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We extend our sincere thanks for your ongoing support

By Kathleen McWilliams

Thanks to our supporters, the Ploughshares Calgary Society has had a very good year. On May 5th, we welcomed a full house to our community conference, *The Challenges of Peace and War*, co-sponsored with the Calgary Association of Lifelong Learners. In June, we introduced three new hard-working members to our board. **Counsel General Gunn Kim of South Korea** also spoke to a concerned audience in June on the nuclear weapons program in North Korea. Then, in August, we organized and produced a well-attended *Floating Lantern Peace Ceremony* at Olympic Plaza to mark the 73rd anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This year we also held several educational meetings, including one about restorative justice, and another to view the film *Command and Control*, a cautionary tale of accidents, near misses, and everyday heroes against the backdrop of the U.S. nuclear weapons' program. Then, in November, we worked with the **Marda Loop Justice Film Festival** to organize the *Peace Village*, a successor event to our Holiday Peace Fair. The Peace Village included 21 vendors devoted to issues of peace, development, and social justice; an estimated crowd of 2,235 attended over the weekend when the Peace Village event was on.

Looking ahead, we have planned an interesting program of educational meetings for 2019. See page 4 for our **2019 event calendar**, which includes information about dates, speakers, and topics. We look forward to seeing you at our events this coming year.

Yet, our educational peace work would not be possible without your ongoing moral and financial support. **If you've already sent your donation for this year, thank you. If not, please remember us by sending your donation to Ploughshares Calgary Society, 2919 – 8 Ave. N.W., Calgary, AB, T2N 1C8, or contact us at 403 270 7366. Please make your cheques payable to The Ploughshares Calgary Society. You can also visit www.ploughsharescalgary.ca to pay via PayPal.**

- ❖ [“North and South Korea – the football game that kicked off peace,” by Laura Bicker. *BBC News*.](#)
October 30, 2018.
- ❖ The problem of returning ISIS fighters is described, in the Canadian context. [“On returning ISIS fighters. Canada has responsibility not to hand it off to others, MP says,” by Amanda Connolly, *Global News*,](#)
October 28, 2018
- ❖ Canada’s peacekeeping mission in Mali is due to end in July. [“Canada’s military mission in Mali to end in July, Saijan confirms” *CBC Radio*, November 17, 2018.](#)
- ❖ Little real progress made in Afghanistan war, despite expenditures and prolonged efforts. [“Afghanistan: the almost forgotten war that still deserves our attention,” by Derek Burney, *Globe and Mail*, November 19, 2018](#)
- ❖ Two Khmer Rouge leaders were found guilty of genocide. [“Khmer Rouge leaders found guilty of genocide in Cambodia’s ‘Nuremberg’ moment.” *The Guardian*, November 16, 2018.](#)
- ❖ Saudi women wear abayas inside out to protest restrictions on the way they are allowed to dress. [“Saudi women are protesting strict clothing rules by wearing abayas inside out,” by Maham Abedi, *Global News*, November 18, 2018.](#)
- ❖ The Canadian government provides aid to Yemen, which faces the worst humanitarian crisis in the world, yet it also sells arms to Saudi Arabia. [‘Do we stand by our principles or are we happy being double-faced?’ Canada’s contradictory position on Yemen. Sunday Edition with Michael Enright, *CBC Radio*, November 25, 2018.](#)
- ❖ Artist Amy Loewan uses visual metaphors to urge viewers to think about what they can do to create a harmonious world. She believes that peace starts in the home.
[“Artist builds a House of Peace at the Red Deer Museum,” by Lana Michelin, *Red Deer Advocate*, September 6, 2018.](#)



Chairperson's message

Greetings,

The latest version of our traditional Ploughshares Peace Fair was held November 16 - 18, 2018, in conjunction with the Marda Loop Justice Film Festival. Ploughshares Calgary decided on that collaboration for various reasons; among other things, we hoped to broaden our audience and provide an opportunity to see some (free) films at a new venue, River Park Church at 38th Avenue and 14th Street S.W. Sultana Virani worked hard and successfully to recruit vendors, and Ploughshares itself was provided excellent space at the front of the church, to display our own materials and items for our silent auction. NGO groups displaying material and goods for sale comprised a 'Peace Village' where the atmosphere was friendly and cheerful. As one might expect with a first time collaboration, there were some organizational glitches making arrangements for the weekend. But on the whole, we were satisfied with the event and may wish to repeat the collaboration.

Feeling a need for better attendance at our meetings, we have lined up a program for the winter/spring of 2019, which was made available at the Fair. (You can also find it in this newsletter on page 4). Our planned program is varied and interesting, and we hope you will enjoy the meetings. As for me, I'm off traveling for the next few weeks, but I look forward to many activities in the new year. My sincere wishes to all for a happy and peaceful holiday season.

Cheers,

Trudy Gouier

JANUARY 9 - Don Smith, "Good Politics, Bad History"

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

❖ **Don Smith**, who taught Canadian history at the University of Calgary from 1974 until 2009, will review suggestions of name replacements for existing Canadian institutions, public buildings, and places. He will discuss Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's first prime minister; Hector Langevin, Macdonald's Quebec lieutenant in the 1880s; and Egerton Ryerson, the mid 19th century founder of Ontario's public school system.

FEBRUARY 13 - Troy Patenaude, "Contemporary Indigenous Relations"

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

❖ **Troy Patenaude** is Manager, Visitor Experiences and Indigenous Relations at Fort Calgary. He is a cultural historian of Metis heritage who seeks to make Canada a more just and resilient place through land-based education, intercultural sharing, and the arts.

MARCH 13 - Cheyanne Sharbatke-Church, "Experiences in Peacebuilding with the UN, Donor Governments, and NGOs"

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

❖ **Cheyenne Sharbatke-Church** is an authority on adaptive program design and evaluations in peacebuilding, anti-corruption efforts, and governance. She is engaged in training as Professor of Practice at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts University) and founded the social enterprise, Besa. Besa has worked with the UN Peacebuilding Fund, the International Red Cross, and the US State Department.

APRIL 10 - David Boutland & Trudy Govier, "Returning ISIS Fighters? Perplexing Dilemmas" 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

❖ **David Boutland** is a philosophy instructor at the University of Calgary and Mount Royal University. His areas of interest include Ethics, Political Philosophy, and Applied Ethics. David is on the board of the Ploughshares Calgary Society.

❖ In 2012, **Trudy Govier** retired as Professor of Philosophy at the University of Lethbridge. Trudy is the author of many papers and books, including *Forgiveness and Revenge* (2002) and *Taking Wrongs Seriously* (2006). Trudy is currently chair of the Ploughshares Calgary Society.

May 8 - Movie "The World is my Country," followed by facilitated discussion

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

❖ This lively movie tells the amazing story of Gary Davis and his controversial efforts to further the cause of world citizenship. Could such efforts provide a roadmap to a better future?

JUNE 12 - Annual General Meeting with the 'Secret Talk,' Very Reverend Bill Phipps 7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

❖ **Bill Phipps** was the 36th moderator of the United Church of Canada. He now resides in Calgary, where he is a widely recognized activist and community organizer, known for his considerable speaking and facilitation skills.

Welcome to our meetings! Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, lower level, Parkdale United Church, 2919 – 8 Avenue N.W., Calgary, at 7p.m. There is no charge, but donations are always welcome.

We are very grateful for your loyal moral and financial support over the years that has allowed us to continue working for and educating about peace. Please consider donating for 2018 soon if you haven't already done so. If you have already sent in your donation for 2018, we thank you.

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,

One and All

Wishing You a Healthy and Peaceful 2019!