZILLAH AND GLEN ANDERSON

## **FBI and Obama continue Bush's destruction of our rights. The ACLU continues working to protect our rights:**

The American Civil Liberties Union is alerting the public to the government's recent request to let the FBI get Americans' internet use records without going to court, and without even having any suspicion of wrongdoing. The FBI wants to expand its existing powers to obtain phone records and e-mails so it can track a wider range of internet activities. It would be able to demand records from internet service providers, banks, and other institutions, and these requests would be kept secret from citizens. The ACLU has also issued an 18-month review of the Obama administration's record on national security issues affecting civil liberties. The report concludes that Obama is institutionalizing some of the Bush administration's worst policies, which would create a "new normal." While President Obama has made progress in some areas, he has not addressed such terrible policies as military commissions, indefinite detention, and the "targeted killing" program, even for American citizens. Jameel Jaffer, the ACLU's Deputy Legal Director, says, "We urge the Obama administration to recommit itself to the ideals it articulated in its very first days. President Obama should not make 'global war' the 'new normal.'" For more about the "new normal" and the FBI's attempt to obtain Americans' internet records, visit [www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org).

**An "end" to the Iraq War?** President Obama is claiming an end to the war in Iraq, but this "end" will keep 50,000 troops remaining in the country and send even more private contractors (mercenaries). The peace movement must be diligent in correcting the mainstream media when it parrots the government's claims that the war is coming to a close. The nationwide group Peace Action states that Obama's strategy is a continuation of the Iraq War "under a new rhetoric." Information about coordinated nationwide efforts to end both the Iraq and the Afghanistan Wars is at [www.peaceaction.org](http://www.peaceaction.org) and [www.codepink4peace.org](http://www.codepink4peace.org).

**10-10-10 Is A Day of Action Against Global Warming:** Greenpeace, [350.org](http://350.org), and many other environmental groups are jointly promoting events on October 10, a global day of action against man-made climate change. Over 1,000 work parties are planned around the globe to demonstrate the ability of regular people to constructively address the climate crisis. In Olympia volunteers will be joining with the Native Plant Salvage Foundation and the Department of Transportation to plant up to 200 trees on McLane Nature Trail. To register for this work party or to start a new one, visit [www.350.org](http://www.350.org).

**New blog makes climate science accessible and understandable:** Scott Slaba has started a new blog, the Climate Pioneer, devoted to accurately translating credible climate science into everyday language and action. While a work in progress, the blog already contains much valuable information and analysis. See [www.theclimatepioneer.org](http://www.theclimatepioneer.org).

## **More volunteers are needed for the nationwide anti-sweatshop conference to Olympia Fri-Sun Nov 5-7:**

The National Sweatfree Summit/Conference will come to Olympia from Friday to Sunday November 5 to 7. The Sweatfree Summit will be open to the public. Topics will include local and state government purchases of sweatfree clothing and national legislation. Approximately 100 national leaders of campaigns against sweatshops will meet here. Local organizers need help hosting guests for home stays and providing transportation and potluck meals. Would you please help with the 6 pm potluck meal at First Christian Church, 7<sup>th</sup> & Franklin? Enjoy public events Friday evening at Traditions Café and Saturday afternoon at First Christian Church. If you can help, please contact Dick Meyer at Traditions 705-2819 or Bob Zeigler at 570-0848. To help the organizers plan, please volunteer your help as soon as possible, so the organizers can better plan. Thanks much! Info: [www.sweatfree.org/summit](http://www.sweatfree.org/summit)

**Coffee Strong needs our support:** Our friends at Coffee Strong, the GI café outside of Joint Base Lewis/McChord, write that their work is needed more now than ever, as more soldiers return from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Coffee Strong provides GI rights counseling, legal aid for incarcerated war resisters, educational events and movie nights, and other activities. It is also a visible, accessible and safe place for the 29,000 military family members living on base, who often have nowhere else where they can question the war or the demands of military service. To keep the doors open and continue services, Coffee Strong needs donations from people who support their work. \$25 provides for 250 copies of GI rights materials, and \$100 keeps the doors and phones open for one day. If you donate by October 10, a foundation will match your contribution, dollar for dollar, up to \$7,000. Find out how to donate at [www.coffeestrong.org](http://www.coffeestrong.org).

## **Beware of genetically modified (GM) food – and watch a documentary online:**

The Institute for Responsible Technology is one of the best organizations working to stop genetically modified food and the release of GM crops. The Institute ([www.responsibletechnology.org](http://www.responsibletechnology.org))

has produced an impressive array of videos and publications. Their latest program, "Everything You Have to Know about Dangerous Genetically Modified Foods," can also be viewed for free at [www.seedsofdeception.org](http://www.seedsofdeception.org).



**"Keep Space for Peace" week is October 2-9:** The Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space calls for "Keep Space for Peace" week each year. This year's week is October 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to challenge efforts to militarize space. (Spy satellites, "war games," and nuclear weapons are some of the threats to our peaceful skies.) See calendar for Oct 2-9 and Oct 8 for details. Also see details at <http://wanet.org/actions/?id=5431>.

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**PeaceWeek's library of presentations and discussions is available:** Congressman Dennis Kucinich and FOR member Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb were two of the dozens of presenters for the first PeaceWeek in September, described as the "largest virtual peace summit ever created." More than 20,000 people from 129 countries signed up to participate. The PeaceWeek calls and presentations can now be downloaded at no charge at [www.peaceweek.info](http://www.peaceweek.info).

