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# A Different Kind of "More"—Working as Allies, in Coalitions, Towards Community

On Sunday, March 6, at our annual dinner on the campus of Transylvania University in Lexington, Dr. Catherine ("Cate") Fosl delivered a talk titled "Beyond the Oppression Olympics" that ended with a strong call to develop both coalitions and the ability to be true allies to those who fight oppressions of all kinds. Fosl is a



Dr. Catherine "Cate" Fosl. Photo by Richard Greissman

historian, author, and an Associate Professor at the University of Louisville, where she also directs the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research.

Reflecting on the title of her talk, she said she learned the phrase "The Oppression Olympics" from longtime Black radical Angela Davis, now a scholar-

activist at UC-Santa Cruz and one of the nation's most forceful critics of the prison industrial complex.

She explained that the Oppression Olympics occurs when people committed to certain causes who could be, and should be, allies instead get pulled into arguments that sound something like: "my oppression is worse than your oppression," which alienates people and groups from each other and prevents effective coalition-building.

A subtitle of her talk, she said, could well have been "why and how to be an ally" or "why coalition-building is important and how

it works." Fosl said that her inspiration and research has been based on women activists who experienced a lot of frustrations but also a lot of successes in being allies to social justice movements long before there was any language for what is now called being an ally. She referred

to a book she recommends to all of us, by Grace Lee Boggs, titled *The Next American Revolution: Sustainable Activism for the Twenty-First Century*.

Boggs, she said, was someone she first met and heard speak through the work of activists right here in Lexington in the 1990s. Boggs is a Chinese-American, 95 years old, and still active for peace and justice; she's been active since the early 1940s. She's a philosopher who has studied very carefully how and why things are as they are.

"I regard her as a sage," said Fosl: "This book is phenomenal and it's given me a framework for some things I'd been thinking about piecemeal for a while so I'd like to share a few of her insights with you."

Fosl continued: "We really are in a kind of paradigm shift—or at least we have outgrown old modes of movement-building and are still struggling to find new

ones. Most social justice movements in the United States, historically, have been about getting MORE—more rights, more opportunities, more equality, based on how the pie was divided up."

But now, as Boggs points out, we're in a moment where we have to think beyond that pie, where the only more we need is to become more human, more humane.

"While we still need reforms in how the pie is divided domestically, the vast major of Americans are going to have to give up a lot of what we've got because while we make up less than 5% of the world's population, we are us-

ing 25% of its fossil fuels, for example. You can choose any other resource for examination and the figures are almost the same," said Fosl.



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## The Central Kentucky Council for Peace & Justice

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# PEACEWAYS

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## Dignity and Justice for All of Us

In Richmond, Kentucky, efforts are underway to pass a Fairness Ordinance to ensure protection in housing, employment and public accommodations for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered citizens. A community forum held Feb. 24 at Eastern Kentucky

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University presented to the community the need for such an ordinance. The forum was moderated by CKCPJ board member Sandra Anez Powell, who serves on the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

In literature prepared for the forum, the Richmond Human Rights Board (RHRB) said that a

Fairness Ordinance reinforces the vision of

the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [which] is not a luxury or a wish list. The core values of the Declaration apply to everyone, everywhere and always. They are are: inherent human dignity, non-discrimination, equality and fairness, and universality.

"It is time for our community to come together in a celebration for human rights," said the RHRB. "Our community can lead the way. We can light the path. Take a stand for human rights. Don't sit back and wait for someone else to speak up for these rights." The work of the RHRB is not done. If you would like to assist or have suggestions, please e-mail humanrights@richmond.ky.us or call Sandra Anez Powell at 859.624.2046. In this work, the RHRB particularly needs allies located in the city of Richmond.

