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Doing what we can toward justice

Because this newsletter will reach our readers almost half-way through our Voices event series, we offer reports of many activities which have already taken place around Central Kentucky.



Voices logo by Erin Fifield

cerated women. These women ask the Still Point actors to "remind those people out there that we are still human."

This event was part of "Pathways to Peace," presented by the Franciscan Peace Center as part of its 5th annual "FrancisFest." Also included in that series were "Dances of Universal Peace," a time of joyous multi-cultural circle dances that used elements from many spiritual traditions. Other events included the films "Pray the Devil Back to Hell" and "Beyond Our Differences," soon to be made available at Lexington's Public Library, so that those who missed the public presen-

tations will still be able to take advantage of these powerful, important tools.

At a fundraiser sponsored by The Sierra Club and KFTC to support their ongoing work in the minefields of Kentucky, the documentary "Coal Country" drew a large crowd. The evening opened with a duet by Jean Ritchie and Kathy Mattea, who is featured in the film.

The documentary features people directly involved, both working miners and activists who are battling the coal companies in Appalachia. It's "a new civil war," says one person on-screen, as families and communities are deeply split over mountaintop removal mining (MTR). Both the DVD and CD of music are available at the "Coal Country" website, www.coalcountrythemovie.com or by contacting the Sierra Club, who offers a free DVD to those who host house party showings of the film.

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Strong Women photo by Peaceways staff

Strong Women, a theatrical performance by Still Point Theater Collective, opened VOICES 2009 at Lexington's Newman Center. This live dramatization of the experiences of women who have been incarcerated in Cook County, Illinois, jails showcased their creative and poetic expressions. Collective members spoke of their work with incar-



Dances of Universal Peace photo by Peaceways staff

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.

~Edward Everett Hale

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A community is a group of folk who dig worms together

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Rain Garden Dedication At the Woodland Triangle Shops area on Fri., Oct. 3, Teresa Hendricks, board member and owner of Lucia's Global Imports and World Friendly Boutique, hosted a Rain Garden Dedication.



Photo by Raquelle Koontz

She invited the Environmental Club of Maxwell Elementary School. Second grade English teacher Eliska Schneider serves as their faculty advisor. From the city, Cheryl Taylor, Commissioner of Environmental Quality, came to say a few words and stayed for an extended period. "It was like the time was so special, no one wanted to leave," says Jim Embry, board member and gardening guru who provided the shovels. "This interactive event, which gave the students an opportunity to make community connections and experience education outside

the four walls of a classroom, was also a practical example of the need to engage young people," says Embry. "To be sustainable we need to involve the youth," he says, noting that nothing compares with the positive energy gained from witnessing the children's joy as they share their knowledge, dig into a challenge with enthusiasm, and gleefully shout about their discoveries.

NOTE: We congratulate Embry, whose environmental efforts have been recognized by the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Environmental Commission. He will receive one of the ten 2009 awards given out Friday, Oct. 23, at 9 am at the annual Green Breakfast, this year at the Downtown Hotel and Conference



Photo by Jim Embry

Center. Event is free but the tickets are limited and go quickly: if you are interested e-mail stephanie.shrewsbury@uky.edu to secure yours.

Voices around Central Kentucky

Multi-faith panel on the environment at Lexington Theological Seminary

More than 70 people attended a lively discussion Thur., Oct. 8, at the Lexington Theological Seminary. For the second year, board member Rabbi Uri Smith anchored a joint effort between the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and the Kentucky Council of Churches to gather a multi-faith panel for discussion and exploration of the question: "How can our faiths help us act, individually and together, for the environment?"

Regarding Misconceptions: a Jew and a Muslim speak

On Sun. Oct. 11, Rosie Moosnick and Nadia Rasheed (pictured at right) hosted a dialogue at the Masjid Bilal Mosque in Lexington. The event was



a conversation about misconceptions about Muslims and Jews among Muslims and Jews as well as those outside of the communities. Moosnick is a sociologist who is both a native Kentuckian and Jewish. She is collecting oral histories from Kentucky Arabs and Jews. Rasheed is a local physician who often represents the Muslim community to the non-Muslim world.

