Peter Neils Benefit Concert for the P&J!

Peter Neils grew up on the Hudson River in upstate New York. He has been writing and performing his music for over fifty years at clubs, festivals and rallies throughout his native New England and his adopted home in the mountain states. He cut his folk-singing teeth with a group of friends performing to help raise money to build the historic Hudson River sloop \textit{Clearwater} in the late sixties, and worked a hillside organic farm on the coast of Maine for 28 years prior to moving to New Mexico. Along with his musical interests he pursued a career in architectural woodworking, from which he has retired.

Since relocating to the Albuquerque area he has allied with Living Rivers in Moab, Utah working to decommission the Glen Canyon Dam and restore Glen Canyon, protecting the ecology of the Grand Canyon. He served as President of the Los Alamos Study Group, an organization that researches and lobbies congress and the executive branch on nuclear weapons policy, from 2006 through 2013. His 2014 album \textit{Desert Dreams} was recorded in Camden, Maine. He spends summers sailing on Maine’s Penobscot Bay aboard his sloop, \textit{Intuition}.

Peter will perform a benefit concert for the Peace Center \textbf{Friday, Feb. 22, 7-9pm} \textbf{at the Peace Center, 202 Harvard Dr. SE}. A $12 donation is suggested, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. More info: peasegnr@swcp.com

Send your submissions for monthly newsletter to \url{monthlycalendar@abqpeaceandjustice.org} by the \textbf{20th of the month prior to your event}. Send submissions for web calendar to \url{web@abqpeaceandjustice.org}. Contact Coordinator at \url{abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com}.
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Friday, Feb. 1, 5:30-7pm
Art exhibit reception at the Peace Center for Melanie Aguirre and Sandi Ludescher. Sandi will also be playing the harp, and refreshments will be served. Art Exhibit Coordinator: Kendall, klovely1@unm.edu, and see also Noticias, pg. 5 for more info.

Friday, Feb. 1, 8-10pm
Kumbuka: ABQ performers create a tribute to ancestors and loved ones, culminating in an interactive ceremony, at KiMo Theater, 419 Central Ave. NW. This is one of many events in Declarations of Interdependence: the 8th Annual Black History Month Festival. For more info call 407-6784 or visit nmblackhistorymonth.com.

Saturday, Feb. 2, 6-10pm
Monthly pena cultural, or musical coffeehouse, sponsored by LASOTRAS at Bandidos, 2128 Central SE. Children's and open jam. No cover; more info: Dair, 321-6365 or dair_o@yahoo.com

Saturday, Feb. 2, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Nathan Schneider on “Co-ops: Economic Democracy” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 7pm
RiZe Up is 90 mins. of Roy Zimmerman’s original songs, a funny and forceful affirmation of Peace and Social Justice. Tickets $20 (or what you can pay) at the door, 1st Unitarian Church, 3701 Carlisle Blvd. NE. Contact: Susan Peck, (541) 207-2889. For more info: fb.com/events/1630769247068969.


Saturday, Feb. 9, 10:30am-Noon
NM Japanese American Citizen League hosts a “Day of Remembrance” multimedia performance commemorating Japanese American Internment and the fight for Civil Rights, at Special Collections Library, 423 Central Ave NE. More info: see Noticias, pg. 5.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 9am-3:30pm & 4-6pm
2019 Race and Law Conference, immediately followed (at 4pm) by the 5th Annual Asante Awards Ceremony to honor the professional accomplishments and community service work of two NM judges, at the State Bar of NM, 5121 Masthead St. NE. These events are part of Declarations of Interdependence: the 8th Annual Black History Month Festival. More info: nmblackhistorymonth.com or 407-6784.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Malcom X: “The Ballot or the Bullet” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Sunday, Feb. 10, 1-3pm
Sidni Lamb, founder/director Mindful New Mexico presents: Waging Peace: Mindfulness and Social Justice at the P&J. Free, but donations accepted for the P&J. More info: sidni@mindfulnewmexico.com, and see also Noticias, pg. 6.

