

**PROJECT
PLOUGHSHARES
CALGARY**

Peace News

JULY/AUGUST 2015



We are located:

**Parkdale United
Church
2919 8th Ave NW
T2N 1C8**

403-270-7366

Office hours:

**Mon Tues & Wed
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Floating Lantern Festival: Remembering Hiroshima, Creating Peace

Thursday August 6, 2015

Olympic Plaza

Peace Festival 5 – 8 PM; Floating Lantern Memorial 8 – 10 PM



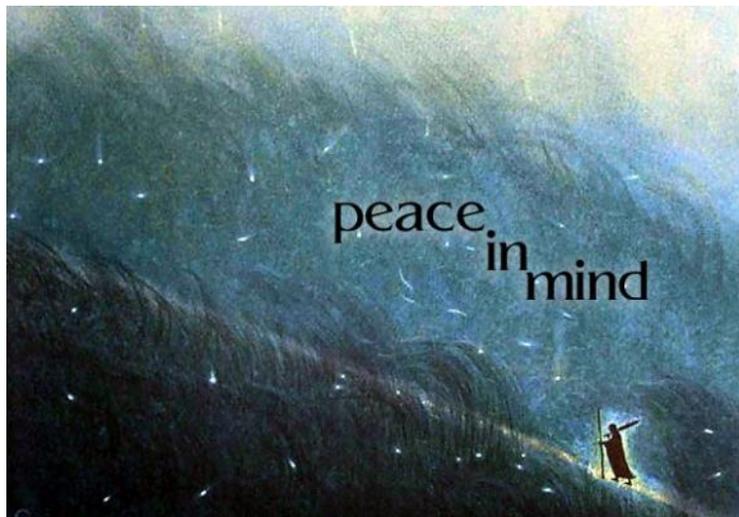
Peace Festival Events 5 – 8 PM

**Children's Storytelling & Earth Crafts Tent
Junction 9 Family Yoga
Living in Harmony Workshop
Community Organizations Displays
Trevor Uruski – Didgeridoo & Flute**

Floating Lantern Event 8 – 10 PM

**MC Louise Gallagher
Speakers: Jon Cornish, Nobue Henmi
Spoken Word with Sheri-d-Wilson
Trevor Uruski – Didgeridoo & Flute
Earth Beats with Vocal Guests
Judy Atkinson – Circles of Rhythm
Children's Drama**

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CALGARIANS WRITING PEACE A PROJECT PLOUGHSHARES INITIATIVE

Deadline: October 1, 2015

We would love to hear from you and share your work in a meaningful and locally-developed booklet based on your own feelings about war and peace.

Attention all literary and artistic people! Pick up your pens and paintbrushes! Submit your work for inclusion in a booklet that we plan to have ready for fall 2015 - in time for you to give a copy to a loved one as a holiday, birthday or anniversary gift. We're accepting essays, poetry, art, short stories, letters...

Please send your work to:

**Karen at Project Ploughshares Calgary, 2919 - 8 Ave. NW, Calgary T2N 1C8,
or email it to: office@ploughsharescalgary.ca**

All submissions will be reviewed by the Ploughshares Executive prior to inclusion

Some ideas for inspiration:

- ◇ What does a 'culture of peace' mean to you, and how do we achieve it?
- ◇ What are the alternatives to war?
- ◇ Write to a soldier as a conscientious objector - what would you say to dissuade him/her from the path of militarization?
- ◇ In a poem, speak to the impacts of war on the environment.
- ◇ How does war affect women and children? Write a story or poem from the perspective of a child.
- ◇ Write an essay about the futility of war, directed to political leaders.
- ◇ Positive stories about peace! Where has dialogue and conflict transformation worked well? (Essay, fiction, or creative non-fiction would all work well).
- ◇ What would the world look like with NO nuclear weapons?
- ◇ What has the impact of political violence/war been like for you personally, or for someone you know.
- ◇ Design a cover for this amazing new booklet about peace!
- ◇ Write an essay about violent video games and toys, and what impact they may have on children.
- ◇ Write about the Arms Trade Treaty - short story, poetry, essay, letter to Government of Canada asking why Canada has not ratified this treaty.





DONATIONS - Please remember **Project Ploughshares** when you are planning your charitable giving. We need your commitment to help us maintain our Peace Education Programs as well as the many community-oriented and educational events that we do every year. We are so appreciative of your donations that help us keep the doors open of your local Peace Education Organization!

During June we received donations from individuals totalling \$1000, and another \$650 from organizations, and are deeply appreciative of the support. Thanks so much for your consideration of Project Ploughshares Calgary.



31st Holiday Peace Fair
Saturday November 7, 2015
Parkdale United Church
2919 - 8 Ave NW
9:30 - 4:00 PM

HELP! We need two committee coordinators for this year's **Peace Fair**: a **Volunteer Coordinator**, whose job it is to call a list of volunteers for the day of the Peace Fair and slot them into the schedule; and a **Project Ploughshares Table Coordinator**, whose job is to source appropriate items to be sold at the Ploughshares table, which includes looking for excellent children's books. Please contact Karen at 403-270-7366, or email her at office@ploughsharescalgary.ca if you're interested in either of these jobs.