**New Global Development Policy could represent positive step forward:** President Obama has announced a new Global Development Policy. The announcement, made at the U.N. General Assembly in New York, attempts to establish a coherent strategy to reduce poverty in developing countries and support economic growth. The Christian peace group Bread for the World sees this as a significant and positive step forward, and the fruit of years of campaigning against poverty and hunger. For more information, see [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org).

**FOR's new "Death Penalty Study Group from Faith Perspectives" is underway and looking for additional faith communities to host it:** The Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty has kicked off a six-session Death Penalty Study Group with Interfaith Perspectives. The study group meets once a week for two hours, and is currently gathering at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Lacey. The Olympia Unitarian-Universalist Congregation will host the study group in early 2011. The Committee wants to facilitate this study group in other faith communities locally and in nearby counties. For information contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**Sing for peace (and fun!) in Olympia's new Peace Choir:** Olympia has a new Peace Choir and it is looking for more voices – especially those of men. FOR member and musician Becky Liebman shares that "there is enormous potential for this to grow into a wonderful thing for both the participants and for the community." A profes-

sional choir director, Kerri Lynn Nichols, is leading the Peace Choir. Info: [www.treefrogpro.com/index3.htm](http://www.treefrogpro.com/index3.htm).

**Start planning now for a positive community gathering on Sept. 11, 2011:** Karin Kraft wants to start planning now for a large gathering of all peace groups in Olympia on September 11, 2011 – the ten-year anniversary of the 9-11 attacks. The event would be aimed at honoring peace and the diversity within the community. To connect with Karin and help plan such an event, contact her at [kraftkf@comcast.net](mailto:kraftkf@comcast.net).

**Hospice volunteers enhance the lives of terminally ill patients:** Volunteers can provide various kinds of help for people who are dying. Some terminally ill persons need conversations or sharing of recreation or games. Sometimes their family members or caregivers need support or a break or help running errands. Hospice volunteers find their services to be rewarding for themselves too. Providence SoundHomeCare and Hospice offers Hospice Volunteer Training on several dates from October 28 to November 19. The training is extensive, and trainees must attend all sessions. To register by the October 22 deadline and receive an application, contact Debe Edden, Volunteer Coordinator, at (360) 493-4689.

**"Not Your Fodder! Organizing Against the Militarization of Youth" – 2011 Calendar from War Resisters League:** Every year this venerable pacifist organization (founded in 1923) produces a calendar (spiral-bound 5 ½ x 8 ½ inch) calendar focusing on some aspect of peace, justice or nonviolence, featuring powerful graphics and information and a practical one-week-per-page format. It is suitable to carry with you or keep by your desk. The cost is \$14.95 each or four for \$55 plus \$3.50 per calendar for shipping and handling.) Produced by War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette Street, New York NY 10012. Order from WRL, c/o We-Fulfill, 218 Round Rock Circle, Grand Junction CO 81503. WRL offers this plus t-shirts, pins, literature, etc., on-line from [www.warresisters.org](http://www.warresisters.org).

**Western Washington FOR (WWFOR) Fundraising Dinner and Auction: Donate goods & services now – and buy others on Sat. Oct. 23:** WWFOR relies on this annual benefit event for part of our annual budget. Everyone is invited to this at the location of our WWFOR office at Woodland Park Presbyterian Church, 225 N 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle (on Phinney Ridge near Greenwood Ave N). The silent auction starts at 5:00 pm, followed by the dinner, the live auction, a dessert break, and the rest of the silent and live auctions. Enjoy connecting with nice peace & justice folks and supporting our active regional FOR body. There is still time to donate good quality items for both the silent and live auctions. You may bid on tickets to the Seattle Art Museum and the Museum of History & Industry, Family Fun Packs for the Children's Museum and the Woodland

Park Zoological Society, massages, get-away weekends on Orcas Island and in the Cascades, voice lessons, special dinners, and a variety of other appealing items. Info & donations: WWFOR, (206) 789-5565 [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org)



**Do undocumented immigrants “steal” American jobs? Farm workers publicly challenge unemployed Americans to take theirs!** The United Farm Workers of America (UFW) is challenging a

common myth by inviting unemployed Americans to join UFW union members working in the fields. UFW’s “Take Our Jobs” campaign spotlights the fact that American agriculture business is fueled by cheap, back-breaking labor. UFW reports that although thousands of persons have visited UFW’s website to inquire about this, only a very tiny few have actually taken the jobs. UFW President Arturo Rodriguez asks, “How can immigrants steal jobs nobody else wants?” For information see [www.takeourjobs.org](http://www.takeourjobs.org)

**What's wrong with U.S. policy toward Sudan? How should we fix it?** A guest on the Olympia FOR’s August TV program about Africa is a young refugee from Sudan. Her presence makes the crisis in Sudan more real to people who know her. The civil war between northern and southern Sudan and the horrible conflict in Darfur need clear thinking and bold action. The Enough Project is a global organization that works to end genocide and crimes against humanity, has produced a new 5-page report, **“What’s Wrong with U.S. Policy Toward Sudan, and How to Fix It,”** Enough Co-Founder John Prendergast argues that the words and actions of U.S. officials have undermined the administration’s influence in Sudan, just when its efforts are needed most. He says, “The time has come for an urgent rethink of how the United States can contribute to peace in Sudan now, building on the lessons of the recent past.” The report outlines four specific areas where U.S. policy is off course. These include: (1) a flawed peace process in Darfur, (2) a hands-off approach to critical negotiations to prevent renewed North-South war, (3) the role of the United States in building leverage for peace, and (4) justice as an essential component of sustainable peace. “The United States made a major contribution to peacemaking in Sudan in the past decade,” argues Prendergast. “Sadly, the Obama administration is not building on the

lessons of past success and thus is not positioning itself to play the role that is needed in averting all-out war in 2011.” Visit [www.enoughproject.org](http://www.enoughproject.org) to read or download the 5-page report. Very recent news and information about Southern Sudan and Darfur is at [www.enoughproject.org/conflict\\_areas/darfur\\_southern\\_sudan](http://www.enoughproject.org/conflict_areas/darfur_southern_sudan)

