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Detroit—another world is possible; another U.S. is necessary

Last month we reported that Kentucky Jobs with Justice and its co-ordinator, Attica Scott, have been working to help ensure Kentucky activists have logistical and financial support to participate in the U.S. Social Forum (USSF) in Detroit June 22 through 26.

Toma Lynn Smith reports that Kentucky Jobs with Justice is taking 100 Kentuckians on two charter buses to the USSF, “a space to come up with the peoples’ solution to the economic, social and ecological crisis.” She says that they are also offering travel scholarships to attend the USSF. To request a scholarship application or for more details, you can e-mail her at tomakjwj@gmail.com or call Kentucky Jobs with Justice at 502.582.5454. Go to their website www.kyjwj.org for the latest on their efforts supporting the Forum.

What is the US Social Forum? Organizers on its website (www.ussf2010.org) say it is: “a movement-building process. It is not a conference, but it is a space to come up with the people’s solutions to the economic and ecological crisis.” The USSF, they say, “provides spaces to learn from each other’s experiences and struggles, share our analysis of the problems our communities face, build relationships, and align with our international brothers and sisters to strategize how to reclaim our world.”

The USSF 2010 in Detroit is part of the World Social Forum, the first of which took place in Brazil in 2001 as an alternative to the World Economic Forum held annually in Davos, Switzerland. Since then, Social Forums have taken place in countries around

the world. Their focus has been on the “process of thinking together at the world level on four thematic areas: production of wealth and social reproduction; access to wealth and sustainability; empowering civil society and the public realm; and political power and ethics in the new society.” For more see: www.forumsocialmundial.org.

The city Detroit provides a striking site for the USSF 2010. You may have seen images of its decline in the mainstream media, but there are other sources that bear review. As background on the city’s plight, consider a recent documentary by British filmmaker Julien Temple, called *Requiem for Detroit?*, broadcast in the United Kingdom earlier this spring. The film traces the city’s catastrophic decline which some have likened to a “slow-motion” or “man-made Katrina.” At the printing of this newsletter, the film was available on YouTube and well worth viewing. (Not everyone agrees with the film’s focus: critics at Crain’s Detroit (www.crainsdetroit.com) have called it “urban ruin porn” and writer Thomas Morton at Vice Magazine claims that “lazy journalists love pictures of abandoned stuff” in an article available at www.viceland.com, August 2009).

In April, Lexington had the opportunity to hear directly from a Detroit activist when SustainLex brought Dr. Asenath Andrews, principle of the Catherine Ferguson School, to speak in conjunction with the documentary *Grown in Detroit*. That film featured her innovative program that helps students learn to save the land and their lives (See <http://grownindetroit.filmnij.nl> for more.)



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May is Mental Health Month

by Billie Mallory, Council Board Member

It is indeed a tragedy for the Lexington community that we recently lost a young, dedicated police officer, Brian Durnam, in a senseless act of recklessness. Officer Durnam was just doing his job and responding to a routine noise disturbance when he was struck down and killed by a man with a history of mental illness, substance abuse and assaults towards others, who had been in and out of Eastern State Hospital and jail many times. Now a young father is dead, leaving behind a young widow and young child.

This death can also be attributed to a badly broken mental health system that cannot or will not meet the needs of our most vulnerable—but sometimes violent—citizens. This system routinely fails to take care of those in our society who cannot care for themselves and often victimize other people. We see these mentally ill people (if we choose to see them) everyday on our streets wandering aimlessly, talking to themselves or some unseen ghost, sometimes hurting themselves or others or becoming victims of someone else's act of violence or unkindness.

We must respond by demanding better mental health care for everyone—for the benefit and well-being of us all. May is Mental Health Month. Our community includes the homeless, helpless and broken people who live among us; find out what you can do by contacting the Campaign for Mental Health Reform (info@mhreform.org) or contact our local advocacy and support chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for upcoming events and opportunities to make your voice heard on this important issue (NAMI Lexington is online at namilex.org; phone 859.272.7891).