In related news nationally: While advocates of human rights applauded President Obama's "courageous stance" against the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), House Republican leaders announced "a plan to defend the law in court—and waste precious time and resources doing so. All this from law-makers who promised to focus on jobs and the economy," says the national advocacy group, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). The law, saw HRC, is an "effort to write discrimination into the Constitution of the United States by amending it to prohibit marriage for gay and lesbian couples." They are mounting a vigorous effort to thwart the entrenchment of discrimination into law. For more information, see: www.hrc.org.

# Dr. Terrence Rynne, Peace teacher and author of Gandhi & Jesus: The Saving Power of Nonviolence Tue, April 26, 2011 7 - 9 pm

at Lexington Theological Seminary, Fellowship Hall

Dr. Rynne is the founder of the Marquette University Center for Peacemaking, a teacher of Peace Studies at Marquette, and co-founder with his wife of The Sally and Terry Rynne Foundation dedicated to peace and to the empowerment of women. His book *Gandhi and Jesus* is an original exploration of the life of Jesus and the teachings of Gandhi that puts nonviolent action at the very heart of Christian salvation. This lecture is free and open to the public. Info: FranciscanVision@aol.com, FranciscanVision.org, 859.230.1986. (See regular meeting listing for Franciscan Peace Center on page 7)

## Hope for Mideast: Treat the Stranger as Neighbor

On Feb. 28, the *Lexington Herald-Leader* printed commentary by CKCPJ board member Rabbi Uri Smith under the headline "Mideast needs faith in social contract." There, he examined the turmoil in the Middle East, asking both "How can the Middle East survive?" and how can Egypt, in particular, "avoid a new tyranny"?

Rabbi Smith's piece included the comment that those seeking change must be "willing to walk in another's shoes." He said "The Hebrew Bible parallels the Golden Rule (Leviticus 19:18) with a Greater Golden Rule (Leviticus 19:34), 'The stranger who lives with you shall be treated like the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself. [You know the heart of the stranger,] for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.' Jesus put the same idea in different words when he stated that the Good Samaritan treated a 'stranger' as a 'neighbor' (Luke 10:29-37)." He also referred to a number of passages in the Qur'an, including the latest Suras which "recognize many perspectives" (Sura 5:51[48], cf. Sura 3:199). They state, he says, "There is no



compulsion in religion" (Sura 2:256), and they recognize other monotheistic religions.

Islam, said Rabbi Smith, has the religious resources to support the formulation of a real representative democracy.

 $See \ the \ full \ article \ at \ http://bit.ly/rabbismith social contract.$ 



#### **KCADP Reacts to Illinois Law Banning Capital Punishment**

From a Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (KCADP) press announcement:

On March 9, Illinois governor Pat Quinn (D) signed into law a historic bill that bans the death penalty and uses the money saved to support victims' families and assist law enforcement. He said he believed in signing the bill, he should also "abolish the death penalty for everyone," including those already on death row. Quinn told reporters afterward. "I think it's the right, just thing to abolish the death penalty."

In his signing statement he wrote:
"This was not a decision to be made lightly, or a decision that I came to without deep personal reflection."
The governor said he followed his conscience.

In response, Don Vish, KCADP's director of Advocacy, Education and Outreach, said: "For the second time since 2008, a governor that supports the death penalty in principle has turned against it in practice by signing a bill abolishing it. The system is broken, risky and unfair and other adequate retributive penalties exists to protect society from the worst of the worst."

Ben Griffith, a KCADP Board Member whose brother was murdered, said that, like him, families and survivors of murder victims "salute the Illinois legislature and the governor for getting rid of the death penalty. Capital punishment adds to the pain and suffering of the family and friends of murder victims and feeds only hate, anger and revenge."

For more on the KCADP's efforts, see their website: www.kcadp.org.

#### Wed, March 30, at 7pm in Lexington: Take Back the Night

Come out and take a stand against both sexual violence and domestic violence in our community by marching in Lexington on Wed. March 30. You can come to one of these three "MARCH WITH ME" launch sites at 7 pm:

- the Patterson Office Tower plaza at the University of Kentucky
- the parking lot of 3rd Street Stuff on Limestone
- Triangle Park

Once assembled, the marchers will follow routes to the Courthouse Plaza in downtown Lexington where the rally is being held from 7:30-8:30pm. And after the rally, you can join a party at 3rd Street Stuff from 8:30-10:00pm. For more info, call: 859-257-3189.