**A new local Catholic Inclusive Community for Catholics and others will share spirituality, love and acceptance:** Dozens of persons are gathering periodically as an alternative to an institutional church. While many have Catholic roots, all persons are welcomed with equal respect and women perform many of the key roles. Info: Barb Monda [bjmonda@earthlink.net](mailto:bjmonda@earthlink.net) or Diane Whalen [dswhalen@comcast.net](mailto:dswhalen@comcast.net)

**“The Tribe”--Research & Discussion of various tribal models:** What can we learn from tribal-based spirituality? Various tribal peoples – Native Americans, Celts, Muslim desert dwellers, Hebrews, etc. – differed in customs, language, etc., and their spirituality interacted with their circumstances. Whether living in a tent, hut, longhouse or other shelter, and whether at the level of village or extended family or nation, each tribe’s situation and spirituality interacted. What can we learn from tribes? How can we apply lessons to our modern culture? All Souls Unitarian Universalist Community will explore these topics in a multi-session series that begins at 7:00 pm on Tuesday October 12. Information: [allsoulsuucommunity@gmail.com](mailto:allsoulsuucommunity@gmail.com)

**The Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural is visible and active! (See photo on page 5.)** This joint project of the Rachel Corrie Foundation and Break the Silence Mural Project extends across 4,000 square feet and is probably the world’s largest public art project highlighting the experiences of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation. It links Olympia area people with people in the Middle East in yearning for peace and justice. The mural depicts an olive tree with a great many leaves representing a variety of organizations – including the Olympia FOR near the upper right corner. We encourage you to spend some time viewing it on the north wall of the Labor Temple building at State Avenue and Capitol Way. We invite you to access the mural’s audio components as well by calling (360) 252-9779. A map of extension numbers is available at the mural and also at [www.olympiarafahmural.org](http://www.olympiarafahmural.org)

**“American democracy is decaying because freedom has been mortgaged to bear the costs of empire.”**

-- Marcus G. Raskin and A. Carl Levan, in *Democracy's Shadow: The Secret World of National Security*

**“And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”**

-- Micah 6:8

# CALENDAR

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## 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. **OCTOBER:** "It Was a Wonderful Life." **NOVEMBER:** "Green" and "Orang Rimba." See page 5. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

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



Every Monday through Friday from 9 to 10 am: "Democracy Now" with Amy Goodman 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

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**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 lots of signs. 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: Dennis Mills 867-1487 [mills.dennis@comcast.net](mailto:mills.dennis@comcast.net)

Every Thursday from 12 to 1 pm: "Parallel University" on KAOS 89.3 FM features interesting, informative pro-

grams about peace, social justice, the environment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. Info: [parralleluniversity@yahoo.com](mailto:parralleluniversity@yahoo.com)

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**FOR** Every Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm: Peace Vigil at south end of Percival Landing at 4<sup>th</sup> & Water downtown. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We

provide plenty of signs. Also enjoy the Artesian Rumble Arkestra jazz band that joins us at 5:00 to support our vigil! Sponsor: Olympia FOR, 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)

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**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 748-9658 or Larry Kerschner 807-5106 [peacepoet@gmail.com](mailto:peacepoet@gmail.com)

## SPECIFIC DATES:

**Sat Oct 2: Linda Allen's *Singing at the Threshold Workshop*:** Linda Allen, who grew up in Olympia, and other women with compassionate voices sing at the bedside of people who are seriously ill or dying. A workshop on this will occur from 12:30 to 4:00 pm at the Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College Street NE, Lacey. Info: the priory at 438-2595 or Linda at [www.lindasongs.com](http://www.lindasongs.com)

**Sat Oct 2 to Sat Oct 9: "Keep Space for Peace" Week:** The Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space calls for "Keep Space for Peace" week each year.



This year's week (Oct. 2-9) challenges efforts to militarize space. (Spy satellites, "war

games," and nuclear weapons are some of the threats to our peaceful skies.) The US is encircling Russia and China with "missile defense" systems that are key elements in the Pentagon's "first strike" program. US military strategy is provoking a "space arms race" with Russia and China. Stop it! Locally, activists with the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action and other peace groups are organizing a demonstration at Seattle's Westlake Plaza on **Fri. Oct. 8**. (See calendar.) <http://wanet.org/actions/?id=5431>.

**FOR Sun Oct 3: Olympia FOR Fundraising Committee meets** at 3:00 at Glen Anderson's home to plan a series of "Secret Café" benefit dinners for early December and other activities. Info: Alice Zillah 357-7705 [alicezillah@yahoo.com](mailto:alicezillah@yahoo.com) or Glen 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**FOR Sun Oct 3: "It Was a Wonderful Life."** Today is the debut date for this month's episode of the Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" series of documentaries. Watch it at 10:00 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See page 5. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

**FOR Mon Oct 4: "Honduras" Olympia FOR's October 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: 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org) [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org)

**FOR Tues Oct 5: Olympia FOR's book discussion group about moving from war to peace:** 7:00 pm at Chuck Schultz's home, 1621 Tullis NE (a little north of San Francisco Street Bakery). Info about books and discussions for tonight and in future months: Chuck at 705-8520 [chuck-schultz3@msn.com](mailto:chuck-schultz3@msn.com)