NAMI's 25th Anniversary celebration: "Fiesta: Food & Fun"

Thursday, May 27 6:30pm—Eastern State Hospital Gym

Film: 'When Medicine Got It Wrong'
documentary & panel discussion

Future Focus: How Advocacy Changes the World

Must RSVP to 859.272.7891 by May 24th

or e-mail Martice at martice@namilex.org

We Can Know When Night Ends....

An old rabbi once asked his pupils how they could tell when the night had ended and the day had begun.

"Could it be," asked one of the students, "when you can see an animal in the distance and tell whether it is a sheep or a dog?"

"No," answered the rabbi.

Another asked, "Is it when you can look at a tree in the distance and tell whether it's a fig tree or a peach tree?"

"No," answered the rabbi.

"Then when is it?" the pupils demanded.

"It is when you can look on the face of any man or woman and see that it is your sister or brother. Because if you cannot see this, it is still night."

Peaceways is grateful for the contribution of this unattributed tale

2010 Kentucky Legislature Summary: Unprecedented Fairness Progress

From the website of the Central Kentucky chapter of the ACLU (<http://aclu-ky.org>), post dated April 29.

After recent legislative sessions targeting and attacking lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Kentuckians through anti-Fairness laws, the 2010 Kentucky legislature saw unprecedented progress for Fairness in the commonwealth.

No Anti-Fairness Legislation Filed

For the first time in years, no legislator in the Kentucky Senate or House filed legislation targeting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Kentuckians. Just last year, Shelbyville Senator Gary Tapp introduced Senate Bill 68, which would have barred any unmarried cohabitating couples from fostering or adopting children in the commonwealth. Fairness advocates rallied to quickly defeat that legislation with strong support from foster and adoption agencies, social workers, and faith-based groups across the state.

Similar legislation in Arkansas was struck down as unconstitutional. The Judge in the case reiterated the main point the Kentucky Statewide Fairness Coalition and its supporters made in the spring of 2009, that such legislation does not “serve the State’s interest in determining what is in the best interest of the child.”

Pro-Adoption Bill Heard in House

In response to last year’s failed anti-adoption measure, Rep. Tom Burch of Louisville this year introduced dual parent adoption House Bill 195, which would allow unmarried partners the legal ability to become parents of the children for whom they care.

Family court attorney and gay adoptive father Bryan Gatewood offered expert testimony to the House Health and Welfare Committee on the need for such a law in a March 11 hearing on the bill. He cited the loss of children’s rights to receive many of the benefits legally adopted children enjoy, such as the right to Social Security benefits upon the death of a parent, the right to be covered by both parents’ insurance, the right to receive child support and more. Toni Joyce, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, reinforced Mr. Gatewood’s testimony with a personal plea for the children whom this type of legal disenfranchisement affects, and both then fielded positive questions from legislators.

Mr. Gatewood and Ms. Joyce both requested Committee Chair Burch hold additional informa-

tional hearings during the interim committee meetings of the summer.

Record Number of Cosponsors on Statewide Fairness Bill

A record number of legislators signed on to Rep. Mary Lou Marzian’s statewide anti-discrimination Fairness House Bill 117, this year adding Rep. Arnold Simpson of Covington. Sen. Kathy Stein once more proposed a companion piece of legislation, Senate Bill 138.

The law would amend the Kentucky Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classifications, prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations in the commonwealth, a move unanimously endorsed by the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights in a 2008 Resolution sent to the Governor. It would make Kentucky the 21st state to extend such protections, and the first in the South. Currently only Covington, Lexington and Louisville have legal protections in Kentucky.

Hospital Visitation Rights Measure Passes House Unanimously

For the second year, Rep. Mary Lou Marzian’s hospital visitation rights House Bill 118, passed out of the Health and Welfare Committee with bi-partisan support. This session, the bill was approved unanimously on the House floor with a 99-0 vote.

