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# Downtown Lexington Pride Festival

## Saturday June 28th from 11 am to 9 pm

### by Mary Crone

The Lexington Gay Lesbian Service Organization (GLSO) announces this year's Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, and Transsexual Pride Festival in downtown Lexington's Cheapside Park at 215 W. Main St. on Saturday, June 28th, from 11 am to 9 pm. Admission is free and open to the public.

Fittingly, the event takes place during the city's Diversity Festival activities, scheduled the same day and occurring throughout the downtown area.

The Pride Festival Planning Committee—made up of representatives of many GLBT organizations and interested individuals—has spent months planning the festival. While Louisville and other major cities have long had Pride Festivals, this event marks the first such visible celebration in Lexington.

This year's theme is "We Are Family" because almost without exception, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people are born into heterosexual families. We are the children, parents, uncles, aunts, and cousins of people throughout our state.

In another context, the theme "We Are Family" is appropriate because the event is the result of the collaborative efforts of the GLBT community and our straight allies.

The Festival will feature live stage entertainment, food, a raffle, a corn hole competition, a dunking booth, activities for children, and a Festival Pride Idol Contest.

Live entertainment will feature: The Caribbean Blues Band, Oxford Farm Report Band, Sister Sound, Another Note, spoken word performers Abi Grise and Chungyen Chang, DJ Cowboy, MC Christopher McNight, and more. Speakers for the festival include Lexington Vice Mayor, Jim Gray, State Senator Ernesto Scorsone, and Community Activist Marta Miranda.

As this newsletter went to press, sponsorships included QX.net, The Imperial Court of KY., Scott Ackerman-Realtor, JVI. Hair Razors, State Beauty Supply, Tate/Hill/Jacobs Architects, GLSO Insight Group, Morningside Woodcrafters, The Urban League, the KY Demo-

cratic Party, Dr. Nick Kouns, Dr. Gary Patton and The Bluegrass Women's Network.

A limited number of additional sponsorship opportunities remain available, including booth rentals and raffle participation by donation of goods and services. Those interested should act call Thomas Collins immediately at 859.218.5745 or, evenings, at 859.225.3035.

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# Council News and Updates

## Welcome One World Film Festival

We are very pleased to welcome the **One World Film Festival** as a member of the Council. The mission of the festival is to increase awareness of issues, particularly of culture, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender that challenge the increasingly diverse population of Lexington and the Bluegrass area. For more information about the festival call Annette Mayer at 859-266-6073 or see [www.oneworldfilmfestival.org](http://www.oneworldfilmfestival.org).

If your organization would like to join the Council, please contact Jill Hanna, our Administrative Co-Ordinator at [jhanna.ckcpj@gmail.com](mailto:jhanna.ckcpj@gmail.com) (or call 859-255-6999). If you have made a recent membership donation and do not see your organization listed at left contact *Peaceways* editor Gail M. Koehler at [gmkkentucky@gmail.com](mailto:gmkkentucky@gmail.com) or 859.335.5701.

## Spring Appeal and Phone-a-thon Update

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our special appeal in the May issue of *Peaceways*. If you've contributed already, we will not be contacting you during our June phone-a-thon. When you make a donation please use the new envelopes or write our mailing address, 112 N. Upper St., Lexington KY 40507, on a standard envelope. Old envelopes with our closed PO Box number on them should be recycled. Thanks!

## Summer Volunteers Needed

We need volunteer staff for our information table, which we'd like to have at a number of local upcoming events. As you plan your summer please consider "stay-cations" that allow you to both enjoy these important and fun opportunities and help us promote the Council and our work:

- **June 14**—Ky Wine and Art Festival celebrating art in community life promoted by BCTC at Talon Winery
- **June 28**—Diversity and Pride Festivals simultaneously celebrating ethnic diversity and gay pride at the New and Old Courthouse Squares
- **July 4**—Parade and Freedom Festival—Downtown Lexington
- **Labor Day**—Living Wage Event -- details TBA

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## Fair Trade Update

The 2008 Global Citizenship and Peace Fair held on May 10th at the BCTC Cooper Drive campus was a great success. Fair trade retailers promoting World Fair Trade Day included Peacecraft, Lucia's Imports, Ecuador Partners, Equal Exchange, and the Good Foods Co-op. Special guest Javier Recinos from Guatemala (representing Comunidad Nueva Alianza) made a presentation of a fair trade coffee and macadamia nut plantation cooperative in Central America.