**Thurs Oct 7: Earth Charter: Four-part study session begins:** The Earth Charter is a declaration of the fundamental principles that are going to be needed for building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society in the 21st century. It offers a compelling vision with guidelines and values for living together as one planetary community. Sessions run from 10 am to 12 noon today and the next three Thursdays at Olympia Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End Street NW. Info at [www.ouuc.org](http://www.ouuc.org) and click on "Adult Education." More info from Roger Nielsen [thenielsens2000@yahoo.com](mailto:thenielsens2000@yahoo.com)



**Sat Oct 8: Demonstrate to keep space for peace:** Activists with the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action and other peace groups are organizing a demonstration at Seattle's Westlake Plaza (4<sup>th</sup> & Pine) from 11 am to 1 pm. Seattle's Raging Grannies and the Loose Nukes will perform songs and street theater to educate and inform. <http://wanet.org/actions/?id=5431>.

**Fri Oct 8: "Audience Up!" Heartsparkle Players begin their 2010-2011 season:** They invite people to join them on stage. This special evening will be a part of **Arts Crush**, a month-long festival sponsored by Theatre Puget Sound. See [www.artscrush.org](http://www.artscrush.org) 7:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water downtown. Info about Heartsparkle Players is at [www.heartsparkle.org](http://www.heartsparkle.org)

**Sat Oct 9: Walk for a Free Palestine:** Today Americans in more than 45 cities will walk for a Free Palestine! Olympia's walk starts at 1:00 pm in the Applebee's part of Capital Mall parking lot, 2500 Capital Mall Drive SW. Register at <http://olympiawalk.eventbrite.com> and spread the word on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=140060642697161&ref=ts>

**Sat Oct 9: U.S. Out of Afghanistan rally & march:** Nine years of war and occupation must end. Rally at Westlake (4th and Pine) in Seattle at 1 pm for music, speakers and street theater, followed by the march at 2 pm. Stop US aggression in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and elsewhere. Bring the war dollars home to fund human needs.

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**Sun Oct 10: 10-10-10 Is A Day of Action Against Global Warming:** Greenpeace, 350.org, and many other environmental groups are joining together to promote events on October 10, a global day of action against man-made climate change. Around the globe, more than 1,000 work parties are

planned to demonstrate the ability of regular people to constructively address the climate crisis. In Olympia volunteers will be joining with the Native Plant Salvage Foundation and the Department of Transportation to plant up to 200 trees on McLane Nature Trail. To register for this work party, other activities in our region, or to start a new action, visit [www.350.org](http://www.350.org).

**Sun Oct 10: On 10-10-10, ask your religious congregation or faith community to take “the 10% challenge” to reduce its carbon footprint:** Today is a global day of action to address the climate crisis. Earth Ministry (a Seattle-based organization that works with faith communities on environmental issues and spirituality), and Washington Interfaith Power & Light (its climate-focused project) encourage you and others to challenge your congregation to reduce its carbon footprint by 10% in one year. Congress and the federal government are failing to act, but people of faith can still take responsibility. Congregations cutting 10% is an achievable goal, and scientists say we need to do that **right now**. To make big tasks easier, break them into small, manageable pieces. Reducing by 10% this year is more tangible and achievable than, say, 80% by 2050. Sign up now and use the 10% Challenge Toolkit -- <http://interfaithpowerandlight.org/getinvolved/campaigns/10-challenge/10-challenge-toolkit/> -- to kick-start your mission to reduce your congregation's carbon emissions. Info: [www.earthministry.org](http://www.earthministry.org) and [www.waipl.org](http://www.waipl.org)

**Sun Oct 10: PFLAG-Olympia invites gay-friendly organizations and individuals to gather:** PFLAG-Olympia will meet at its usual time and place, 2:00-4:30 pm at First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE, Olympia. This month's program will be a community gathering of GLBTQ organizations and other gay-friendly organizations. Come to find out what our community is up to. If you attend, please extend greetings from the Olympia FOR. Info: <http://pflagolympiawa.blogspot.com>, Alec Clayton and [www.pflag-olympia.org](http://www.pflag-olympia.org)

**Sat Oct 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

**FOR Mon Oct 11: Day of Action to Confront US Militarism in the Americas:** The national Fellowship of Reconciliation is one of dozens of national and local peace and solidarity organizations calling for a "Day of Action to Confront US Militarism in the Americas" on Monday October 11. In contrast to “Columbus Day,” when some people celebrate the arrival of Europeans to this hemisphere, we recognize and respond to the growing US militarization throughout North, Central and South America. Please take some action – no matter how small – today. Resources for education, advocacy, and action are at [www.lasolidarity.org/2010/09/13/october-11th-day-of-action-organizing-packet/](http://www.lasolidarity.org/2010/09/13/october-11th-day-of-action-organizing-packet/)



**Mon Oct 11: El Salvador: Martyrs and Heroes:** Call To Action Western Washington (CTAWW) hosts Heidi Erdmann, who just came back from El Salvador in August. She was there as part of a program called Global Awareness Through Experience (GATE). She saw some places where history was made and also

some new and exciting programs that are helping El Salvador's people. 7:00 pm at Traditions Cafe, 300 5th Ave SW, Olympia. Info: Betty Hill 357-6207

**Tues Oct 12: National Organization for Women (NOW)** meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. Info: Linda Malanchuck 357-7272