Monday, Feb. 11, 5:30pm
The Donald & Sally-Alice Thompson Chapter of Veterans for Peace will host a special program on banished U.S. military veterans. Featured: Exiled, a short documentary, and live testimony by deported veterans, including Cesar Lopez, a Marine Corps veteran, brought here at age 3 by his mother from Mexico. At the Peace Center; for more info: email sally-aliceanddon@juno.com, visit fb.com/VFP063 or veteransforpeace.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 5:30pm
PDA-CNM Meeting starts with food and conversation, then 6pm panel discussion of HB57 sponsored by State Rep. Gail Chasey, a bill to restore voting rights to those still serving time in prison. At 1st Unitarian Church, 3701 Carlisle Blvd. NE. More info: pdacnm.org/2019/01/19

Friday, Feb. 15, noon
Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE) presents Uranium Workers’ Day at NM Legislature; press conference in the Rotunda with former uranium miners and people from the impacted communities. For more info, visit swuraniumimpacts.org, and see also Noticias, pg. 6.

Friday, Feb. 15, 6-8pm
P&J Movie Night screens Nuclear Savage: The Islands of Secret Project 4.1 (dir. Adam Horowitz, 2011), a political exposé and portrait of Pacific Islanders struggling for survival, dignity and justice after decades of top-secret radiation experiments conducted on them by the U.S. gov’t. Leona Morgan of Nuclear Issues Study Group will introduce the film and be available for Q&A afterward. Free to all, light refreshments, donations welcome. For more info, visit nuclearsavage.com or email deek@unm.edu.

Saturday, Feb. 16, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Ralph Nader: “Land of the Lawless” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org
**Calendar of Special Events**

**350NM presents Congresswoman Deb Haaland discussing The Green New Deal**, a massive program of investments in clean-energy jobs and infrastructure, meant to transform not just the energy sector, but to decarbonize the economy and to make it fairer and more just. At So. Broadway Cultural Center, 1025 Broadway SW. For more info, call 350-6000.


**2nd Annual Youth Talent Hunt Competition** at the UNM Continuing Education Center, 1634 University Blvd NE, showcasing local high school students and their talents as they compete for cash prizes! This is another part of *Declarations of Interdependence: the 8th Annual Black History Month Festival* – For more info, call 407-6784 or visit nmblackhistorymonth.com.

**Coming to the Table: Dismantling Racism with Understanding through Conversation**, every 3rd Monday at 1st Unitarian Church, 3701 Carlisle Blvd. NE. For more info, visit comingtothetable.org, email rusty@ourbestteam.com or call Rusty Vaughn at (575)737-8388.

**Rebeca Jasso-Aguilar** of the Alliance for Local Economic Prosperity gives a presentation on “Public Banking: What it is and How it can Lead to Local Economic Prosperity,” at the Peace Center. More info: publicbankingnewmexico.org

**Discovering and Using your Strongest Voice in the Service of Change**,” an experiential, interactive workshop held by social justice advocate Judy Bierbaum, who has conducted many trainings in the practice of nonviolence and the effects of trauma in conflict areas all over the world. We will have snacks and drinks. All are welcome, in the Parish Hall at St. John XXIII Catholic Church, 4831 Tramway Ridge Dr. NE. Info: j sbierbaum56@msn.com.

**Peter Neils** original folk music benefit show for, and at, the Peace Center, suggested donation $12, no one turned away for lack of funds. More info on Cover Page.

**Black Lives Matter March** starting downtown at 100 Central Ave. SE. More info: “Black Lives Matter March” on Facebook.

**Alternative Radio presents a lecture by David Swanson**: “The Abolition of War” (recorded at 1st Unitarian in ABQ) on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/visit. For more info, visit alternativeradio.org.

**Save the Dates**

**P&J 35th Anniversary Luncheon** featuring retired Colonel Ann Wright, board member of Veterans for Peace, and other national leaders. Location TBD. If you want to help organize, contact Samia Assed at 999-8265.

**P&J Annual Membership Meeting**, featuring highlights of the past year, financial update, affirm new Coordinating Council members, reports from a couple of PAJOLA groups, while enjoying a light meal. At the P&J. RSVP appreciated!! 268-9557 or abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.