You can also look for the event on Facebook— Just search "Lexington Takes Back the Night 2011."



# First CKCPJ "Lifetime of Waging Peace" Award Recipient: Founder Betsy Neale



On March 6 at our
Annual Dinner, the
Council was very
pleased to award our
first "Lifetime of Waging
Peace" Award to Betsy
Neale, CJCPJ's founder.
Offering remarks and
presenting the award

was Ernie Yanarella, founding co-chair of the Council's first board. Excerpts of his remarks appear below.

It is both an honor and privilege for me to be asked to present the CKCPJ Life-time Achievement Award to Betsy Neale. Three words came to mind for framing this illustrious and exemplary career and keynoting this award: **fellowship**, **fidelity**, **and fertility**.

•Fellowship—I chose "fellowship" to highlight Betsy's role in founding the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice as a local and regional coalition of religious, secular, and civic groups whose work was broadly organized around the causes of peace and justice. Betsy's goal was to "increase both their awareness of each other and their [collective] effectiveness." And indeed she did. In November 1983, uniting groups as diverse as chapters of the Fellowship for Reconciliation and the Democratic Socialists of America, she forged a platform of meaningful dialogue and fellowship that provided for the first time a regional peace and justice forum that in its infancy had to find the resources and wherewithal to surmount both internal differences and tensions and external threats from the political environment.

In joining Mary Dunn as inaugural co-chair, I found Betsy's organizational acumen and implacable commitment to the goals of the Council grounded in a strong sense of fellowship that became the glue holding the coalition together.

Through her patience and fellowship, diverse regional groups came to better know one another, overcome mutual suspicions, and learn to respect differences--differences that simultaneously separated us in terms of our philosophies and religious fealties and fortified us in terms of the individual strengths and richness that we brought to our common goals and ambitions.

•Fidelity—My second watchword for this award recipient is "fidelity." Tonight I want to speak in appreciation of Betsy's special gift to us specifically, her fidelity to peacemaking in all its complexities and in spite all of its frustrations. I will be refer-

ring to a series of excerpts from Wendell Berry's "The Body and the Earth," a chapter in his celebrated book, The Unsettling of America: Culture & Agriculture.

Fidelity to the idea of peace is not an easy task today—especially as our country contin-

ues to conduct two ground wars with international and domestic costs that will have to be borne by generations to come.

Yet as Wendell Berry reminds us throughout his essay, fidelity is a "necessary discipline," one which "preserves the possibility of choice, the possibility of the renewal of devotion" in spite of all. Berry's words and Betsy's example remind us of the importance of rejecting cynicism, abjuring fatalism, refusing to abandon hope in dark times, and thus giving up the cause of peace and pursuit of social justice.

•**Fertility**—Wendell Berry's marvelous essay also points to the uses and

abuses of sexual "fertility"-a concern that occupies much of Betsy's personal-professional-political work these days as a sex educator. It is obvious to me that this occupation is merely an extension of Betsy's lifelong commitment to peace and justice. Wendell Berry persistently reminds us in his essay of the critical importance of the sexual wilderness to "union, communion, atonement (in the root sense of at-one-ment)." Contemporary society, Berry said, "is based on a series of radical disconnections between body and soul, husband and wife [lover and lover], marriage [or union] and community, community and the earth." "Only by restoring the broken connections," he said, "can we be healed."

Those of us who have achieved mature adulthood, know how devas-

tating the abuse of the "sexual wilderness" can be to ourselves, to others (especially women and children), and to the wider community.

We have also learned the valuable lessons that life teaches us about the essential respect we must have, and necessary responsibility we

must shoulder, for our life-giving fertility, if we are to restore those broken connections.

