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Michael Moody's cover art is inspired by Rev. Kevin Agee's article (page 7). It considers what Dr. Martin Luther King might be saying or doing today. Check out Michael's great paintings at upcoming fairs (if you missed him at Plowshares).

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founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. We are community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of our supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. We challenge the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of us all.

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Educate, Agitate, Organize: SPC IN ACTION

compiled by Carol Baum



On Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2011, over 60 people gathered on the north shore of Onondaga Lake for NOON's Circle of Peace and Hope to express appreciation for the Onondaga Nation's leadership on environmental restoration and social healing. Photo: JT Lee

Onondaga Nation Partners with NOON on Two Row Wampum Campaign

Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation is thrilled that the Onondaga Nation has agreed to partner with us on the Two Row Wampum Campaign (2013 marks the 400th anniversary of the Two Row Wampum Treaty). We are planning a broad, statewide educational and advocacy campaign to commemorate the first treaty between the Haudenosaunee and European settlers, and an "enactment" of the treaty concept.

Canoes (Haudenosaunee) and boats (settlers) will travel side-by-side down the Hudson River from near Albany to New York City over a two week period in the summer of 2013. The action will provide a graphic illustration of the meaning of the Two Row—two peoples living side-by-side in peace and friendship and not interfering with one another's societies. We are beginning to connect with people throughout New York State to build this

campaign, which will ultimately seek to change policy toward the Haudenosaunee, getting our governments to live up to the treaties which have been violated for hundreds of years. Contact Andy.

No Frackin' Way!

NOON's work to protect us from hydrofracking continues and will expand thanks to a \$6,000 grant from The Rockefeller Brothers Fund. The grant was the result of a partnership with WESPAC (wespac.org) in White Plains, NY. In the past 12 months, we've collected nearly 3,500 signatures on a petition to ban hydrofracking, most of those gathered single-handedly by the unrelenting Tara Rush.

The NYS DEC extended the comment period on the draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (dSGEIS) until **January 11**. Although they offered no reason for the extension, we assume grassroots pressure played a role. For assistance writing your comments, see the

NOON website (peacecouncil.net/noon). Regardless of the comments to the DEC, the ultimate decision lies with Governor Cuomo, so messages to him are extremely important. Write a letter today asking him to stop the destruction of our air, land, and water (see page 9). Send a copy of your comments to your state representatives as well.

NOON continues to have anti-fracking material available, including lawn signs (look great on top of a snow bank), bumper stickers, buttons and educational handouts. To get involved, check out the NOON web site or call Jack Ramsden, 315-424-1454.

Occupy Syracuse Ready for Winter

It's two and a half months in, and our local occupation is going strong. If you haven't been down to visit recently, we encourage you to check out the well-organized camp that now includes a large army tent with hand-made bunk beds and a pallet floor, as well as sturdy carpools for the camp kitchen and info tent.

In addition to maintaining a 24-hour presence at the camp, occupiers and supporters drew attention to city tax breaks for Bob Congel's Destiny project—with both a mic check* at the mall on black Friday and a mic check at the Common Council

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SPC Monthly Program

One Family in Gaza

Wednesday, January 18, 7 pm

ArtRage Gallery (505 Hawley Ave.)

CNY Working for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel will show the powerful short video "One Family in Gaza," by Jen Marlowe. We'll also show video footage of the recent Palestinian freedom rides and discuss what we can do to change US policy toward Palestine and Israel.

Free and followed by refreshments. Contact Andy.

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chambers during a meeting of the Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, which was well covered by the media. SPC continues to offer resources and support.

Check out occupysyracuse.org to view a calendar of upcoming events and meetings and read general news from the camp. Or better yet, head down to Perseverance Park (on Salina between Fayette and Washington) to visit one of the longest-running occupations in the country.

**A mic check is a human sound amplification system, where the crowd repeats what the speaker says so everyone can hear.*

Leftist Lounge

Back by popular demand! We hope that like last spring, Leftist Lounge will be a place for activists to meet, talk sans-agenda, and share informally about the various issues and projects we are working on, putting the *social* in social movement. We'll provide the coffee and tea, you bring yourself, maybe a friend, maybe a snack to pass. Spend your Friday with SPC and friends at the Leftist Lounge on **January 20, 8-10 pm**, in the Center's Community Room (2013 E. Genesee St., straight through the back door).

Hancock 38 Verdict

On December 1, Judge Gideon announced his verdict to a packed court room in DeWitt. He found the Hancock 38 Drone Resisters all guilty of "obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic" and "refusing to comply with a lawful order of the police to disperse," both low-level violations. He disregarded the free speech and international law arguments made by the defendants.

The sentences were immediate, somewhat arbitrary, and harsh, given the nature of the violations and how difficult the judge claimed his decision-making had been. The 26 defendants present each received a fine of \$250 plus a court fee of \$125. In addition, most were given community service (up to 25 hours) and one-year conditional discharges. Four people got jail time, from four to 15 days. Two of the four seemed to be singled out as leaders, even though the protest was planned collectively with no hierarchical leadership. The other two spoke very critically during their sentencing statements, but so did others who did not receive jail

sentences, even when they asked for jail in solidarity with their fellow protestors.

Before the verdict and sentencing, the Hancock 38 held a well-attended news conference, stating that the verdict is indeed in—the drones are illegal.