The law would “allow a patient of a health facility who is 18 years of age or older to designate, in writing, an individual not legally related by marriage or blood, whom the patient wishes to have visitation rights.” It is identical to the protections President Barack Obama called on the US Department of Health and Human Services to enact in an executive memorandum. ■

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 26th

2010 Lexington Pride Festival

"A Horse of Every Color"

Courthouse Plaza, 120 N. Limestone St.,
Lexington, from 11 am through 9 pm.

See Lexington Pride’s website at
<http://lexpride.com>.

Founding Co-chair of CKCPJ Honored by UK Award

Note: Ernie Yanarella, a founding co-chair of the Council, was honored by the University of Kentucky this month. The following text was written by Erin Holaday and appeared on UKnow.

The Martin School for Public Policy presented Ernest Yanarella with its 2010 William E. Lyons Award for Outstanding Service on May 6. The award is given each year to an individual associated with UK who has contributed significantly to the university, the people of Lexington and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

"I can't imagine anyone anymore deserving of this award than Ernie Yanarella," said architecture professor Richard Levine. "He has always looked for ways to do the right thing for UK, the city of Lexington, the state of Kentucky and the globe!"

"I am extremely gratified by this award, especially because it's an award for service," said Yanarella. "During my time here at UK, I have regarded community service as one of the three major goals of this university. I have enjoyed everything I've done, helping to shape policy and also giving back."

Yanarella's ability as a teacher and mentor to students has been recognized by countless awards, including the 1993-94 Arts and Science Outstanding Teacher Award and his Endowed Professorship in the Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence.

Yanarella has been instrumental in creating a number of UK activities and institutions designed to reach out across departments and disciplines to the broader community, which include his service as coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Faculty Committee for Social Science and Technology Development and co-chair of the Provost Senate Council Planning and Coordinating Committee on General Education. Yanarella is also the Director of the Environmental Studies Program in the College of Arts and Sciences and Co-Director of the Center for Sustainable Cities.

"It's his scientific and academic compassion for his fellow human that manifests in his service," said Levine. "Ernie will do anything to the best of this ability for everyone that asks."

Yanarella is widely recognized for his outstanding scholarly record as well. The political science professor is author of nine books, twelve book chapters, fifty scholarly articles and numerous other publications in his field. In recognition for his scholarly work, Yanarella has received the Chancellor's Distinguished Scholar Award

in 1997 and is currently serving as the 2009-10 Arts and Science Distinguished Research Professor.

Yanarella's sweeping service to the university includes his terms as Chair of the Senate Council, Presiding Officer on the University Senate and as Faculty Trustee on the UK Board of Trustees.

In addition to his service to UK, Yanarella's efforts on behalf of Lexington and the Commonwealth are far-reaching. He is a founding co-chair and representative for the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice, founder of the Citizens for Informed Voting in the Commonwealth initiative and has served on the boards of numerous organizations, including Kentucky Youth Advocates and the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union.

"I'm so pleased to see a critical mass of folks dedicated to making the Bluegrass better," he said. "To have these groups grow and continue is extremely fulfilling."

Perhaps Yanarella's most profound service has been his work to help expose Lexington to the concept of sustainable living.

"Peace, Social Justice, and Sustainability: Dr. Yanarella's name is uniquely linked to these issues," said statistics professor Arne Bathke in his nomination letter. "Sustainability issues have more recently percolated into mainstream conscience, but this is in large part thanks to thinkers and doers such as Dr. Yanarella who has clearly been years ahead of the curve."

The Lyons award is named in honor of the late William (Bill) E. Lyons (d. 1994), Professor of political science and public administration. Throughout his life, Lyons served the campus, his local community and the Commonwealth, in a variety of roles, including Director of the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, Chair of the Political Science Department, Chair of the University Senate Council, Executive Director of the Merger Commission which established the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, member of the Urban County Council and Chair of various urban county government.

Lyons was a dedicated scholar, teacher, and public servant who made innumerable contributions in all areas of university life and extended his professional expertise to address the problems affecting the local and state communities.

