

Calendar for SENE Area Peace and Justice Work

There are many groups working for peace and justice in our region. Events are listed as a community service; listing does not imply AFSC sponsorship. Please send events you would like to have listed to sene@afsc.org.

Friday, June 3, 4:30-5:30 Rally to Support Teacher Unions' Rights and against budget cuts that ask for "shared sacrifices" - which only really asks the students to bear the sacrifices. An injury to one is an injury to all. Stand up! Fight back! Providence City Hall.



Saturday, June 4, 9:30am Cape Codders for Peace and Justice meeting at the little old schoolhouse behind the Friends Meetinghouse in South Yarmouth (58 North Main Street, S. Yarmouth).

Saturday, June 4 10am - 3pm Worcester Friends Meeting Spring Market Days. Large yard sale, a few vendors, book sale, plants and yummy baked goods. 901 Pleasant Street, Worcester.

Saturday, June 4, 6-8pm The Re-Visions of Robert Cicione opening reception, Walter Wickiser Gallery, 210 Eleventh Ave. Suite 303 New York, NY. You might remember Bob's art from his generous donations to the Art for Peace event. If you are in NYC between now and June 21, he will have his work on exhibit at this gallery (open 11am – 6pm Tues-Sat).

Saturday, June 4, 3-5pm, Oceans and the World's Climate: How Are They Interdependent. The scientific case for the impact of human behavior on the complex, delicate worldwide ocean system, as it in turn influences climate change, will be the topic addressed by prominent oceanographer and inventor Dr. Kenneth Johnson from URI's Graduate School of Oceanography among other places. Rochambeau Library, Hope and Rochambeau St in Providence.

Sunday, June 5, 7pm, FOR-Cape Cod Hear the Essay and Poetry Contest winners read their winning entries. Ben and Jerry's are donating ice cream. Chapel in the Pines, Eastham.

Tuesday, June 7 4:30pm E-Verify Bill (H5225) Hearing, RI House Labor Committee in the House Lounge. Look in the SENE website, in the resources section, for talking points. This legislation would codify important protection provisions of the E-Verify program into RI law and would prohibit the state from requiring the use of E-Verify by employers. This would not only ensure that the program remains voluntary, as the federal government intended when it created it, but would also ensure that RI businesses adhere to the tents of the law which protect employees.



Wednesday, June 8, Potluck at 6:15pm, program at 7:00pm. Mohammed Salwaha will be at Worcester Friends Meeting (901 Pleasant St, Worcester). He will speak about the **Palestinian House of Friendship** and the current situation on the West Bank. If you are unable to attend but would like to support the PHF, you may make a contribution at www.the-icsee.org/projects.

Saturday, June 11 12:30 – 5:30pm MA Statewide Organizer's Conference for Fund our Communities Not War. Lots of grassroots groups have been working to change federal budget priorities and defund the wars. Some have passed town resolutions, others have collected petitions. Join with others to plan how to take this movement to the next level in MA. Please RSVP to Cole Harrison of

MA Peace Action, cole@masspeaceaction.org or Marty Nathan of Alliance for Peace and Justice, martygjf@comcast.net. The meeting will be at Worcester Friends Meeting House, 901 Pleasant St. Worcester.

Sunday, June 12, 7:00 pm a screening of the film *The Economics of Happiness*, a new film by the International Society for Ecology and Culture. "This film connects the dots between the climate chaos, economic meltdown, and our own personal suffering/stress/loneliness/depression. It presents the localization movement as a systematic alternative to corporate globalization, as well as a strategy that brings community and meaning into our lives. At the Atrium, 17 Gordon Ave. Providence. Hosts Carol Bragg, Karina Lutz, Joe Newsome and Jim Tull.

Friday June 17- Saturday June 18: Demonstration and Conference: Raytheon, Missile Defense, and Endless War in North Andover MA.

The event begins with a demonstration at Raytheon headquarters at 3pm. The 18th will bring together leading analysts and opponents of the weaponization of space from around the world. It will provide an extraordinary learning opportunity as well as a chance to link up with remarkable peace and environmental activists. The complete agenda and registration information can be found at www.space4peace.org.



Saturday, June 18, 8:30 – 10am, a benefit concert featuring Tetsu Kitigawa, one of Japan's leading peace and justice troubadours, who will perform with Pat Scanlon and Andrew MdGarrah. This will be one of Tetsu's 100 consecutive concerts for the abolition of nuclear weapons and to defend Japan's peace constitution. Proceeds help defray the expenses of the conference.

Thursday, June 23, 1pmET/10amPT, Challenging Racism Systematically Color Lines is offering a webinar based on key elements of their popular Racial Justice Leadership Institute. The webinar will take place and you are invited to participate at the introductory rate of \$30. Enrollment is limited, so [please register today to reserve your place!](#)

JULY EVENTS

Wednesday, July 7, noon for the Pastors for Peace caravan stop in Providence at the Friendship Cafe.

Saturday, July 16 Festival for a Nuclear Free Future – a family friendly event at Copley Square, Boston, with music, banners, large puppets, teaching games, and more. Sponsored by Nuclear Abolition Task Force of UFP and MA Peace Action.

Monday, July 25, 7:00pm, Archbishop Ellas Chacour, a Palestinian nominated 3 times for the Nobel Peace Prize and author of *Blood Brothers*, will speak at Cape Cod Community College, Lecture Hall A in the Science Building, Barnstable. Sponsored by FOR-Cape Cod.

AUGUST EVENTS

Friday, August 5 Celebrating 350 Years of the Great Meeting House in Newport RI. Friends/friends from all over New England will celebrate the oldest surviving Quaker meeting house in RI, which, at the time of its construction in 1699, was the largest structure of any kind between New York and Boston. The afternoon will begin with a service project at the MLK Jr. Community Center next door. That will be followed by a period of silent worship in the meeting house and a light picnic supper. The evening will

hold a time of open worship followed by active worship in song and story. For more information or to *register for the event* contact Rebecca Leuchak at rleuchak@rwu.edu.