**Tues Oct 12: 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)

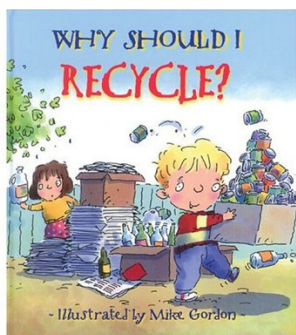


**Wed Oct 13: Thurston County Progressive Network (TC Pro-Net) Birthday Bash:** Enjoy

a delicious buffet dinner at Chica's Café, 105 Legion Way SW (just west of Capitol Way) with politically progressive friends, catch up with local multi-issue progressive orga-

nizing, and enjoy TC Pro-Net's delightful annual meeting. The event – including dinner and one free drink – costs only \$10 for members or \$15 for non-members. Space is limited, so RSVP to 866-3795 [nesskris@yahoo.com](mailto:nesskris@yahoo.com) Also see [www.tpronet.org](http://www.tpronet.org) – and especially the website's Community Calendar – for a great variety of other politically progressive activities!

**FOR Wed Oct 13: Olympia FOR's Steering Committee meets** at 7:00 pm at Doug & Jody Mackey's home in SW Olympia for overall planning and decision-making. All Olympia FOR members are welcome. Info: Co-Chairs Berd Whitlock 259-4291 [robertfwwhitlock@gmail.com](mailto:robertfwwhitlock@gmail.com) or Alice Zillah 357-7705 [alicezillah@yahoo.com](mailto:alicezillah@yahoo.com)



**Wed Oct 13: Hands-on Earth Care with Children (Earth Care Series Event):** What's happening in local schools that could serve as models for gardening and waste reduction (e.g., recycling, composting) in other local schools? This panel discussion includes Karen Ray (Thurston Co. Food Bank School Gardens Coordinator), Rob Cahill (Lakes Elementary Teacher), and Peter Guttchen (Thurston Co. Solid Waste Food to Flowers Coordinator).

This is part of the Earth Care Series on Ethical Eating. All events are free. Donations accepted. This is co-sponsored by Earth Care Catholics of Olympia and Interfaith Works Earth Stewardship Committee. 7:00-9:00 pm at Traditions Cafe, 300 5th Ave SW, downtown Olympia. Info: 459-5825

**Wed Oct 13: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) meets** at 7:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings of each month to work on a variety of global and local issues. Larry 866-2404 [Imosqueda@comcast.net](mailto:Imosqueda@comcast.net)

**Thurs Oct 14: Common Bread invites you to a conversation with Muslim Americans:** Common Bread, The Evergreen State College's interfaith student group, invites you to join with others to hear Muslims from Lacey's Islamic Center to share their American experience and invites the community to learn more about Islam. After the conversation, enjoy a Walking Meditation to TESC's Red Square to stand relatively briefly for a Candlelight Vigil for Peace together, as one community. 6:00 pm at TESC's Longhouse. Info: Fred LaMotte, Chaplain Adviser, 253-720-5025 <http://Cbread.blogspot.com/>

**Thurs-Sat Oct 14-16 and Thurs-Sat Oct 21-23: 40-Hour training in mediating disputes:** Do you want to solve interpersonal problems at home, at work, or in the

community? This fun and highly interactive 40-hour training will give you understanding and skills for serving as a neutral mediator. Then perhaps you'd like to volunteer with the Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County (the DRC). 5-9 pm Thursdays and 8:30-5:30 Fridays and Saturdays. (The next two 40-hour trainings occur January 24-28, and in mid-March.) \$625, less for teens and groups. Info: DRC, 956-1155 [www.mediatethurston.org](http://www.mediatethurston.org)

**Sat Oct 16: 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. CHUMA has sent medical supplies to are Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Haiti, Cuba, Brazil, Uganda, and other countries. 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 (NE of the county solid waste facility). Ray Reyes 493-5641 [raymond.reyes@providence.org](mailto:raymond.reyes@providence.org)

**FOR Sat Oct 16: "Unfinished Business: Ending U.S. Torture Forever"** – Highly respected theologian and activist George Hunsinger, co-founder of National Religious Campaign Against Torture, speaks at 7:30 pm at Seattle's Town Hall, 1119 8th Ave at Seneca Street (downstairs, enter from Seneca). Many sponsors include Western Washington FOR. Doors open 6:30 pm. Tickets \$5 at 800-838-3006 or [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/124397](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/124397) Nobody turned away for lack of funds.

**Fri, Oct 22: Deadline to submit grant applications for the Fall 2010 Grant Cycle of the Community Sustaining Fund of Thurston County:** Since 1987 the Community Sustaining Fund has provided grant support for progressive, community-oriented projects in Thurston County. Funds are raised through businesses, individuals, and a raffle. Twice a year grants are awarded to applicants who fit CSF's criteria. For application information see [www.traditionsfairtrade.com/sustFund/sustainingFundHome.html](http://www.traditionsfairtrade.com/sustFund/sustainingFundHome.html) or contact Dick Meyer at Traditions Fair Trade, 705-2819

**FOR Sat Oct 23: Western Washington FOR (WWFOR) Fundraising Dinner and Auction:** WWFOR relies on this annual benefit event for part of our annual budget. Everyone is invited to this at the location of our WWFOR office at Woodland Park Presbyterian Church, 225 N 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle (on Phinney Ridge near Greenwood Ave N). The silent auction starts at 5:00 pm, followed by the dinner, the live auction, a dessert break, and the rest of the silent and live auctions. Enjoy connecting with sweet peace & justice folks and supporting our active regional FOR body.