Through this award and through the work of professors like Yanarella, the life and legacy of service exemplified by Lyons continues to live. ■



Ernie Yanarella , right, is pictured with William Hoyt, Director of the Martin School. photo by Arne Bathke

A Woman Among Warlords: “the U.S. Government Has Betrayed the Afghan People”

Peace blogger Anne Woodhead has brought to our attention a book written by Malalai Joya titled *A woman among warlords: the extraordinary story of an Afghan who dared to raise her voice*. Copies of the book are available in the public libraries of Lexington and Frankfort. You can see the blog at <http://thepeaceadvocate.blogspot.com>).

Known as the "most famous woman in Afghanistan," Joya was only 27 when she won a seat in the Afghanistan parliament in 2005. Eva Mulvad's film *Enemies of Happiness* documented her election. Numerous clips of her interviews with the Western media are available on YouTube, and PBS has their full episode available on their website.

Her name, Joya, is an alias she adopted when she worked as an underground activist. She grew up in refugee camps after the Russians invaded Afghanistan in 1978 and became a teacher in the camps, then worked to organize underground classes for girls in Herat in defiance of the Taliban. Her activism grew, supporting orphanages and war victims after the Taliban fled and the U.S. began air strikes and became an armed presence; Joya adamantly insists that America bears responsibility for reinstalling to power the same warlords who once tore the country apart during the civil war of the 1990s. She has endured assassination threats and, finally, suspension from the Parliament. She says she is “forced to live like a fugitive in my own country.”

Here, an excerpt from her book:

Either Obama does not want to acknowledge or he is not aware of the main problem in Afghanistan and thus he will continue the wrong policies of the past administrations. He did not even try to replace the defense secretary, Robert Gates, who has been behind the failed U.S. war in Afghanistan and Iraq. If Obama wants to do anything positive in Afghanistan or if he has genuine concern for the plight of the Afghan people, he must first strongly criticize the past mistakes of the U.S. government. He must criticize how the United

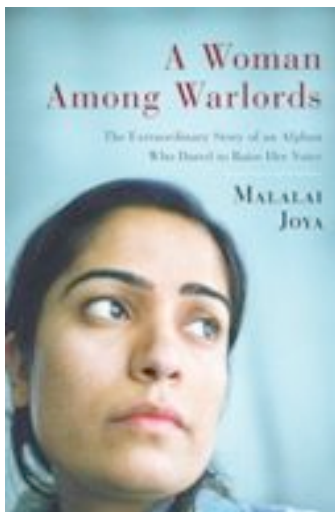
States helped turn Afghanistan into a safe haven for fundamentalist terrorists and now helps prop up a corrupt regime and a powerful drug mafia.

If I ever do have the chance to meet President Obama, I will try to convey to him these points and tell him very clearly that the U.S. government has betrayed the Afghan People enough. I would ask that he please stop this pattern, and put an end to the ongoing crimes against my sorrowful people.

Day by day the Afghan people become more frustrated by the foreign troops and by the "warlord strategy" of the United States. (page 209)

Noam Chomsky has this to say about this book, *A Woman Among Warlords*:

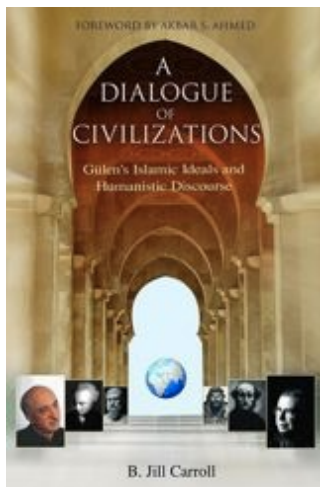
Perhaps the most remarkable feature of this inspiring memoir is that despite the horrors she relates, Malalai Joya leaves us with hope that the tormented people of Afghanistan can take their fate into their own hands if they are released from the grip of foreign powers, and that they can reconstruct a decent society from the wreckage left by decades of intervention and the merciless rule of the Taliban and the warlords whom the invaders have imposed upon them. It is hard to find words to capture the incredible courage of this amazing young woman, and of the supporters who have gathered to protect her and carry on her work, particularly the many women “protesting with empty hands,” evidence that “we are not only victims, and that women have the power to make changes in their lives and their country.” She also shows how we can provide a helping hand—not with landmines, bullets, and bombs, but with “an invasion of hospitals, clinics and schools for boys and girls.” Joya is raising an eloquent voice, and we owe to her, and to her people, to listen carefully, to learn, and to act.



