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Our Mission

The Boundary Peace Initiative represents a growing number of area residents of diverse backgrounds brought together over the Iraqi crisis. We support multilateral action for non-violent conflict resolution, human rights, ecological integrity for the planet and international law, through education and dialogue locally and globally. We encourage everyone's participation as we strive for peace and justice to build a better world for future generations.

BPI web site:

www.boundarypeace.20m.com

Boundary Peace Initiative meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday @ 7 pm in the Slavonic Seniors Center on 72nd Ave. & 7th Street

Appeal to womanhood throughout the world

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
Arise, then, women of this day!
Arise, all women who have hearts,
Whether our baptism be of water or of tears!
Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies, Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, the women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the bosom of the devastated Earth a voice goes up with our own. It says:
"Disarm! Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice." Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war, Let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means Whereby the great human family can live in peace, Each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, But of God. In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask That a general congress of women without limit of nationality May be appointed and held at someplace deemed most convenient And at the earliest period consistent with its objects, To promote the alliance of the different nationalities.

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The amicable settlement of international questions, The great and general interests of peace.

Julia Ward Howe

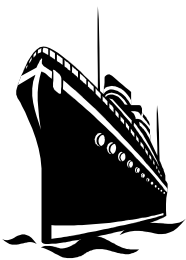
The "**Appeal to womanhood throughout the world**" (later known as "**Mother's Day Proclamation**") by Julia Ward Howe was an appeal for women to unite for peace in the world. Written in 1870, Howe's "Appeal to womanhood" was a pacifist reaction to the carnage of the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War. The appeal was tied to Howe's feminist conviction that women had a responsibility to shape their societies at the political level.

In 1872 Howe asked for the celebration of a "Mother's Day for Peace" in the 2th June of every year, but she was unsuccessful. The modern Mother's Day is an unrelated celebration and it was established by Anna Jarvis years later.

Today, the appeal is included in the Unitarian Universalist hymnal *Singing the Living Tradition*.

To Do

Mothers Day Peace Walk, May 12th. Meet @ 1 pm at Haynes Point in Osoyoos or 2 pm at the border. For more info contact the USCC offices in Castlegar and Grand Forks.



Tanker Free BC, June 1st & 2nd; Nelson and Castlegar. See **Page 2** for details and contact info.



Pipeline and Tanker Free BC Events Take Flight Landing in Castlegar, June 2nd and Nelson June 1st

GATHERING OF EAGLES: Convergence for a Pipeline and Tanker Free BC will be landing **June 2nd**, in Castlegar at the Brilliant Cultural Center, from 1 PM to 5:30 PM. This important event will feature Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs & Joan Phillip, Penticton Band Councilor; Gerald Amos, Former Chief Councilor of the Haisla First Nations, Kitimat; First Nations Traditional singers, Peru, Alberta & BC; Peter Julian MP NDP Energy and Natural Resource Critic; Alex Atamanenko MP, BC Southern Interior; power point presentations by Valhalla Wilderness Society-Wayne McCrory & Kootenays for a Pipeline-Free BC-Keith Wiley; the Doukhobors and Friends for Peace Choir and informational displays. *Edited video footage will be mounted on Youtube.*

Everyone is welcome to arrive early, to participate in a special Doukhobor prayer meeting, blended with First Nations, with emphasis on prayers for the Earth, led by Ernie Verigin, from 10 AM to 11 AM. In conjunction with these events, Alex Atamanenko will host an Informal Panel & Round Table Discussion entitled: Pipelines, Tankers and Energy Policy. It will be held **June 1st**, in Nelson at the United Church, from 7 PM to 9 PM and will feature Peter Julian, Alex Atamanenko and special guests. These events are framed to clarify the impacts of the proposed Northern Gateway and Kinder Morgan pipelines, omnibus bills, C-38 and C-45, and increased tar sands production, along with options, which will best serve BC.

Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline proposes to ship over half a million barrels of tar sands heavy oil daily from Alberta through northern BC to the coast of Kitimat, where it would be exported in tankers to U.S. and Asian markets. The Kinder Morgan pipeline, which spans a distance from Edmonton to Burnaby, proposes to expand transport volume to a tanker per day to U.S. and Asian markets. The pipelines would cross ecologically sensitive areas, including hundreds of rivers and streams, the Great Bear Rainforest and mountainous and landslide-prone terrain. Oil tankers and super tankers are proposed to cross the Burrard Inlet and Hecate and Queen Charlotte straits, which are recognized as the 4th most dangerous waters in the world. The potential for irreparable environmental, economic and social destruction is enormously high. Some experts state, "It's not a matter of if an oil spill will occur, but when."

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Gathering of Eagles is sponsored by Kootenay Region Branch United Nations Association in Canada, KRUNA, Nelson Chapter Council of Canadians NCCoC, USCC Working Groups, Valhalla Wilderness Society, Kootenays for a Pipeline- Free BC, Lower Columbia All First Nations, MIR Center for Peace, Eco Society, Regional District of Central Kootenays Area I and Peter Rezensoff.

B.C. Southern Interior Peace Coalition Conference April 27, 2013

By: Laura Savinkoff

The sun warmed over 20 dedicated peace activists gathered at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Grand Forks. For over 20 years, every spring and fall, on a rotating basis, the B.C. Southern Interior Peace Coalition meets to learn from each other's experiences, support and encourage each other in our quest for a safe environment, physically and emotionally, for all humanity. We continue to build communication provincially and nationally through our membership in the Canadian Peace Alliance. At this daylong conference we identify how to better share the message that Peace is not simply an absence of conflict but a way of thinking, acting, living that values, honors and empowers individuals within communities, cultures, faiths and nations. The ripples turn into waves of acceptance that Peace is reality, not an illusive dream.

Messages of support were received from Stop War Vancouver, the Gaza Ark Committee, the Canadian Peace Alliance and MP Alex Atamanenko. We discussed the most recent national and international developments. Regarding international issues a consensus was reached that we must give voice to the fact that violence breeds violence and urge our Government to stop interfering with other nations. Whether this interference is silkily versed in 'the responsibility to protect' or 'democracy' or 'human rights' or 'economic development, we see exploitation and denigration of our global family in order to exercise supremacy and control. Interference can be subversive or very visible but the end result is the same, conflict and violence. We clearly state that the Government of Canada does not speak or act on our behalf and insist that our elected officials cease all actions that destroy peace and the eco-system, forcibly takes away the dignity, honor and value of living organisms, undermines social and economic justice and human rights. This also applies locally and nationally as we see the rise in poverty, injustice, inequality, environmental destruction and disregard for the basic needs of Canadians in order to feed the insatiable machinery of corporate and the military industrial complex greed. We will continue to work for a world that honors, respects and treats all with dignity.

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Our friends from Osoyoos informed us of a project with the aim of reinstating the dignity and honor of our Indigenous family and create a more peaceful, kind and generous world for all our children and grandchildren. As always, there are time constraints, so we decided to build closer ties through dialogue and where possible lend support.

The last part of our day was devoted to discussing the following two topics: What does Peace look and feel like and developing Peace language. We so often get bogged down in responding and reacting to the ills of the world that precious little time is spent on living peace. We strived to identify the precursors of peace as well as the words and actions we employ to get there. The two groups committed to continue the dialogue locally and at subsequent regional gatherings. Suffice it to say, that we became aware of how often and how easily we unconsciously act, and speak the language of conflict. We also concluded that we would strive to improve our individual behavior in order to be living examples of Peace.

And yes, we do need food for our bodies so we have the energy to feed our minds and our souls. We are grateful to Pat and Andrea who volunteered to ensure we had snacks, beverages and lunch. Food donations were from the USCC Bread Ladies, Overwaitea, Buy/Low, Hardy Mountain Coffee Roasters, Jogas, as well as too many individuals to list. Words cannot express our deep gratitude for your generosity and support. Also, thank you to all who juggled their busy lives, to join us for a wonderful day of personal connection and communal unity.