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Bluegrass Literacy Peace and Justice Writing Contest



For the first time ever, Bluegrass Literacy sponsored a writing contest, and the occasion was the Voices for Peace and Justice event series. Run in conjunction with CKCPJ, the contest welcomed entries in multiple genres. On Sun., Oct. 11, an appreciative audience gathered at the Lexington Public Library to hear finalists read their entries. Pictured above are Marge Keller, Maryann Zoll, Eric Sutherland, who mc'd the event, Pat Griffin, Christel Broady, and Sally Evans. Winner Lisa Howard was not in attendance.

VOICES EVENTS CONTINUE THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER—For details on upcoming events see the September issue of *Peaceways* or the new CKCPJ Google calendar, where calendar links include maps to event venues. The calendar is available on our website: www.peaceandjusticeky.org. To access it, click the "Calendar Monthly" button on our homepage.

Fair Trade events at UUCL

Fri., Oct. 9, found a community hall full of fair trade chocolate and coffee enthusiasts enjoying music, authors' readings, and culinary delights at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington. While the entire church is committed to supporting fair trade, one member brings particular experience to her efforts. In the spring of 2008, Kim Browning (pictured at right with her two sons) traveled to the Dominican Republic on an Equal Exchange-



sponsored trip to meet cocoa farmers and their families who participate in fair trade. Since then she has done educational presentations in the area highlighting the importance of supporting fair trade and has been featured in local magazines. She is also active in fair trade public school fundraisers at her children's schools. **Upcoming at the church:** annual craft fair on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 10 to 2 (before and after their service), where fair trade items will be available for purchase. ■

You, too, can give gifts that remember the world's need for peace and justice:

Plan now for your holiday Fair Trade event. To schedule dates and receive assistance in organizing the activity, you can contact board members Teresa Hendricks at Lucia's (523 E. High St., Lexington, 859.389.9337 or etc.usa@insightbb.com) or Billie Mallory at (mallory.billie@yahoo.com).

Powering the future: fueled by vision

by Sam Nicaise
Team Leader of the University of
Kentucky Solar Car Team

When I tell adults that I am on the University of Kentucky Solar Car Team, their eyes light up. Pairing the words *solar* and *car* reminds them of childhood sci-fi daydreams. I can appreciate that our team's third car in our ten-year existence—named Gato del Sol III—does somewhat resemble a space ship or a plane. After all, the sleek aerodynamic shape, deep black solar cells and feather-light body more resemble a stealth fighter than a Corolla.

But the reality is that, as the only active solar car in the southeast US, ours is one of the most energy-efficient land vehicles around. When these adults' eyes light up, they know this is the future; but not the



There are two parts to the car's structure: in this photo you can see the chassis of super thin aluminum tubing. When the car races, what we see is the exterior shell of foam and fiberglass composite which makes the shell very light, strong, and inexpensive to build. The car's solar cells are set into that exterior shell.

future in an immediate, inspiring, sort of way.

For them, this is the science-fiction future.

For me, this is the present. I joined the UK Solar Car Team as a freshman, even before my first day of classes at UK. I knew that working on the team was my ticket to becoming a renewable energy leader. I worked diligently, listened intently, and focused my support. After four years, I have now taken over as the team general manager, delegated to elevate the

The world's alternative energy future is held in the hands of our youth. Adults wish it could happen, I am spending my life's energy trying to make it happen, but the youth don't even think twice about it. To them, it will happen.

project to the next level. Since my first year, the team has evolved from being a few engineers piddling around in a garage in the corner of campus, to a full-blown machine. We now have people of all walks of life, support from numerous area organizations, and events all around UK, Lexington, and Kentucky. Supporting the awareness of alternative energy has become a main focus of our organization. This portion of our work is dear to my heart, as it relates to the original impetus for my joining the team. I am now poised to graduate in May and will pursue a Ph.D. in solar cell research. I have grown from a naïve freshman to a senior eager to advance the sustainability of our world through solar energy. This is my present, and I see the vast potential.