In dedicating her professional life outside the Council to educating succeeding generations to sexually healthy lives, Betsy is merely continuing her peacemaking work in that borderline between society and the sexual wilderness inhabited by vulnerable constituencies.

Fellowship, fidelity, fertility—three anchor points in the life of Betsy Neale. Peace, justice, community—three values uniting a life dedicated to peacemaking and social justice. Together, they have set the spiritual foundations of this woman and educator.



Ernie Yanarella presents Betsy Neale with her "Lifetime of Waging Peace" award. Photo by Arne Bathke.

#### A Different Kind of "More"

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Fosl then turned to an in-depth analysis of "one of the most profound social changes in our country in the 20<sup>th</sup> century—in fact one of the most significant moments in modern world history—the freedom movement of the 1950s and 60s in which Black college students (with a few white allies) used nonviolent mass direct action to win legal rights, full citizenship and the most basic of decent treatment from service at lunch counters to legalized interracial marriage." The members of this movement, she said, cherished a vision of a beloved community that was transformative and could move the country beyond the racial divisions that had defined it thus far.

The legacy of that movement included many benefits including, said Fosl, an understanding of "-isms" and some tools to combat them. In the final year of his life, for example, in 1968, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. pointed out that "the black revolution is forcing America to face all its interrelated flaws—racism, poverty, militarism, and materialism." In a lot of what he said and wrote in the final two years of his life, we can find useful ways to think about those interrelations.

However, said Fosl, "King was assassinated before he could come up with concrete ways to address [those interrelations], and it's taken American progressives a very long time to really pick up that torch and carry it. In the decades of that disconnect lies the growing need for that paradigm shift Grace Lee Boggs points us to. The old paradigm isn't working, but the new paradigm isn't clear either."

The black freedom movement "became a kind of prototype for other movements that would follow in the 1960s and 70s including the movement to stop the Vietnam War, movements for greater rights for college students, environmentalism, for Native Americans, Chicano Americans, Asian-Americans, women, gays and lesbians," said Fosl. Those movements, based on identity politics, resulted in separations that were essential and important for a time, yet that separatism was also ultimately the death knell of the "beloved community" phase of the early civil rights movement. "Ultimately, identity politics are problematic because people have more than one social identity" and thus often experience more than one form of oppression, said Fosl.

And how, you might ask, does this impinge on the Council's work to build coalitions today? In her conclusion, Fosl described her own research and two examples of efforts made to bridge divides: Anne Braden's lifework to bridge white peace and

people-of-color justice divides of the 1980s; and more recently, Louisville's Fairness movement for LGBT rights. Tracing the development of Fairness, Fosl pointed out that "the goal is to shift the ground of identity politics so that identity becomes an instrument of access into a coalition around a family of issues related to a deeper principle:

a commitment to resist oppression. It comes down to an expanded view of democracy," she said, where the community has expanded to be as inclusive as possible.

It's part of the paradigm shift to a more transformative politics that Grace Lee Boggs talks about, part of a larger move among peace and justice activists here and around the world to think more strategically as well as more ethically about the value of coalition-building and the absolute significance of knowing how to be an ally to others whose oppression is not your own.

Dr. Fosl closed with reference to a report she received recently from a young New Zealand graduate student named Jen

Margaret at the University of Sussex who did an extensive study on "being an ally" by interviewing activists across the US and Canada. The ally role, said Fosl, is about relationship-building and requires perseverance and a longterm commitment to action.

(Editor's note: Look for the list of "qualities for being an ally," from. Jen Margaret's article Dr. Fosl referenced in her conclusion, in the upcoming April issue of Peaceways.)

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Photos on this page are from our Annual Dinner held Sunday, March 6, on the campus of Transylvania University. They were taken by Arne Bathke, Richard Greissman, and Ondine Quinn.