And so another successful conference is over and we look forward to the fall gathering to be hosted by the Kootenay groups. These gatherings are for all interested in creating a safe, nurturing, loving community based on mutual respect and ensuring that the needs of all are met without endangering or destroying each other and our environment. If you wish to be involved contact the following:

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In Universal Kinship and Loving Peace,
Laura Savinkoff

Web-site recommendations: *We will add to this list but check out past issues for more sites. If you have a site you find of interest and informative, please let us know at email; l4peace@telus.net*

Book & Film Recommendations

Escape from Freedom By: Erich Fromm

Publisher: Hlt, Rinehart and Winston ©1941

Quote: In the first place this must be said: We cannot afford to lose any of the fundamental achievements of modern democracy—either the fundamental one of representative government, that is, government elected by the people and responsible to the people, or any of the rights which the Bill of Rights guarantees to every citizen. Nor can we compromise the newer democratic principle that no one shall be allowed to starve, that society is responsible for all its members, that no one shall be frightened into submission and lose his human pride through fear of unemployment and starvation. These basic achievements must not only be preserved; they must be fortified and expanded.

In spite of the fact that this measure of democracy has been realized—though far from completely—it is not enough. Progress for democracy lies in enhancing the actual freedom, initiative, and spontaneity of the individual, not only in certain private and spiritual matters, but above all in the activity fundamental to every man's existence, his work.



Films donated by the No Boundaries Film Club to the Grand Forks Public

Sing Your Song: Filmmaker: Susanne Rostock

This inspirational biographical film begins with Belafonte's birth into poverty in Harlem in 1927, and his childhood years in Jamaica, his discovery of theater and training as an actor, and success as a singer. Belafonte is a tenacious hands-on activist, who worked intimately with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., mobilized celebrities for social justice, participated in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, and took action to counter gang violence and the incarceration of youth. He continues to work in the prison rights movement. Despite his high profile, he has never been afraid to spend time in the trenches even when it involved taking enormous personal risks

Ed. Note: If you have read a book or seen a film that you feel would be of interest or informative please let us know and we will include them in this section. Email the name of the book, the author and the publisher with a brief explanation of the book, and for the film the name, the producer and a brief explanation of the contents to Laura at l4peace@telus.net. Thank you.

We Still Haven't Got it Right!

By: Jack Blower—August 2003

Things once done somehow undone remain,
And peace so costly won we can't retain,
Haughty tyrants died but others came,
To pretend virtue in excuses lame,
While killing and looting for personal gain,
And power to wield in acts most profane,
While the multitude cheers when they should feel
shame.

Monuments left by Genghis Khan,
Skulls in piles white bleached in the sand,
Signaled not of peace brought to the land,
Nor justice wrought by his armies grand,
Millenniums pass—the weapons change and
Men still didn't understand,
Though borders move as force command,
Peace will not come from an army plan.

From sticks and stones to spears we passed,
To swords and lance as Romans massed,
Behind their shields and were not surpassed,
They conquered the Brits on shores gale lashed,
And armies in Asia all turbaned and sashed,
For 500 years—then decline—Rome crashed,
Stone monuments about—they were built to last,
But for mankind itself t'was the same as the past.

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The church took up arms—Crusade—Inquisition,
Millions killed in the name of religion,
Gold for Vatican and Spanish nation,
Fear and torture for the population,
Guns and cannon changed the situation,
Wall and shield suffered penetration,
Castles and ships shared the devastation,
Men died from a distance—men's hopes same
condition.

We didn't learn from wars for kingdoms,
Dressed in disguise as battles for freedom,
The first world war made more bound to come,
The second gave the US the world as its plum,
With Communist threat as a ruse for the dumb,
While they stockpiles weapons second to none,
Atomic Hydrogen Nuclear Germ-others kept mum,
Delivered by Stealth—Missiles, Smart bombs—to
name some.

The things once done somehow undone remain,
And peace so costly won we can't retain,
Haughty tyrants died but others came,
To pretend virtue with excuses lame,
While killing and looting for corporate gain,
And power to use in acts most profane,
While the multitude cheer and ignore the shame,
Truth dies to when false Christians claim,
The Arabs and Islam are what is to blame.

Mother's love is peace. It need not be
acquired; it need not be deserved.
Erich Fromm, psychologist

The Boundary Peace Initiative (BPI) welcomes articles, which are the sole responsibility of the authors and may not be common consensus. To contribute please contact **Laura** at **250-442-0434** or **l4peace@telus.net**. The BPI is a member of: Southern Interior Peace Coalition, Canadian Peace Alliance, Abolition 2000, Lawyers Against the War, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and an affiliate of the Fellowship of Reconciliation as well as other local and global groups.

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