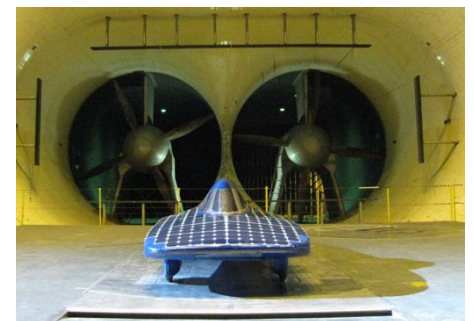
But even my determination is not the real story. Last week, I took a trip with the car and some of my teammates to Rockcastle County Middle School for some educational presentations. I expected to meet a bunch of rowdy tweens more interested in their social lives than what a bunch of nerdy engineering students had to say.

Instead, I was pleasantly surprised. As I talked to them I not only had their physical attention, but I could see the gears churning a million miles an hour inside their heads. When I finished speaking, we opened up the trailer and rolled out the solar car for all of the 100 students who were present at this first part of our talk to see.

Their eyes lit up. Their imaginations soared. I did my best to rapid-fire answers right back at them as fast as they could spout off questions. Some of them could barely stay in their seats out of sheer excitement.

I knew when their parents asked them in the evening what they did at school that day, the clichéd response “nothing” wouldn't have a chance.

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Here, the exterior shell's aerodynamic qualities are tested in a wind tunnel.

looking forward...

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It wasn't until a few days later that I had a realization.

Showing those adolescent students the solar car was different from any other alternative energy event that our team goes to. For adults, our car is futuristic, but for these middle school students, our car was much more than that.

For them, our car IS the future. These children don't know a world where cruising in a gasoline guzzler on a Sunday drive is acceptable. They've never seen anyone pay for a fill-up by reaching for quarters in the center console. No: they know only that their first new car will be measured by the number of miles it can drive on a charge. There is no question in their minds that the "futuristic"

cars that are discussed today will actually be their reality. As I look back at all the times I have talked to students about our car, this holds true.

The world's alternative energy future is held in the hands of our youth. Adults wish it could happen, I am spending my life's energy trying to make it happen, but the youth don't even think twice about it.

To them, it will happen.

Editor's note: In 2008, the UK solar car team completed its first North American Solar Challenge, finishing 11th of 15 teams in the 2,400 mile race from Plano, Texas, USA to Calgary, Alberta, Canada. In 2009, the team placed 2nd (out of 11 teams) in the Formula Sun Grand Prix at the Texas Motorsport Ranch in Cresson, Texas.

These two notes are excerpted from a long list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) found on the team's website www.engr.uky.edu/solarcar:

Q: Why is the car called "Gato del Sol"?

A: That's the 1982 Kentucky Derby winning thoroughbred who is the namesake for the car. Stone Farm, where the horse Gato del Sol was raised, has been a longtime supporter of the UK Solar Car Team. The pairing of two Spanish words, Gato, meaning cat, and Sol, meaning sun, produces a very fitting name for UK Wildcats racing on the power of solar energy.

Q: How does the car work?

A: The power comes from the solar cells and is sent through a wire to the motor. When we drive, we try to operate the car with only this energy. When we are accelerating or driving very fast, we do have batteries that can supply extra power. When the cells produce more power than we need, the batteries are charged. This is all controlled by the car's onboard computers, so the driver can focus on driving.



All photos on these pages come from UK Solar Car Team

The public face of UK's solar car

Every year, the UK Solar Car Team takes the car out into the community for public relations and educational display events. Recently, as Sam Nicaise relates in the accompanying article, the team took Gato del Sol III to Rockcastle County Middle School to present to the student body. Throughout the day, over 500 students visited the car on the school football field.

"We don't want to mislead people into thinking that this is

going to be the next car," says Sam Nicaise. "People won't be buying exact replicas of Gato del Sol III any time soon, but there will be little improvements along the way moving in that direction. The biggest problem right now is the cost of solar cells. Once the government realizes that we can make huge gains in the area as soon as it is adequately funded, and people start to buy those cells, the prices will drop considerably. This will make them much more feasible. In the meantime, we push to have the most efficient car possible, solar or not."

SEE FOR YOURSELF:

- ♦ On Saturday, Oct. 24, at 10 am, you can see the Solar Car for yourself at The Explorium (440 West Short St. in Lexington). Team members will be available to answer questions and explain the technologies the project helps advance.
- ♦ Or you can go online to www.engr.uky.edu/solarcar where the team has reports, FAQs, news links, information about earlier stages of the project, and videos. Information on additional public events is also available.