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### Upcoming Events

- ⇒Thur, March 24, at 1:00 pm—Swing on by The Hive Salon at 156 Dewesee St. in Lexington, for some free food, spunky atmosphere—and, of course, a complementary mercury test. Mercury is a potent neurotoxin that puts pregnant women at-risk for birth defects in their children including learning disabilities, developmental disorders, and lower IQs. Nationwide, one in six American women has mercury levels in her blood high enough to put her baby at risk. This is a public event to raise awareness on mercury pollution and support the EPA's efforts to lower mercury emissions from coal burning power plants. Info: lauren.mcgrath@sierraclub.org.
- ⇒Sat, March 26, 9am-4pm or Thur, June 23, 9am-4pm: Creating and Sustaining Your School Garden Workshop, Location: Crestwood Christian Church 182 Bellefonte Drive in Lexington, \$40. Designed with K-12 teachers in mind, this workshop will provide the tools and understanding for beginning and sustaining a school garden, and will show how instructional gardens support Kentucky core content curriculum.
- ⇒Sat, April 16: 9am-12noon: How to Plan Your Community Garden Workshop, \$25
- ⇒Sat, April 16,1-3pm: Build Your Own Rain Barrel, \$70
- ⇒Sat, April 16, 3-5pm: The Basics of a Home Rain Garden, \$ 20
- →LOCATION NOTE: This workshop series take place at 1169 Winburn Drive
- ⇒GROW Kentucky! Bluegrass Local Foods Summit Thurs, April 21, 8:00am-4:30pm: at Crestwood Christian Church 182 Bellefonte Dr, Lexington, \$45. This conference aims to bring together policy makers, planners, public health professionals, environmentalists, community developers, academics, farmers and ordinary citizens to share their knowledge, experience, and expertise with regard to developing and maintaining local food systems in the Bluegrass region of Kentucky.
- → For more info on any of the workshops, above, or the **April 21 Bluegrass Local Foods Summit**, see http://sustainlex org, e-mail: sustainlex@gmail.com or call Jim Embry at 859.379.9046.
- ⇒Sun, March 27: Fundraiser for the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic (MSLC): El Mariachi Mexican Restaurant, 125 Towne Center Dr. in Lexington, is hosting a fundraiser for MSLC. Be sure to identify yourself as a MSLC supporter to your server. MSLC is a non-profit, public interest organization that provides invaluable legal services for clients who have nowhere else to turn. MSLC does immigration law specializing in family petitions, asylum cases, and victim visas, and assists clients in obtaining their U.S. citizenship. Info: Sarah Mills at Sarah.Mills@uky.edu 502.379.1235
- ⇒Sat, April 2 at 6 pm: An Evening With Myrlie: Mrs. Myrlie Evers-Williams, wife of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers at the John L. Hill Chapel, Georgetown College. Tickets are \$20. Info: John Jones at 502.863.4314 or 859.806.4424 or e-mail: jhjon5022@aim.com.

#### Annual Community Action Meeting of BUILD (Building a United Interfaith Lexington)

→Mon, April 21 at 7 pm: BUILD holds its community-wide "Nehemiah Action," when invited public officials will be asked to commit to con- crete, specific steps to address urgent problems in Lexington. Organizers expect several thousand participants. Location TBA. More info: Mary Alice Pratt at mapratt23@hotmail.com or 859.278.0833.

#### These Two Opportunities Focus on Youth

- ⇒Sat, April 30, 9:00 to 5:00: Passion & Purity Seminar in downtown Lexington (location TBA) for young women at risk for human trafficking, unwanted pregnancies, STDs, poverty, dropping out of school, and physical violence, among other risks. "Our aim is to give these girls tools to make healthy decisions in life and to empower them with hope," say organizers. Info: Tanya Torp 859.684.8729.
- → July 16 to 20 NOBLE Youth Leadership: NOBLE is the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. Their annual conference will be held in Lexington in July, and the Youth Leadership Conference is held concurrently, targeting ages 13-18. At the conference, the youth participants develop projects for their community and gain an understanding of leadership ideals and practices. Scholarships are available to local youth wishing to participate. The scholarship application and more info can be found at: www.noble2011.com/youth.html.