We participated in the World's Largest Coffee Break, serving over 300 free cups of wonderful fair trade coffee selections. We greatly appreciate supporters who donated coffee, including Good Times Coffee House, Third Street Stuff and Coffea. We also used and learned about the environmentally sensitive food packaging, Ecotainer, made from sugar cane that is fully renewable. For info: [www.internationalpaper.com](http://www.internationalpaper.com).

~volunteer info and fair trade update contributed by Council Board Member Billie Mallory

# Populist Uprisings: Possibilities Abound

by David Sirota

American history is the history of populist uprisings. From the Revolutionary War to the coalfield wars, from labor organizers to anti-tax crusaders, from the New Deal to the current conservative era, backlashes to the status quo have defined every major political era.

These uprisings have given us candidates from Goldwater to Dean, and presidents from Roosevelt to Reagan—and the populist uprising that delivered Barack Obama the Democratic presidential nomination means history could be forged once again.

What are populist uprisings? Loosely defined, they are a welling up of anger toward the established order—revolts that are often the precursor to a full-fledged social movement.

The uprising against inequality during the Great Depression fueled the labor movement and the New Deal, which raised wages and created the middle class.

The uprising against Jim Crow laws in the 1960s became the civil rights movement, which made America more equal.

The uprising against liberalism during the late 1970s became the conservative movement of the 1980s, which deregulated the economy and fed the military-industrial complex.

It is that rebellion three decades ago that tells us we are indeed experiencing another uprising.

Just like the late 1970s, America currently faces the telltale signs of all insurrections: an economic emergency, a financial meltdown, an energy crisis and a national security quagmire.

Political analysts say this is bad news for the Right because George W. Bush sits atop today's mess, and conservatives have responded by running away from the president and by attempting to channel the outrage into their old anti-tax, anti-immigrant, anti-government agenda. But that misunderstands what has changed.

According to Gallup's survey data, the public has not only lost confidence in the political system as it did in the late 1970s, but also in

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corporations. In 1979, one in three Americans told Gallup's pollsters they had confidence in big business. By 2007, a little less than one in five expressed the same confidence. In 1979, almost two out of three citizens said they had faith in banks. Today, only two out of five say the same thing.

This is the real problem for a conservative movement that has become a wholly owned subsidiary of corporate America. Unlike 1980, when Ronald Reagan rode the conservative uprising to a landslide victory, the country is not looking for a movement that gets the government to back off big business, nor are we looking for politicians who pretend the Enrons and Bear Stearnses are victims.

This uprising is searching for a movement that gets big business back under control and leaders who are serious about aiming "law and

order" rhetoric not at dark-skinned people, but at the royalists whose greed is driving the economy into the ground.

As I found in reporting my new book, *The Uprising*, some already recognize this new political topography.

For instance, New York's Working Families Party has become a powerful grassroots force for economic justice in Wall Street's backyard. Unions have boosted their membership by the largest margin in a quarter-century. Shareholder activists are finding more support for initiatives that challenge corporate misbehavior. Even some Republicans like Mike Huckabee have bashed CEOs and berated lobbyist-written trade policies.

Whether this ferment becomes a transpartisan social movement will depend on a number of questions. Will the Democratic Party stop demoralizing its grassroots base and break free of its moneyed faction that gave us travesties like NAFTA? Will mavericks like Huckabee reshape the GOP? And most importantly, is the presidential election hype going to trick Americans into believing candidates are social movements, rather than one of many vehicles for them?

The answers will determine whether this is a fleeting uprising of ineffective protest or a movement about wielding power — yet another forgotten moment or, finally, an historic one.

*David Sirota is a senior editor at In These Times and a bestselling author whose newest book, "The Uprising," was released in May 2008. This article is reprinted from [www.inthesetimes.com/article/3732/the\\_populist\\_uprising/](http://www.inthesetimes.com/article/3732/the_populist_uprising/).*



# Artists and Youth Create Community Together

by jim embryo

One hundred seventy five youth from across the state of Kentucky came to Lexington June 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY see [www.hoby.org](http://www.hoby.org)) held on the Transylvania University campus.

Part of their leadership development program while in Lexington was the experience of creating a hands-on mural project using the theme *a vision of community*. On Saturday morning in preparation for the hands-on work, the youth had a lively and inspiring conversa-



Rashid, Katherine Shaw, and Chris Huestis, Debbie Westerfield, Steve Elswick, Theo Edmonds, Michele Durbin, Vitale Buford and jim embryo.