In another corner of the garden

Here's an update on local gardener extraordinaire, John Walker, and his many efforts regarding food and social justice, gardens, and gleanings:

First, congratulations are in order to Walker's project, the **Lexington Urban Gleaning Network**, which has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Environmental Commission. Find information on the Network at: <http://home.insightbb.com/-igrowfood/LUGN>.

Through his **Edible Garden Series**, Walker recently provided guidelines on "Preparing your

garden for winter." The group is meeting at the Sexton's Cottage at the Episcopal Burying Ground next to London Ferrell Community Garden. For upcoming topics, directions to the garden, dates and more, contact Walker by e-mail at igrowfood@insightbb.com.

He is also helping publicize the expansion of **Fresh Stop**—a Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA) run from 1st Presbyterian Church. Fresh Stop seeks to subsidize more low-income families and needs the support of other groups such as churches. They are still working out the details, but are asking for sponsoring groups to



purchase 10-20 shares at \$20 each. Boxes of farm-fresh produce are then delivered to a central location for participants to pick up. You can find out more about the program at this site: www.fpclex.org/freshstop.html. Contact program co-ordinator Julie Hofmeister at julia.hofmeister@gmail.com.

World March for Peace and Nonviolence includes local event Thursday, December 2nd in Lexington

The first-ever grassroots World March for Peace and Nonviolence began Oct. 1 and runs for more than three months, spanning over 100 countries and 300 cities.

Here in Central Kentucky, Susmita Barua, is Kentucky coordinator for www.worldmarchusa.net. On her personal blog (<http://seek2know.gaia.com/blog>), she writes: "This is a historic moment for the planet and its silent majority of peace-

loving citizens striving towards making a united stand for peace and nonviolence in all forms. People worldwide are working to

change course and direction from greed, hatred, violence and ignorance to peaceful ways of addressing the myriad challenges we face."

Barua is co-ordinating a multicultural community event that includes children and students. **This event is to take place Thur., Dec 2nd in Lexington, from 6:30 to 9 pm.** If you would like to be part of the planning, please contact her by e-mail at info@seek2know.net, or call 859.455.8642. The public is invited to join an informal evening of celebration, mindfulness and reflection on peace and nonviolence with song, dance, music and a short film of the world march.

The march began in Wellington, New Zealand with the blessings of indigenous Moriori people—related to but distinct from Māori culture; a notable feature of the Moriori culture is an emphasis on pacifism. You can follow the progress of the March at www.theworldmarch.org.

One striking march activity occurred on the morning of Oct. 7th, in the town of Lucena in the south of the Philippines. Over 12,000 students from area schools participated in the graceful creation of the largest human peace sign ever—in front of an appreciative crowd. We encourage you to check out the worldmarchusa.net site for yourself.



CKCPJ's Peace Action Task Group Update

The Peace Action Task Group is moving its meeting day to 3rd Sundays. Their next meeting is Sun., Oct. 18, at 3 pm at the Tates Creek Library, 3628 Walden Drive, Lexington. For more information: e-mail Richard.Mitchell@insightbb.com or call 859.327.6277.

Events at a Glance

Events listed here and on our Justicelist listserve (see www.peaceandjusticeky.org) reflect a broad spectrum of views, all intended to advance justice, peace, and a sustainable environment. The Council does not necessarily endorse the views of the originators of any event.