# Events at a Glance

The Council seeks to promote dialogue as a path to peace and justice. Consequently, we announce events that we do not necessarily endorse.

#### Date/Time

### Event Description.

**Contact** 

#### **Bluegrass Community and Technical College Spring Lecture Series**

presented by Students for Peace & Earth Justice at the BCTC Cooper Campus in Oswald Auditorium (230 OB)

- Mon, April 4 from 5 to 6:15 pm Dr. Kerby Neill: Peacemaking in the Coming Decade
- Wed. April 13—2:00-3:50 Inside Job (documentary, 2010); (3:50-4:00 break); 4:00-4:45 presentation: The Great Financial Crisis of 2007-2010 by professor Michael Benton
- Mon. April 18 from 6:30-7:45 presentation: Serving the World through the Peace Corps by Angene and Jack Wilson, authors of Voices from the Peace Corps: Fifty Years of Kentucky Volunteers. Co-sponsored by United Nations Association, Blue Grass Division.
- Wed. April 20 from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm presentation: Building Diverse, Sustainable Communities of Well-Nourished People by Stephen Bartlett

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1st 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 or arne@uky.edu.
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace, Triangle Park in downtown Lexington. Mourn the dead. Heal the wounded. End the wars.	Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277
1st Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	Kentucky Migrant Network, Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road	Isabel Gereda Taylor itayor@lexingtonky.gov 859.258.3824
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm www.pflaglex.org	PFLAG: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered. April 5: Support Group Mtg. Beaumont Library Fieldstone Way, Lexington	Info: president@ pflaglex.org or call 859.338.4393
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30 pm	Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky, Lexington Public Library downtown branch info@lexfair.org	Craig Cammack, Chair 859.951.8565
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 4:00-6:30	Franciscan Peace Center, 3389 Squire Oak. Franciscan Vision.org	Pat Griffin: 859.230.1986
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7:00—8:30 pm	Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA), Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd. April 13 meeting: Sherwood Burress will start the discussion of someone he is calling, "The Most Important Single American Figure of the Twentieth Century." You may not agree with that assessment; feel free to attend and express your opinion. We welcome people of all faiths and those of none. Childcare provided.	Dick Renfro 859.255.7029 frickdan@windstream.ne
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	<b>NAMI Lexington</b> Support Groups—Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington KY 40504.	call 859.272.7891 or go to www.namilex.org



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The mother's battle for her child with sickness, with poverty, with war, with all the forces of exploitation and callousness that cheapen human life needs to become a common human battle, waged in love and in the passion for survival.

-Adrienne Rich

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## Bits and Peaces

# Join our call for an end to the wars Sun, Mar. 20, at 2 pm at Lexington's Downtown Courthouse Plaza

Join us as we call for our nation to end the wars and to invest money that would have been spent on the military on jobs and rebuilding our economy. For more information about planned speakers, activities, and how you can be involved,

2011, S84 Million from New Haven to Iraq-Afghan Wars, NO WAY! STOP!

contact Richard Mitchell at 859.327.6277 or e-mail peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com. We'll be making signs the day before, on Saturday the 19th, at 1:00pm at Third St. Coffee (Limestone & 3rd St.)—Join us!

(Bonus question: can you identify photo at right? Send your answer to peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com

#### February Gallery Hop a Tremendous Success!

The first Gallery Hop of the season found our offices bursting at the seams as Council friends and hoppers new to CKCPJ enjoyed the photography of Richard Greissman, refreshments provided by board members, and tours by building owner Jim Harris. Our goal of using our store front presence to introduce the work of the Council to people who had not heard of us was more than met.

SAVE THE DATE: Lexington's next Gallery Hop is Friday, April 15 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. The Council

would benefit from the presence of more members serving as ambassadors, explaining the Council's goals and history to newcomers. Contact us at peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com or call 859.338.2418 if you can help.



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