**Recuerda a Cesar Chavez Committee invites you to the 2019 Cesar Chavez Marcha y Fiesta.** Begins and ends at the National Hispanic Culture Center, 1701 4th St. SW, to downtown through Barelas, followed by a Fiesta at the NHCC. Join this community event to lift up the legacy of the Farmworker movement! For more info, visit fb.com/cesarchaveznm

**Mindful NM presents the 5th Annual NM Leaders in Mindfulness Conference.** This year’s theme: Mindfulness, Equity and Social Justice. Prof. Rhonda V. Magee, will join multiple NM change-makers in a day of experiential learning and interaction. Location TBA. For more info, visit mindfulnewmexico.com and see also Noticias, pg. 7
New Art Exhibit features Works by Sandi Ludescher and Melanie Aguirre
By Kendall Lovely, Art Exhibit Coordinator

Artist Statement for Sandi J. Ludescher—My life and paintings are about celebration. The human form is a never ending fascination, and trying to capture everyone’s quirkiness and unique personality is a welcomed challenge.

In many works, I’ve celebrated the lives and talents of musicians, dancers or other colorful people whose character attracts me—the lines and wrinkles, asymmetry, scars on their faces and bodies chronicle journeys. Or, sometimes, my paintings encompass humor or commentary about politics or social issues.

At present, I’m working on a large series based generally on the celebration of Dia de los Muertos, and specifically on South Valley’s Marigold Parade.

Overall, my painting exploration has to do with color and composition rather than abstracting forms. I use color in a complex, expressionistic way, working large and, mostly, in series. My compositions tend to run off the edges, indications that the story or scene lives on past the confines of the canvas.

Three of my paintings are now being considered for inclusion in the State of New Mexico Permanent Collection. Previous works are in collections in Japan, Canada, United Kingdom as well as throughout the United States. My work has been compared to Jenny Saville, Phillip Pearlstein, Lucien Freud and James Ensor.

Artist Statement for Melanie Aguirre—Melanie is a local artist that also has natural abilities for energy healing. She uses meditation and higher guidance for painting and creating special and meaningful pieces. Leading inspirations include all forms of nature, Mother Earth and life experiences. Even though she has not received any art education or guidance, her unique style is promised to please each viewer. ABQ Artist, Reiki Master/Grail Reiki Practitioner and Licensed Massage Therapist 9022.

There will be a reception for Melanie and Sandi’s Art Exhibit Friday, Feb. 1, 5:30-7pm at the Peace Center. Sandi will also be playing the harp, and light refreshments will be served. For more info: Kendall, klovely1@unm.edu.

Day of Remembrance Commemorates Japanese American Internment
The NM Japanese American Citizens League invites you to Day Of Remembrance, a lively and engaging multimedia performance that commemorates Japanese American Internment and the fight for Civil Rights, Saturday, Feb. 9, 10:30am-noon at the Special Collections Library, 423 Central Ave NE. Day Of Remembrance events are held every year in February by Japanese American communities and social justice activists across the United States. It commemorates the signing of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the incarceration of all persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast. In recent years, remembrances have revolved around current issues of hate crimes, unjust detention, and racial profiling that parallel the events of 1942. This 60-minute presentation is free and open to the public, and post-play discussion follows. For further information, please contact: Dr. Nikki Noima Louis, louisnikki9@gmail.com
Waging Peace: Mindfulness and Social Justice Workshop at the P&J

If mindfulness is all about present moment awareness, for those involved in anti-oppression work, becoming more aware seems like just another way to piss us off even more about daily encounters with prejudice and inequity. So how do we process that anger without diluting its transformational potential? How can mindfulness-based tools support the work of social justice activists and allies?

That’s what we’ll experience Sunday, Feb. 10, 1-3pm at the Peace Center, in this interactive session that draws on the work of bell hooks, Paulo Freire, and angel Kyodo williams. You’ll walk away heartened, with some tools and resources to enrich and transform yourself and the work you are doing in our community.

Sidni Lamb is the founder/director of Mindful New Mexico, and a soft-spoken, courageous activist for compassion and peace. From international humanitarian aid worker, United Nations diplomat to university professor, mindfulness facilitator and social entrepreneur, her work has always aimed at facilitating connections. Her personal experience while boots on the ground in war zones working with refugees, led her to understand that connecting to the present moment is what makes us the most effective and creative agents of change.