Auction items include tickets to the Seattle Art Museum and the Museum of History & Industry, Family Fun Packs for the Children's Museum and the Woodland Park Zoological Society, massages, get-away weekends on Orcas Island and in the Cascades, voice lessons, special dinners, and a variety of other appealing items. See page 8. Info & donations: WWFOR, (206) 789-5565 [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org)



**Sat Oct 23: Dave Lippman performs funny political songs and more:** The Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) presents a special show featuring "The Bard of the Bankers" (and distant half-step-brother of Singing CIA agent George Shrub) Wild Bill Bailout in a classic showdown with the anti-war troubadour Dave Lippman. Dave is widely known for his sharp send-ups of topical subjects ranging from weapons of mass distraction to SUVs and the wars to defend them. He has toured widely in a 35-year musical career. 8:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Tickets \$12 or \$8 for students and low-income persons.

**Sun Oct 24: FILM: "With God on Our Side"** "With God On Our Side" looks at the theology of Christian Zionism, the notion that because the Jews are God's chosen people, they have a divine right to the land of Israel. Aspects of this belief system lead some Christians in the West to give uncritical support to Israeli government policies, including policies that privilege Jews at the expense of Palestinians, leading to great suffering among Muslim and Christian Palestinians alike and threatening Israel's security as a whole. This film demonstrates that there is a biblical alternative for Christians who want to love and support the people of Israel, a theology that doesn't favor one people group over another but instead promotes peace and reconciliation for *both* Jews and Palestinians. Rev Stephen Sizer, one of the world's experts on Christian Zionism, accompanies the film. Both come highly recommended by knowledgeable folks. Free admission. 6:00 pm at the Life Center Church, 1717 S. Union Avenue (just north of Highway 16), Tacoma. [www.withgodonourside.com](http://www.withgodonourside.com)

**Mon Oct 25: Volunteers are needed to Pack Medical Supplies:** Surplus medical supplies have been donated already, and volunteers gather periodically to sort and package them for shipment to charitable health care organizations in poor countries. No experience or medical background is needed. Training is provided. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. 6:00-8:00 pm. Other volunteer opportunities exist at other times. More information and contact info are at Sat Oct 16 above.



**Mon Oct 25: "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 Mon Oct 25: 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 [deathpenalty@olympiafor.org](mailto:deathpenalty@olympiafor.org)



**Mon Oct 25: Peace Works 2010: "There Is a Field"** – The Rachel Corrie Foundation Peace Works 2010 presents a staged reading of "There is a Field," the story of Aseel Asleh. In October 2000 a young Pal-

estinian-Israeli peace activist was shot by Israeli security forces while participating in a demonstration outside of his village. His sister grapples with her own values in light of his death and his life. This world premiere documentary play dramatizes the challenges of both personal and political struggle. Peace Works 2010 is part of a global theatrical call to action, involving communities from around the world performing "There is a Field" this October. Doors open 7:30 pm. Play begins 8:00 pm. Stay for a post-play discussion with playwright Jen Marlowe. The Evergreen State College's Communications Building, Recital Hall. Suggested donation is \$5-\$10. Info: 360-754-3998 [www.rachelcorriefoundation.org](http://www.rachelcorriefoundation.org)

**Wed Oct 27: "Nature and Human Nature"** – Something is terribly wrong with the relationship between the human and other elements of the earth. This four-session series (7:00-9:00 pm tonight and the next three Wednesdays) will probe the underlying relationship between nature and human nature. To help frame our dialogue and discussion, we will view video presentations of lectures from a conference on Nature and Human Nature. This class, offered through the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation (OUUC) Adult Education Program, is open to everyone. A single registration fee of \$10 applies to all the classes. Fee

waivers are available. Additional class information and the entire program guide are available at [www.ouuc.org](http://www.ouuc.org) (then click on “Adult Education”). More info: Roger Nielsen [thenielsens2000@yahoo.com](mailto:thenielsens2000@yahoo.com) Meet at OUUC, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia

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**Thurs Oct 28: Isthmus Park monthly meeting**, 6:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. Info: Jerry 561-4212

**FOR Mon Nov 1: “International Day of Peace: Olympia Connects with the World.” Olympia FOR’s November 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. (See articles on pages 2 and 4) Info: Glen 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net) [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org)

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**FOR Fri-Sat Nov 5-6: “Build Your Skills for Organizing Cuts in Military Spending and Transferring the Savings to Domestic Needs.” The Western Washington FOR’s Fall Retreat in Lacey supports the new “Bring the Billion\$ Home” campaign:** See newsletter page 1 and the enclosed flyer. Info: Glen 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org) [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org) and WWFOR, 206-789-5565 [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org) [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org)

**Fri-Sun Nov 5-7: National Sweatfree Summit and Conference in Olympia:** Approximately 100 national leaders of campaigns against sweatshops will meet here. The Sweatfree Summit will be open to the public. Topics include local and state purchase of sweatfree clothing and national legislation. The organizers seek several volunteers to each host one or two participants and/or provide potluck meals and transportation. Please volunteer as soon as possible by contacting Dick Meyer at Traditions 705-2819 or Bob Zeigler at 570-0848. For more information see page 7 and [www.sweatfree.org/summit](http://www.sweatfree.org/summit)

**Sat Nov 6: Farms Forever Art Show & Dinner/Dance:** The South of the Sound Community Farm Land Trust invites everyone to a daytime art show and an evening fundraiser to celebrate art in the world of farming. Enjoy an afternoon public exhibit of fine art related to farming and agriculture and a farmers’ market poster contest. This is a

wonderful opportunity for local artists. The exhibit will be a judged event; cash and other awards will be given. The fundraising event starts at 5:30 after the art show and features a Farm to Table Dinner with local farm produce, silent auction and live art auction. After dinner, you can stomp to music with The Oly Mountain Boys and Yodelady at their “Hoedown Downtown” dance. Proceeds benefit the on-going work of the South of the Sound Community Farm Land Trust, which protects local farm lands. 10 am to 10 pm at The Loft on Cherry, 508 Legion Way, downtown Olympia. See complete information at [www.communityfarmlandtrust.org/events](http://www.communityfarmlandtrust.org/events)