Young Women's
Peace Camp
August 25 - 29, 2015
 near
Nelson, B.C.



Young women 13 - 35 years old welcome!
 Meet women working for peace in different ways in their communities and the world! Build confidence in powerful and clear communication skills. Make friends, plan peacemaking events and express and enjoy yourself in a beautiful natural environment.

Info: 250-505-4122, peacecampnelson@gmail.com

Email for application.

Ploughshares Upcoming 2015 Events:



August 6th - Floating Lantern Festival, Olympic Plaza,
 5 - 10 PM

September 21st - International Day of Peace at the Calgary Community Peace Pole, 4 - 5:30 PM

October 1st - Deadline for submissions to 'Calgarians Write Peace'

October 14th - Film Night (film TBA), Parkdale United Church Conference Room, 7:00 PM

October 20th - 30th - 3rd Annual Toy Audit

November 7th - 31st Annual Holiday Peace Fair

November 11th - Remembrance Day at the Calgary Community Peace Pole, 1 - 2 PM

December 5th - Ploughshares Holiday Open House, Parkdale United Church Auditorium, 1 - 3 PM



Office Closure

The Project Ploughshares office will be closed from July 6 - 17, and then again from August 7 - 17. Messages will still be checked during that time,

so do feel free to leave a phone or email message, and we'll answer just as soon as possible! Meanwhile, have a peaceful, blissful summer!

TOY AUDIT VOLUNTEERS

If you'd like to do a short, but incredibly fun and rewarding volunteer job for Project Ploughshares, this is the opportunity for you! Volunteers visit pre-selected Calgary toy stores prior to the busy holiday shopping season and assess the number of peaceful vs violent toys they carry. Call Karen at the office if you're interested!



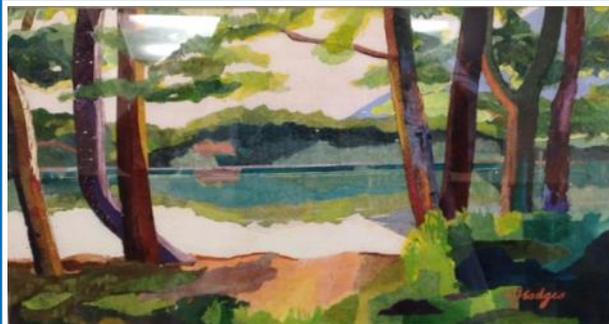
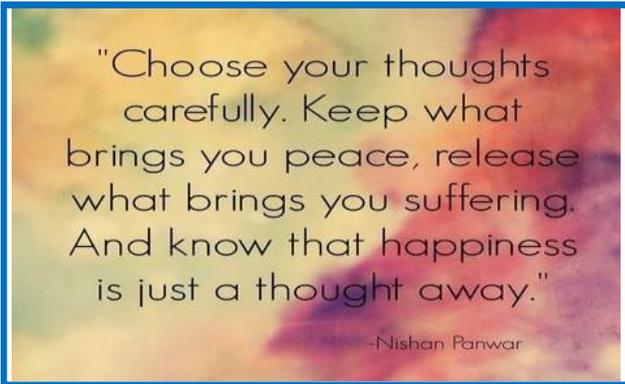


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Special thanks to Karen Huggins & Tracey Braun for their work writing and editing this issue of the newsletter.



Ploughshares AGM & Peace in Mind - June 17, 2015

Congratulations to Project Ploughshares' new Executive members! We welcome Nimra Amjad, Shinobu Apple, John Burgener, Janice Fraser, and Kerry Duncan-McCartney to the Project Ploughshares Executive for 2015-16. We are looking forward to working together during the coming year, and to new energy and ideas! Many thanks to the Executive members who are leaving for all their time and commitment over the years. These include Sally Hodges, Karin Nybo, and Saima Jamal. And we are grateful to have Bev

Delong, Jean Tollefson, Carl Svoboda, Lena Osman, Tom Angelakis and Tracey Braun, Chair, remain on the board! Their experience and guidance will provide continuity and inspiration to the new Executive members.

Immediately following the AGM, there was a reading session, where people read their own work or their favourite work of others. It was an inspirational evening of poetry, spoken word and various literary passages about peace, as well as the sharing of art work that epitomizes peace, such as the stunning collage shown above by Sally Hodges. Thank you to everyone who came and shared!



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Yes...I am interested in supporting the peace work of Project Ploughshares!

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<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100		monthly donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250		of \$_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/>	I'd like to volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1000		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Amount (Specify)	\$_____	

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Donation Options: Cheque PayPal Cash

Make cheque payable to Project Ploughshares Calgary or go to www.ploughsharescalgary.ca to make your payment via PayPal.

Please mail completed form with donation to:

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