This collaborative project partnered many groups and individuals. The organizing effort was led by the Kentucky HOBY Leadership Seminar (Dawn Brockman, Leadership Seminar Chair), Leadership Lexington (Harmony Little, Director of Leadership for Service see [www.commercelexington.com](http://www.commercelexington.com)), and Sustainable Communities Network (see [www.sustainlex.org](http://www.sustainlex.org)).



ground railroad stop): Third Street Stuff to view wall murals; Morton House, home of abolitionist Cassius Clay; and Al's Bar.

Each group designed and painted their *vision of community* on plywood that will soon be attached to the exterior walls at 758 N. Limestone owned and donated by Marty Clifford who asks everyone to look for the murals the next time we drive by.

Local artists involved included Diane Kahlo, Joann Strunk, Robert Gundy Jr, Roxane Poskin, Sundiata

tion at the Children's Theatre with four local arts activists discussing such questions as: 1) the use of art in community service and social change, 2) how art can inspire a culture of peace, diversity and ecological awareness.

During lunch at Gratz Park the youth were divided into 14 groups and assigned a local artist to serve as a mentor for the mural design.

After lunch they all walked to the donated space passing through the North Lime neighborhood and learning about such landmarks as Saint Paul AME Church (an under-



Though the day was hot, the mural project was a festive experience and included families with small children painting rain barrels, African drumming, a guitar-playing troubadour (Collin Deathearge) and lots of water!

Everyone present participated in this tangible *vision of community* where collaboration enables us to create, experience and enjoy art that enriches our shared lives.

CKCPJ Board Member jim embryo is also the founding director of Sustainable Communities Network. Reach him at [jgembro@cs.com](mailto:jgembro@cs.com) or 859.312.7024.

# Speak Up! Be sure your voice is heard in the planning for our shared communities

If you haven't already been involved in one of the local planning sessions going on regarding our communities, consider attending one now. Venues listed below include website, email addresses and phone numbers if you can't make the meetings. Make your voice heard!

## Destination 2040

Thousands of Lexington residents have participated in Mayor Jim Newberry and the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG)'s "Destination 2040."

The website for the project says that the project is designed to "help develop a shared community vision – a common sense of direction for our community's future."

If you have not been a part of the initial surveys and focus groups for the project, you can still contribute to the discussion by logging onto the website at [www.lfucg.com/destination2040](http://www.lfucg.com/destination2040).

There, you can answer "Seven Vital Questions for Lexington-Fayette County's Future," fill out the "Points of Focus" survey and sign up for email updates.

## Central Sector

In addition to that planning project, LFUCG hosted a public workshop focusing on the Central Sector Small Area Plan (CSSAP) on Tuesday, June 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Dunbar Community Center, 535 North Upper Street.

The meeting was designed to gather input as the city and its consultants formulate a "plan that will guide change" in the community.

This newsletter went to press as the meeting occurred. If you missed the meeting, you can contact Jim Duncan, Long Range Planning Manager at LFUCG at 859.258.3160. Or you can access workshop materials, summaries, and surveys and review and comment on plan drafts by visit-

ing the LFUCG Web site: [www.lfucg.com/planning/centralsectorplan.asp](http://www.lfucg.com/planning/centralsectorplan.asp). You can also visit the consultant company's website at [www.communitycollaborate.com](http://www.communitycollaborate.com).

## East End Small Area

Events hosted by the Center for Community Legacy Initiatives at the Blue Grass Community Foundation, LFUCG, and EHI Consultants take place at the Charles Young Community Center at 540 East 3rd St.

On Thursday June 12 at 5:30 a Kick-Off Party will be held at the Park. A Community Listening Session will happen at 6:45 pm.

The Community Visioning Workshop takes place on Saturday, June 14 from 9 am to 1 pm. Contacts for these events are 1st District Councilwoman Andrea James (859.258.4881), Ed Holmes, EHI Consultants (859.425.4881) and the Center for Community Legacy Initiatives (859.225.3343). ■

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## July 22 - 24: KY Migrant Education Program Serving EVERY Child Academy— Executive West Hotel, Louisville

A new and exciting year is about to begin for the KY Migrant Education Program. To keep the focus on our migrant children and families, the program has some great opportunities in place for professional growth and development.