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Event Description</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Tuesday, Oct. 20 5:30 pm to gather Lexington Theological Seminary 631 S. Limestone Lexington	123 Each Day Event—How Our Health Care System Fails Americans: observing the National Day of Remembrance & Hope, candle light vigil demonstrates recent study findings: almost 45,000 Americans die each year, 123 per day, 5 per hour, because they don't have health insurance. Join us as we call for change. Details, see contact info at right.	Questions? 859.327.6277 or e-mail Richard.Mitchell@ insightbb.com
Wednesday, Oct. 28th 8:00 pm Al's Bar, 6th & Limestone, Lexington	Holler Poets Series Hollerween! Holler #18—with Frank X. Walker, Candace Chaney, music by Eric Myers and Friends Come out for an evening that brings together appreciative fans of the written word. Hosted by Eric Sutherland.	For more info: www.myspace.com/hollerpoets
Tuesday, Nov. 3 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm Kentucky Theatre E Main St, Lexington \$5 admission	Norma Rae Come see for the first time (or again!) the great 1979 classic union film. Performance of fantastic union songs by Reel World String Band precedes performance. Sponsored by Kentucky Division of United Nations Associations in honor of UN Day. <i>The real Norma Rae, Crystal Lee Sutton, was a hero to workers to the very end. She died in September after a battle with cancer.</i>	For more information: rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu
Thursday, Nov. 5 7:30 pm at the Newman Center, 320 Rose Lane Lexington	Women in the Churches and the Ministry of Paul Lecture by Dr. Jerry Sumney takes a closer look at Paul, an apostle who is often seen as denigrating women and relegating them to a place of second-class citizenship.	For more information visit www.newmanfnd.org
1 st Wednesday 7:30 pm	CKCPJ Board Meeting , in our offices at 112 N. Upper St. All are welcome.	Arne Bathke, Co-chair 859.257.3610
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace , Triangle Park in downtown Lexington.	
1 st Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	Kentucky Migrant Network , Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road	Jennifer Hubbard-Sánchez jsanchez@lfucg.com
2 nd Tuesday 7:30 pm	Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky , KCCJ office, 112 N Upper St. info@lexfair.org	Paul Brown, Chair, heme1588@yahoo.com
1 st Wednesday 4:00-6:30	Franciscan Peace Center , 3389 Squire Oak. FranciscanVision.org	Pat Griffin 859.230.1986
2 nd Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA) , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.	Dick Renfro 859.255.7029
3 rd Thursday 7:00 pm	Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) , Episcopal Diocese Mission House, 4th St. and Martin Luther King	Ondine Quinn 859.276.0563
Every Sunday 2:30-4:00 pm	NAMI Lexington Support Groups -- Faye Morton Center, Eastern State Hospital, Lexington, Wendall Building basement	info call 859.272.7891 or lexington.nami.org



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Courage is the price that life
exacts for granting peace.

—Amelia Earhart

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Bits and Peaces

Voices events continue through October

For full details on these events refer to the September issue of *Peaceways* or go to the new CKCPJ Google calendar available by clicking the “Calendar Monthly” button on our website: www.peaceandjusticeky.org.

Those online calendar pages include map links to event venues.

Tue. Oct 20—9 am to 3 pm—The Homeless Connection: Resource Fair

Wed. Oct. 21—7 pm —Tim Wise, author of *Between Barack and a Hard Place*

Thur. Oct. 22—7:00 pm—Powering UK’s future: the Coal Plant and Beyond

Fri. Oct. 23—Human Rights, Free Trade, and Immigration: Witness for Peace delegate at two events: 1 pm at BCTC and 7 pm at KCIRR office

Sat. Oct. 24—2:00 to 5:00 pm: Pumpkin Festival at BCTC’s PeaceMeal Garden

Mon. Oct. 26—6:30 to 8 pm —Reaching out to immigrant children: identifying rights in school and court.

Tue. Oct. 27—6:30 to 7:45 pm —Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW)

Tue. Oct. 27— 7 pm Living the Story: The Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky

Thur. Oct. 29—6:30 pm—The Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass Annual Dinner, Christ Church Cathedral, 166 Market St, Lexington. Speaker: Jonathan Miller, Secretary of KY State Finance and author of the book *Compassionate Community: Ten Values to Unite America*. Rev. Albert Pennybacker will receive the Annual Faith and Freedom Award. Tickets: \$20, to be paid at the door; \$10 for seniors and students. RSVP to Jesse Mark by e-mail: tiabg@qx.net, or call 859.559.5943. Please indicate if you prefer a vegetarian meal. ■

Join us at Natasha’s
Bistro and Bar Thursday
November 5th 5:30-7:30 pm

CKCPJ is holding a fundraising reception to celebrate the success of our VOICES event series and to benefit our continuing work. We look forward to many future collaborations with area groups, organizations and individuals as we all press forward, achieving peace, justice, and a sustainable future for all of our neighbors in Central Kentucky and the world.

Natasha’s Bistro and Bar is located at 112 Esplanade in Lexington. Suggested minimum contribution is \$15, for complimentary wine, hors d’oeuvres, and a cash bar. We look forward to seeing you there!

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