**Sun Nov 7: Linda Allen and Rebel Voices perform** at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 300 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. Info: 705-2819 and [www.lindasongs.com](http://www.lindasongs.com)

**FOR Sun Nov 7: Watch the documentaries “Green” and “Orang Rimba.”** Today is the debut date for the November episode of the Olympia FOR’s “Big Picture” series of documentaries. Watch it at 10:00 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See page 5. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

**Mon Nov 8 Celebrate at the State Capitol that women have voted here for 100 years:** The Day of Jubilation Celebration runs from 9 am to 4 pm at the State Capitol. Enjoy a full day of events and activities in honor of the 1910 passage of women’s suffrage in Washington State, a decade before the national level. Linda Allen will lead a sing-a-long in the Rotunda at about noon. Info: [www.washingtonwomenshistory.org/](http://www.washingtonwomenshistory.org/)

**Tues Nov 9: National Organization for Women (NOW)** meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. Info: Linda Malanchuck 357-7272

**Wed Nov 10: “Earth Care Goes Poetic: Poetry and Sustainability Workshop for Youth and the Young at Heart” (Earth Care Series Event):** Dr. Don Foran will help fledgling and future poets of all ages focus on images from our bruised but brilliant world and show how poetry truly can save our world. 7:00-9:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water. Part of the Earth Care series on Ethical Eating. All events are free. Donations accepted. Co-sponsored by Earth Care Catholics of Olympia and Interfaith Works Earth Stewardship Committee. Info: 459-5825

**Wed Nov 10: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) meets** at 7:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings of each month to work on a variety of global and local issues. Info: Larry 866-2404 [Imosqueda@comcast.net](mailto:Imosqueda@comcast.net)

**Fri Nov 12: “The Journey Home” -- Support low-income housing at Drexel House’s 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner:** Olympia’s Drexel House provides low-income

and transitional housing for people who really need it. Support this at their first annual benefit dinner. Gather at 6:00. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Hallen Hall, 812 Bowker Street SE, Lacey (just east of St. Martin's athletic field and then north of Pacific). Info: Bary Hanson 753-3340 [BaryH@ccsw.org](mailto:BaryH@ccsw.org) [www.ccsw.org/drexelhouse](http://www.ccsw.org/drexelhouse)

**Fri Nov 12: Gerri Haynes speaks on "Health, the Environment and the Future of Gaza"** – This outstanding peace expert, nurse, and past president of Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, will speak 6:30-8:30 at Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St NW, Room A. Sponsors include Rachel Corrie Foundation and Olympia BDS. Info: [mollygibbs3@gmail.com](mailto:mollygibbs3@gmail.com)



**Fri Nov 12: "Stories of Body, Mind and Spirit"** – The Heartsparkle Players collaborate with Journey Home, a non-profit organization formed to provide a nurturing environment and community for those nearing end of life. This performance will also be a part of a Sixth Annual Global Playback Theatre event where Playback Companies all over the world will explore this theme. 7:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water. Suggested donation \$5 -\$10, but no one turned away for lack of money. Info: [www.heartsparkle.org](http://www.heartsparkle.org)

**Sat Nov 13: Smart Solutions for a Sustainable Northwest:** The League of Women Voters of Thurston County works hard to educate the local community about major public policy issues and to activate people to improve their governments. Today Roger Valdez from the Sightline Institute will speak about Smart Solutions for a Sustainable Northwest. The lunch and presentation run from 11:45 am to 3:00 pm at Olympia Golf & Country Club, 3636 Country Club Dr. NW (off Cooper Point Road NW), Olympia. For reservation information call Dawn at 455-4190. More information is at [www.lwvthurston.org](http://www.lwvthurston.org)

**Sat Nov 13: FILM: "World Vote Now"** – This film was shot in 26 countries, in every region of the planet, to explore whether we could extend universal voting rights to everybody. Could we really build a global democratic system? Capitol Theater, 206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Tentatively scheduled for 1:00 pm Sat Nov 13 as part of the Olympia Film Society's Film Festival. Verify the final schedule at [www.olyfilm.org](http://www.olyfilm.org)

**Sat Nov 13: Friendly Supper Club – a potluck dinner for people of all ages, colors and religious backgrounds:** See the Oct 10 calendar item.

**Sun Nov 14: PFLAG-Olympia's monthly meeting focuses on schools:** Kids need their schools to be safe and accepting, regardless of perceptions of their sexual orientation, gender representation, and so forth. PFLAG-Olympia

has invited guests from area schools, school boards, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and student organizations. They will meet 2:00-4:30 pm at First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE, Olympia. More information from: [www.pflag-olympia.org](http://www.pflag-olympia.org) or Alec Clayton <http://pflagolympiawa.blogspot.com>