The Academy is designed for those who work with our migrant children – recruiters, teacher advocates, assistant advocates, parapro-

fessionals, tutors, teacher aides, and other school and community partners.

Norman Bristol Colon of the Bluegrass Community and Technical College will present the keynote address: "Acting On Our Dreams" with a focus on Chicano Youth Leadership.

A pdf of the brochure listing registration information and the

program topics can be found at the Council's JusticeList site at <http://justicelist.typepad.com/jl/>.

Registration is \$30. However, hotel registration is being held only through June 21<sup>st</sup> under the group block "KY Migrant Education."

If you have questions, contact Michael Hay at 859.622.8448 or email him at [michael.hay@eku.edu](mailto:michael.hay@eku.edu). ■

# America the Beautiful Belongs To All of Us

by Reverend Jim Powell

*Reverend Jim Powell is a retired pastor and active minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), member of the Clergy and Laity Network of Kentucky-United for Social Justice, Kentucky Disability Coalition, and several peace and justice advocacy groups.*

*Of his vision for one America, he says "this is not an formal organization, but a dream and a possibility. I wrote this as a call to realize who we can be. This is our moment."*

Victor Hugo said, "Nothing in the world is so powerful as an idea whose time has come." The time for the idea of one America is now! One America is happening as we move from the paradigm of focusing on our differences and celebrate the privilege and pleasure of our God-given likeness. We are all winners as we work for one America this fall!

One America is united in hope and possibility. We are beautiful as all voices are heard rather than the corrupting power of Pig

Money (rooting slovenly although successfully in the inheritance of our children and grandchildren). We work together for the common good of all and are not limited by the idolatrous gluttony of the few.

One America is reality when health care is available as a universal right rather than millions uninsured and only the healthy and wealthy with adequate health care. We must protect the most vulnerable from the ravages of disease and disability and reject profits preferred over people's suffering.

One America is the reality of an education from the cradle to grave that is equal and affordable for all to live in a rapidly changing global village.

We embrace the idea of justice for all by rejecting the malignancy of "just us."

One America is creating an economy built on energy independence rather than the dependence on oil *and* the destruction of God's mountains and the lives of people who live there.

Let us seek fair trade that creates justice rather than free trade that spawns greed and injustice.

One America works in the reality of interdependence with the peoples of the world and rejects the domination of empire building. We seek unity through justice for all and peace in our world.

One America pledges allegiance to the Constitution and the laws created to protect our freedoms. We reject being governed by the emotions of fear and actions of smear. We are united through sound reason and the faiths of our people.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

Let us enter into conversations and service to perfect a more perfect America and peaceful world.

*If you are interested in continuing this conversation with Reverend Jim Powell, you can reach him at 859.734-6852 or [jmpowellbburg@isp.com](mailto:jmpowellbburg@isp.com).*



## Community Garden Tour 2008 August 7th

Last year, in collaboration with other community groups, Sustainable Communities Network organized the Lexington Community Garden Tour 2007 that involved five different garden sites and more than 200 people, including friends who attended from Bowling Green. This year the date for the tour is Thursday, August 7th, and will include a local foods meal to follow the Tour.

You are invited to participate or help organize for this event!

For more information call Jim Embry at 859.312.7024 or email him at [jgembro@cs.com](mailto:jgembro@cs.com). Sustainable Communities Network website can be found at [www.sustainlex.org](http://www.sustainlex.org).





