

Yamhill Valley Peacemakers

September-October 2008 Newsletter

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Peace Walk and Fair

The Yamhill County Advocates for Peace and Justice will be hosting their 4th Walk for Peace and Peace Fair on Sunday, September 28th from 3-6pm at First Baptist Church located on 1st and Cowls Streets in McMinnville. It will begin with songs of peace. At 3:30 Federal Public Defender, Steven T. Wax, author of *Kafka Comes to America*, and one of seven Oregon lawyers who has volunteered to defend those held in extrajudicial detention in Guantanamo Bay, will speak on "Fighting for Justice in the War on Terror." The walk through downtown McMinnville will start about 4:45 followed by a bread and soup dinner around 5:15. In addition to the Yamhill Valley Peacemakers, peace fair participants will include American Friends Service Committee, Amnesty International, Department of Peace, MFSA, George Fox University, St. James Catholic Charity Peace & Justice, St. Barnabas Church, Baptist Peace Fellowship, Guatemala School, and Third Street Books. Join us for this important event!



Peace Games

On Saturday, October 18 from 9am-Noon, International Peacemaker Dan Buttry will lead an interactive workshop at the First Baptist Church in McMinnville. Yamhill Valley Peacemakers are co-sponsoring the Peace Games, which will take place in the Social Hall on the Cowls and Washington Street side of the building.

Dan has experience resolving conflict in settings from his local church to wartime disputes and post war reconciliation, including work in India, Indonesia, Congo, and Nicaragua. He is author of four books and has written articles for journals and magazines around the world. Google Dan Buttry for a YouTube interview.

The workshop is planned for about 40 people. It is probably not appropriate for children younger than middle-school. YVP is bringing refreshments, so get there a bit early for a cup of tea and a bite to eat. Please call Emily Kerrigan if you have questions, 503.474.0270.

Peace Films

"The Power of Community" explores how Cuba survived its Peak Oil crisis and the challenges it faced during the "special period" in the 1990's. After the collapse of Soviet Union oil shipments to Cuba abruptly stopped. A tightening embargo on food and medical supplies forced the population to near starvation. Cuba transitioned from a high input fossil fuel agriculture to low input organic farming practices. They not only improved their health but stimulated small locally based economies through cooperation, conservation and community. This film is an inspiration and profound reminder of what we can do now to prepare for peak oil dwindling resources and climate change. Join us in a showing of this film followed by a panel discussion with local activists working toward a sustainable future. Mid-November, more details next newsletter.

Calendar

- ✧ **Peace Walk and Fair**, Sunday, Sept 28, 3-6 pm
- ✧ **Learn to be an Energy Steward**, Monday, Sept 29, 12-2:30 pm
- ✧ **Stop the War Vigil**, Friday Oct 3, 5 to 6 PM, 2nd & Adams
- ✧ **Stop the War Vigil**, Sunday Oct 5, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, 2nd & Adams
- ✧ **Film: Washington You're Fired**, Oct 9, Salem Progressive Film Series

And in Salem: On the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM at 191 High St NE in the Grand Theater, the Salem Progressive Film Series offers interesting movies followed by expert discussion. The lineup for the rest of the year includes "Washington, You're Fired" on October 9th, "Consuming Kids" on November 13th and "Food Matters" on December 11th. For details on the upcoming films go to <http://salemprogressivefilms.net/>.

Peace Building 101

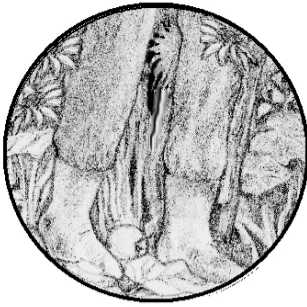
Basic Mediation Training is offered by *Your Community Mediators of Yamhill County*. Learn effective conflict resolution skills to minimize disagreement and create win-win solutions at home, at work and in your community.

October 16 through November 1, Thursdays (6:30-9:30pm) and Saturdays (8am-4pm). The 32-hour course takes place at George Fox University with experienced mediators providing instruction and individualized coaching. Satisfies Oregon requirements to be a volunteer community mediator.

For application and registrations rates (scholarships available for Spanish-speakers & teens) call 503-435-2835 or email yvm@macnet.com. For more information, contact Marlena Bertram, Executive Director, P.O. Box 444, McMinnville.



Stewards of the Earth



Slow Food Yamhill County

Yamhill Valley Peacemakers mission statement asks us to be good stewards of the earth. With this in mind, Peacemakers Susan Ruggles and Nanette Villareal helped in the formation of Slow Food Yamhill County, affiliated with Slow Food USA, this past January. We need to

increase our membership to meet national requirements! Please consider attending a meeting to find out more about this fledgling group. Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of the month at 5:15 p.m. in the Harvest Fresh annex, across the street from Harvest Fresh, in downtown McMinnville. For more information or a membership application please email Susan Ruggles, susanruggles@ymail.com

Slow Food Yamhill County's goal is to increase awareness, availability and access to local food. We believe everyone has the right to eat good, nutritious food grown in our own community or region. We have a monthly pot luck and offer educational events. Please visit the blog address: <http://SlowfoodYamhillCounty.blogspot.com>

Learn to be an Energy Steward

On September 29, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon will bring two workshops to McMinnville to help households and congregations save energy and money. "Save Your Congregation Energy and Money," will be held from 12 to 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 125 SE Cowsls St. and "Energy Stewardship" from 6 to 8:30 p.m. will be held at McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, 544 NE 2nd St. Keynote speaker for both workshops is Oregon Interfaith Power and Light's Energy Consultant, Doug Boleyn, P.E., who has over 30 years of experience in renewable energy and energy efficiency, for Bonneville Power Administration and Portland General Electric. Call (503) 221-1054 to register. The cost is \$15 per person for each workshop and \$25 per person for both workshops. Discounts are available to three or more people from the same congregation. A light lunch and materials will be provided.

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Yamhill Valley Peacemakers Contribution Form

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Sign me/us up as a member (\$12 recommended, any amount accepted)

Enclosed is an additional donation of \$ _____

Add me/us to the Peacemakers E-mail contact list

Please renew near your birthday. Make checks out to Yamhill Valley Peacemakers, P.O. Box 1583, McMinnville, OR 97128. Because of our political activism contributions are not tax deductible.

Oregon's Big Look Task Force is a 10-member state-appointed group charged with evaluating our statewide land use planning system and making recommendations to the 2009 legislature. The task force believes that the challenges of the future - including population growth and global warming - will be harder to plan for than the challenges of the past. Incredibly, the recommendations include controversial proposals to weaken Oregon's land use planning system.

It is critical that the task force hear from hundreds, hopefully thousands, of Oregonians who know that Oregon's land use system is effective, and needs to be strengthened in the face of new challenges, not weakened. In the face of global warming, we need to build livable communities that give residents choices to walk, bike and take transit.

Please make your comment online at <http://www.OregonBigLook.org> . The Portland area meeting is over, but a few town meetings in other parts of Oregon are scheduled for the next month.



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