**FOR Sun Nov 14: "Here's to the Women" -- Linda Allen's one-woman show celebrates 100 years of women voting in Washington State:** Linda Allen (see photo), an FOR member who grew up in Olympia, presents this powerfully informative and inspiring 45-minute presentation, which features songs, stories, readings and images. We meet Spokane's Helga Estby, who walked across America in 1896, Emma Smith Devoe and May Arkwright Hutton, suffragists instrumental in winning the vote in 1910, Alice Lord who organized Seattle waitresses in the 1930s, and Rosie the Riveter, an icon from the '40s. Linda offers a window into these and many more ordinary and extraordinary lives. Linda Allen is a musician, educator, and interfaith minister from Bellingham. 7 pm at Woodland Park Presbyterian Church, 225 North 70th Street (on Phinney Ridge near Greenwood Ave N), Seattle. Sponsor: Seattle FOR. Come for the 5 pm potluck supper, social time, and information sharing before the 7:00 pm program. Info: Seattle FOR at 206-789-5565



**Mon Nov 15: FILM: "Chasing Che"** -- Join us on an odyssey four years in the making, as the legend of Che Guevara transcends time, space, and cultural ideology through the lens of onetime Iranian businessman, Alireza Rofougaran, whose life is forever changed by a book. He translates the biography of Che into Farsi, and then is compelled to pick up a video camera and retrace the steps of Che through Europe and Latin America. It is in Farsi/Spanish/English with English subtitles at Capitol Theater, 206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Tentatively scheduled for 5:30 pm Mon Nov 15 as part of the Olympia Film Society's Film Festival. Verify final schedule at [www.olyfilm.org](http://www.olyfilm.org)

**Mon Nov 15: FILM: "Panic Nation"** is a raw and sobering film that introduces humanity to the layered and complex discussion about illegal immigration. Capitol Theater, 206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm Mon Nov 15 as part of the Olympia Film Society's Film Festival. Verify the final schedule at [www.olyfilm.org](http://www.olyfilm.org)

**Wed Nov 17: FILM: "Stonewall Uprising"** – This documentary explores the 1969 Stonewall riots, which served as a sharp turning point for gay rights in the United States.

This is a benefit for Stonewall Youth. 8:00 pm at Capitol Theater, 206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.

**FOR Fri Nov 19: Deadline for Olympia FOR's December-January newsletter:** Send news, announcements and calendar items by this date or soon after. 360-491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**Fri-Sun Nov 19-21: Protest the US's school for training terrorists at SOA in Fort Benning, Georgia:** Last summer's military coup by SOA graduates in Honduras has once again exposed the destabilizing and deadly effects that the School of the Americas has on Latin America. SOA's graduates keep unmasking the Pentagon rhetoric



and revealing US policies that oppose democracy and violate human rights. This weekend thousands of persons who value peace and human rights will vigil at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia, to stand up for justice, to shut down the School of the Americas, and to stop the oppressive US foreign policy. Despite President Obama's election campaign com-

ments, the SOA/WHINSEC continues to operate, and his Pentagon is planning new U.S. military bases in Colombia. We must keep up the pressure and to hold the US government accountable for training terrorists and thugs for Latin America. People power must win over Pentagon lobbying! Join hundreds of organizers around the country in local actions as well as the big national actions at Fort Benning, Georgia. (See page 3.) (202) 234 3440 [www.soaw.org](http://www.soaw.org)

**Fri Nov 19: FILM: "Taqwacore: The Birth of Punk Islam:** Punk rock and active practice of the Muslim faith -- you'd probably think that these two ways of life are mutually exclusive, right? Well, meet the young Muslim punk rockers who identify with the term "Taqwacore," after a 2003 novel by Muslim convert Michael Muhammed Knight. Inspired by the novel, a loose online community forms, and in 2007 they decided to road trip to a Muslim youth convention, picking up various member bands along the way. The documentary comes along on this trip, introducing the different musicians who relate their own stories of navigating their way through a North America where they are "a minority of a minority" on multiple levels, and capturing their joy of finally discovering community among others like themselves. Some members later journeyed to Pakistan to gain a greater understanding of them-

selves, Islam, and the possibilities of their art. Capitol Theater, 206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Tentatively scheduled for 7:30 pm Fri Nov 19 as part of the Olympia Film Society's Film Festival. Verify the final schedule at [www.olyfilm.org](http://www.olyfilm.org)

**Sat Nov 20: Sort and box medical supplies for other countries:** See Sat Oct 16 for info. Info: Ray Reyes 493-5641 [raymond.reyes@providence.org](mailto:raymond.reyes@providence.org)

**Sun Nov 21: Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration:** Each November, Interfaith Works hosts a community Thanksgiving gathering that celebrates the strength and joy that our diversity of faith and culture bring to our community. Representatives from many different faiths share stories, music, dance, and readings from their cultural traditions. A free-will offering will be accepted to benefit the programs of Interfaith Works and another local non-profit serving local people. 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm at Tumwater United Methodist Church, 1401 Lake Park Dr. SW, Tumwater. Info: Interfaith Works, 360-357-7224 [www.interfaith-works.org](http://www.interfaith-works.org)

**Sun Nov 21: South Sound Buddhist Peace Fellowship welcomes you to 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. Info and location: Robert Lovitt 357-2825 [ssbpf@comcast.net](mailto:ssbpf@comcast.net) [www.ssbpf.org](http://www.ssbpf.org)

**FOR Mon Nov 22: 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 [deathpenalty@olympiafor.org](mailto:deathpenalty@olympiafor.org)

**Mon Nov 22: People for Puget Sound:** Learn about protecting our body of water, and meet other people who care about this. 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water.

**Wed Nov 24: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) meets** at 7:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings of each month to work on a variety of global and local issues. (Verify tonight's meeting, the night before Thanksgiving.) Larry 866-2404 [Imosqueda@comcast.net](mailto:Imosqueda@comcast.net)

**Mon Nov 29: Volunteers are needed to Pack Medical Supplies:** 6:00-8:00 pm. See information at Sat Oct 16 and Mon Oct 25 above.

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