# Events at a Glance

<i><b>Date/Time</b></i>	<i><b>Event Description</b></i>	<i><b>Contact</b></i>
Friday, June 27th at 7 pm in the Grand Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel, Lexington	<b>First Annual Fairness Awards</b> sponsored by Lexington Fairness, to recognize those who devote 110% to keeping Lexington a safe and tolerant city for its LGBT residents. See <a href="http://www.lexingtonfairness.org">www.lexingtonfairness.org</a> for details.	Email <a href="mailto:info@lexfair.org">info@lexfair.org</a>
<p>● <b>20 Days for Peace and Justice October 4th - 24th</b></p> <p>Needed: As part of the FrancisFest scheduled for the 5th of October, the Franciscan Peace Center is looking for a venue for their event "Making Peace through Piece-Building Art." They have made plans but are looking for a venue that has large indoor space for hanging artwork and hosting a reception, as well as outdoor space for interactive, co-operative games. Contact Pat Griffin at 859.230.1986 or <a href="mailto:FranciscanVision@aol.com">FranciscanVision@aol.com</a> if you know of such an accessible, available space.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>see page 8 for more on 20 Days for Peace and Justice events</i></p>		
July 9th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm	<b>CKCPJ Board Meeting</b> , KCCJ offices, 112 N. Upper St. All are welcome. <i>This month only we are meeting on the 2nd Wednesday.</i>	Rosie Moosnick 859.268.5260
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	<b>Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace</b> , Triangle Park in downtown Lexington.	
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	<b>Kentucky Migrant Network</b> , Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road	Miguel Rodriguez, Chair
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm	<b>Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky</b> , KCCJ office, 112 N Upper St.	Paul Brown, Chair, <a href="mailto:hemer1588@yahoo.com">hemer1588@yahoo.com</a>
4th Tuesday of the month 5:30 pm	<b>Lexington Living Wage Campaign Meeting</b> Community Action Council, 710 W. High Street	Richard Mitchell 859.277.6106
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month 4:00-6:30	<b>Franciscan Peace Center</b> , 3389 Squire Oak. <a href="http://FranciscanVision.org">FranciscanVision.org</a>	Pat Griffin 859.230.1986
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month 7:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA)</b> , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.	Dick Renfro 859.255.7029
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday. of the month 7:00 pm	<b>Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC)</b> , Episcopal Diocese Mission House, 4th St. and Martin Luther King	Dave Newton 859.420.8919
TBA -- call John Walker, right, for details	<b>Gardeners of the Bluegrass</b> , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.	John Walker 859.225.3866
Every Sunday 2:30-4:00pm	<b>NAMI Lexington</b> Support Groups -- Faye Morton Center, Eastern State Hospital, Lexington, Wendall Building basement	call 859.272.7891 or go to <a href="http://lexington.nami.org">lexington.nami.org</a> for info

● *Denotes article in this issue containing more information.*



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In every community there is work to be done.  
In every nation, there are wounds to heal.  
In every heart there is the power to do it.  
—Marianne Williamson

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## Bits and Peaces

### 20 Days for Peace and Justice

Mark your calendars for **October 4<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>** when the Council and its partnering organizations, artists and organizers will celebrate **20 Days for Peace and Justice** activities throughout the region.

Events and activities are inspired by these themes:

- Peace and Global Citizenship
- Human Rights and Human differences
- Environmental Integrity and Sustainability
- Health Care—What does tomorrow hold?
- Interfaith Dialog

We urge all groups and individuals interested in hosting or planning an event or activity to contact us as soon as possible—we want to assist you in any way we can and be sure your efforts find their place on our calendar.

To reserve a date or for more information contact Rosie Moosnick at 859.268.5260 or [rmoosnick@insightbb.com](mailto:rmoosnick@insightbb.com).

### Lexington Network's Summer Film and Discussion July 2nd

On Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm at the Lexington Central Public Library, The Lexington Network presents **The Short Life of Jose Antonio Gutierrez**, an award-winning documentary film about the first combat casualty of the Iraq War who was also an undocumented immigrant and green card soldier.

The film raises provocative questions about immigrants and immigration, third world poverty, green card soldiers, street kids, our role in the third world and the nature of heroism. Born in one war, Gutierrez died in another.

What is a hero? You decide. Discussion and reception following the film.

The Lexington Network is an organization of individuals proactively engaged in raising awareness and understanding of Lexington's diverse community through dialogue and commitment to service and educational projects. For more information call Loren Drzal at 859.543. 2809 or email [mr.guapo@windstream.net](mailto:mr.guapo@windstream.net).

### New initiative planned to assist Ethiopian orphans

Long-time Lexington resident Fasica Christine Shiferaw has founded the organization FCBSEO Inc. which stands for the Fasica Christine Boarding School For Ethiopian Orphans.

She says "This boarding school is for Ethiopian orphans who lost their parents to HIV/AIDS and malaria, who are forced to drop out of school and sleep on the street and eat garbage to survive."

Her goal is to bring together a broad-based coalition of donor groups and support organizations to build a school that will house, feed, and educate these children in their own country. Her planned school will also have a health clinic.

She has a trip to Ethiopia planned for the first week of June when she'll be securing land for the school. For more information and to donate, email her at [fashlferaw@aol.com](mailto:fashlferaw@aol.com), call 859.270.1784, write FCBSEO Inc. P.O.Box 11264, Lexington, KY 40574, or see the website at <http://fcethiopianorphans.org/>.