A Dialogue of Civilizations

The following is excerpted from A Dialogue of Civilizations: Gulen's Islamic Ideals and Humanistic Discourse by Dr. Jill Carroll. We are grateful to Mehmet Saracoglu, President of Interfaith Dialogue Organization at the University of Kentucky (www.dialogueuk.org), for this contribution.

Dialogue between people with vastly different worldviews interests me. I believe that such dialogue is vital in today's world, where globalization, mass communications, and technology have pushed individuals and groups together in ways never before seen in human history. People living in the twenty-first century interact with and are impacted more than ever before by other people and groups very different from them. We are increasingly confronted by people and groups whose worldviews are utterly different from ours, and these people are our neighbors, co-workers, schoolmates of our children, our in-laws, our clients, our employers, and more. Often, we may try to minimize our contact with those who are different from us, so that we do not have to extend ourselves outside comfortable boundaries. We may isolate ourselves and craft the arc of our lives into familiar orbits of people who look, think, speak, believe, and pray like us, but such isolation or minimizing of difference is not workable over time. In today's world of global connectedness, we must develop the capacity to dialogue and build relatedness with people vastly different from us. Part of that project involves finding ideas, beliefs, purposes, projects, and so forth, on which we can achieve resonance with each other. That



is, we do not need to be the same, but we should find just enough similarity between us that, for a certain distance down the road, we can hold hands as fellow travelers in this life, all the while mindful of our differences in myriad ways.

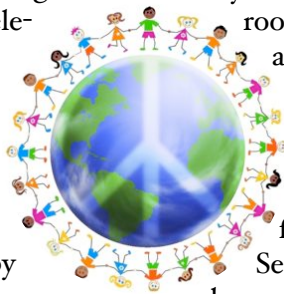
Gulen has championed dialogue as a necessary commitment and activity in the contemporary world. Therefore, it is appropriate to place Gulen, via his texts, “in dialogue” with other thinkers and writers coming from very different perspectives from his. Such a project models for us as readers a way of becoming comfortable with difference. More importantly, though, such a dialogue among individuals renowned for their knowledge and gifts can help all of us who care about such things to focus more deeply on the enduringly great issues of human life. While human lives in their particularities change era to era, the deep nature of human life, and the questioning and anxiety it provokes, has not changed. We ask today the same kinds of questions as our ancestors about the meaning of existence, the value of human life, how we are to set up society, and what the limits of freedom are. My hope is that this mock interaction between Gulen and others [Immanuel Kant, John Stuart Mill, Confucius, Plato, Jean Paul Satre] provides an opportunity for us, on whose shoulders the future rests, to take seriously our charge to build ourselves, society and the world according to the highest and the best possible ideals.

Dr. Jill Carroll is an Adjunct Associate Professor in Religious Studies at Rice University in Houston, Texas and Associate Director of the Boniuk Center for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance.

Books as Bridges Cultural Event: Monday, May 17th 6-8 pm

On Monday, May 17th from 6-8 pm at the Explorium (440 W. Short St., Lexington), Books as Bridges students, families and teachers will gather to celebrate world cultures and to recognize students who completed a service project for their overseas pen pals. The organization particularly invites anyone who has been to Ecuador, Ghana, South Africa, Morocco, Uganda, or the Philippines to join the festivities.