Co-facilitator Beth Giebus-Chavez is a PhD candidate in Educational Thought and Sociocultural Studies at UNM, with a research focus on racial and social justice in education. A longtime English and ESOL instructor at CNM, she is co-founder and co-director of the faculty-led initiative, a Mindful CNM Community. Beth is also the managing editor of UNM's scholarly journal, Intersections: Critical Issues in Education.

Free, but donations accepted for the P&J. More info: sidni@mindfulnewmexico.com

Uranium Workers’ Day at New Mexico Legislature

The Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE) will be hosting the Uranium Workers’ Day at the New Mexico State Legislature in Santa Fe, on Friday, Feb. 15. Starting at noon there will be a press conference in the Rotunda with former uranium miners and people from the impacted communities, who will travel to the Round House to raise concerns about the continuing health and environmental impacts from historic uranium mining faced by many New Mexicans.

Speakers include:

- Linda Evers, with Post ’71 Uranium Workers Committee. Ms. Evers lives in Milan and has been working for decades to gain fair compensation for uranium workers who are not covered under the current version of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.
- Larry King volunteers with the Eastern Navajo Diné Against Uranium Mining. He was working for United Nuclear Corporation when the largest uranium tailings spill in the US breached an earthen dam in Churchrock in July 1979, spilling millions of gallons of acidic, radioactive tailings solution.
- Anna Benally lives in the Red Water Pond Road Community on Navajo Nation. Anna and her family live between two massive uranium tailings piles that continue to contaminate her community.

Contact: Susan Gordon, Coordinator, Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment, 505-577-8438 or sgordon@swuraniumimpacts.org. Visit www.swuraniumimpacts.org for more info.
Mindfulness, Equity and Social Justice: Mindful NM presents 5th Annual Mindfulness Conference

By Sidni Lamb

The premise for the NM Leaders in Mindfulness Conference (now in year 5) was born from the recognition that a sustainable, kind world, requires conscious awareness that our personal challenges reflect the systemic contexts we live in and vice-versa. When we recognize this as the place to start, solutions for larger-scale transformation are endless.

On April 20, Professor Rhonda V. Magee, internationally-recognized expert for her work using mindfulness for minimizing racism and transforming the criminal justice system, will join multiple New Mexican change-makers including Samia Assed in a day of experiential learning and interaction, at a location TBA. For more info, visit the website: mindfulnewmexico.com.

“If you’ve been raised in a world of social justice activism, mindfulness may not have been something you are familiar with as a way of being around conditioned habits and reactivity. We need long-term commitment and a lot of patience, both which are gifts from my own mindfulness practice……to be able to sit with the frustration that comes with trying to address the denial of white supremacy in our history with people who, once again, don’t want to talk about it. Growing up in the deep south, suffering was not an abstraction. There’s time for, and a place, for patience. AND there are times for, and a place for, action.”

(Rhonda Magee, from an interview with Mindful Magazine, March 2018)
Sanctuary Works Features Art by Emma
By Sarah Malone, ABQ Friends Meeting

Sanctuary Works represents the art work of our friend, Emma. Emma learned to paint while living in Sanctuary in an Albuquerque church. Emma’s charming paintings - often depicting flowers, birds, moonlit skies and landscapes - have been converted into popular greeting cards. Emma calls her work, “Paintings for Peace.” Sanctuary Works celebrates not only the works created by Emma in Sanctuary, but also the process of Sanctuary itself as an avenue for those without documentation to pursue legal status in the United States. In that sense, Sanctuary truly works!

Sanctuary Works affixes photos of Emma’s paintings to 6.5” x 5” or (in a few cases) 5.5” x 5.5” off-white or white card stock, with envelopes, enclosed in a cellophane protective sleeve. Duplication of the presented images is in 4” x 6” format (and a few 5” x 5” format), which may require judicious cropping to fit the required size for the greeting cards. Each card is hand assembled. Proceeds from card sales with photos of Emma’s work are used toward legal, filing fees, and other expenses as she pursues her immigration case from abroad.

Sanctuary Works is a registered New Mexico business whose sole mission is to represent Emma’s work through card sales, and to support her process through the proceeds from such sales. Emma has given Sanctuary Works permission to represent her work. Gifts can be accepted by Sanctuary Works, although all such gifts are not tax exempt. If interested in making a gift, please contact Sanctuary Works to receive a gift letter and instructions. View Emma’s work and place your order at sanctuaryworks.org.