Books as Bridges is a program sponsored by the International Book Project (www.intlbookproject.org). From their website: “The International Book Project launched the Books as Bridges program in 2007 as a response to the need for higher reading



levels and greater cultural awareness in Central Kentucky.” Local classrooms are partnered with classrooms of International Book Project recipients, and teachers receive resources to assist in the classroom. While participation is limited by the funding received, the program accepts online applications from interested teachers, and includes opportunities for involvement from adult volunteers as Culture Experts and Service Learning Coaches. Books as Bridges is becoming a popular out-of-state program, as well. For more info, you can e-mail Tracy Nearhoof at bab@intlbookproject.org

Events at a Glance

Events listed here and on our 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>
Thursday May 20 5 to 8pm 193 N. Limestone St. Lexington	Opening reception for Latitude artist Jessie Dunahoo at institute 193. You do not want to miss this! See Jessie's artist profile at: http://latitudeartistprofiles.blogspot.com . For more on institute 193: http://institute193.org . The gallery is open Thursday to Saturday from 11 am to 5 pm and by appointment.	For appointments contact Phillip March Jones: phillip@institute193.org .
Thursday, May 20 8:30 to 12:00, Hilton, Downtown Lexington	Religious Discrimination in the Workplace Workshop: "Prophet or Profit?" Presented by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission. www.lfuchrc.org .	Call 859.252.4931 or e-mail: rsexton@lfuchrc.org . Cost is \$45.
Friday May 21 7 to 9 pm Third St. Stuff & Coffee 3 rd St. and Limestone	Teen Poetry Reading—on Peace and Diversity "...But peace, like a poem, is not there ahead of itself, can't be imagined before it is made, can't be known except in the words of its own making..." —Denise Levertov	To RSVP or for more info: 859.335.5701 or gmkkentucky@gmail.com
Wednesday, June 9 6:30 pm	Edible Garden Series of Workshops: Lessons in gardening Provided by John Walker—Hosted by Beaumont Presbyterian Church, 1070 Lane Allen Road, Lexington This meeting's topic: Water, plant support and pests.	For more info call 859.278.5062
1 st Wednesday 7:00 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—now in its eighth year...	Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277
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 of each month 7:00—8:30 pm	Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA) , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.: 9 June "Little Mary Sunshine Meets the Prophet of Doom Whilst seeking the Blue-bird of Happiness."	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 2:30-4:00pm	NAMI Lexington Support Groups—Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington KY 40504.	call 859.272.7891 or go to www.namilex.org



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they can help but grow.

Legendary human rights leader Dorothy Height (1912-2010)

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Monday, May 17th Support the DREAM Act Fundraiser

One way to support immigration reform locally is to bring your family and friends for dinner (after 4 pm) to the El Mariachi Mexican Restaurant at 125 Towne Center Drive, Lexington (off Leestown just inside New Circle) on May 17. Be sure to tell your server that you support the DREAM Act and write DREAM Act on your check. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Kentucky DREAM Coalition. For more info e-mail: Sarah.Mills@uky.edu.

The DREAM (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act is proposed bipartisan legislation that will give immigrant children who entered the United States before their 16th birthday a path to legal permanent residence

and eventually citizenship if they enroll in college or join the military. To qualify they must: live in the US for 5 consecutive years; graduate from a U.S. high school; and maintain good moral character (no felony charges). More info at: <http://action.dreamactivist.org>.

Magnificent Metamorphosis March May 22nd 10 am to noon

You're invited by the Sisohpromatem Art Foundation, Inc. (SAF) to the Lexington Farmers Market on Saturday, May 22nd where you'll can create wearable butterfly decorations and join "the March." If you haven't already seen it, you can also enjoy the new market pavilion near the

Cheapside/Old Courthouse area: fittingly, the word *pavilion* comes from a Latin root meaning *butterfly*.

Sisohpromatem Art Foundation, Inc., was established in 2003—and SIS-OH-PRO-MATE-M is the word "metamorphosis" spelled in reverse. Their aim is to help children develop into independent, creative and responsible members of the community; to help create a metamorphosis in the lives of children through participation in the arts. They reach at-risk and disadvantaged youth and aim to provide programs at no cost to individual participants.

For more info on the March and the foundation, e-mail Sonja Brooks, Education Program Director, at sonja.brooks@art4edu.org. Their home art space is located at 651A W. Short St., Lexington (phone: 859.259-0222). Find them online at: www.art4edu.org.

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