Another court date is ahead. Come and support the Hancock 38 once more—**Wednesday, February 29 at 5 pm** at the Town of DeWitt Court House. Four people will be sentenced (Col. Ann Wright, Veterans for Peace President Elliott Adams, Dorothy Day's granddaughter Martha Hennessy, and Jules Orkin); Kathy Kelly will appear for her trial; and anyone who has refused to pay their fines and/or perform their community service must appear before the judge.

Thanks to videographer Nick Papanis, the judge's statements, the closing arguments and everyone's sentencing statements are on SPC's YouTube channel.



Hancock 38 defendant Ann Tiffany (Syracuse) and supporter John Amidon (Albany) at a demonstration opposing drones hours before the Hancock 38's guilty verdict was announced. They are at Hancock Air Base's main entrance. Photo: Carol Baum

There are also transcripts of the closing arguments (see peacecouncil.net/drones or upstatedroneaction.org).

To get involved with SPC's Ground the Drones Committee, contact Carol.

Winter Peace Outreach



The drones are impervious to the cold, and so are we! **The first Tuesday of each month through March** we'll be at the main entrance to **Hancock Air Base** (E. Molloy Rd. between Thompson and Townline Rds.) from **4:15-5 pm** to catch the shift change.

Next Peace Outreach: **Tuesday, January 3**. Contact Ed or Ann, 478-4571.

PeaceSongsCNY

Help select the final four songs for SPC's first *PeaceSongsCNY* CD. We've partnered with the *Syracuse New Times* to create an online poll which opened on December 21 and will close on Martin Luther King's Birthday, **January 15**. Check out peacecouncil.net/songs for the link to the poll and to listen to the 13 songs which have already been selected. Stay tuned for information on the CD-release party later in the winter. Contact Andy.

SKILLBUILDING:

Nonviolent Direct Action

Flash Mobs, Mic Checks, Blockades, Die-Ins and More! The Peace Council wants to make sure that activists have the skills and knowledge needed to work for social change. Nonviolent direct action has been part of our work since the beginning, so this month SPC organizers invite folks to a brief overview on planning and carrying out nonviolent direct actions. We'll look at some recent actions, both local and national, and discuss what makes an action work well. We'll also practice some basic skills and review topics that are covered in a full direct action training. People with all levels of experience (and inexperience) are welcome. Join us at **7 pm on January 26 at 250 S. Clinton St.**, the new office of SEIU 1199. Contact Jessica or Carol.

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A Green Energy Future for NY

SPC is working with a new statewide alliance of groups pushing for a Carbon-Free, Nuclear Free NY. In December, the alliance hired Jessica Azulay (a former SPC staffer) as a part-time staff person. She'll be working out of the Citizens Awareness Network/Syracuse Greens office in the Syracuse Center for Peace and Social Justice. Look for upcoming events and actions in late winter. Contact Jessica Maxwell to support SPC's involvement.

SPC in Good Financial Shape

Thanks to the hard work of the "FUN" (Fundraising/Development) Committee, a very successful Plowshares and a tremendous 75th anniversary year, SPC ends the year in good financial shape.

Our Pledger Campaign seeking to increase the number of monthly/quarterly pledgers to 75 in honor of the 75th anniversary has gone very well, but **at press time we're still two short of our goal.** Please consider joining this important group of SPC supporters. It's easy, you can pledge via check by mail, credit card or bank/credit union transfer. This dedicated committee would also welcome an additional member or two. Contact Andy.

Retreat!

SPC's annual retreat will be held the weekend of **February 4-5** at Alverna Heights in Fayetteville. Anyone who serves on an SPC committee, works on an SPC project or is otherwise regularly involved is welcome to attend. Our Steering Committee is still planning the agenda, which will be available by mid-January. We generally meet Saturday from 10-5, with a break for lunch, and Sunday from 10-4. We provide breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as snacks to keep everyone going. Participants can

come just for the day, or we also have an overnight option. If you're interested or have questions, contact Jessica.

Activist Appreciation: Ron Van Norstrand

Even though he had been involved with SPC before, my first real introduction to Ron Van Norstrand came on April 22, when in a moment of desperation I called him about irregularities during the Hancock 38 Drone Resisters' arraignments. Ron, an attorney, had attended a meeting the night before as a legal resource person, little knowing that 24 hours later his dinner would be interrupted by a quick trip to the court house. That weekend he spent countless hours visiting people in the jail and helping sort out the next steps in the legal process.



Activist and attorney Ron Van Norstrand at NOON's Circle of Peace and Hope on the shore of Onondaga Lake. Ann Jamison is beside him in the circle. Photo: JT Lee

Ron was an important part of the legal team, offering his services free of charge. The legal situation was complicated—31 people in a joint trial, nine of whom he represented (sometimes more, sometimes less, depending on the stage of the process), one represented by another lawyer, and 21 representing themselves.

From the beginning, Ron was supportive but unobtrusive in offering his services. As much as others were grateful for his help, he expressed even more gratitude for their actions and spoke of feeling humbled. His grace, patience and professionalism through the ups and downs of many court appearances through the spring, summer,

fall and now winter were inspiring.

I saw Ron recently at the Occupy Syracuse site. Turns out he is working with an Occupy activist who was recently arrested. It was a little surprising, since he is overdue for a breather, but then again, it's not surprising at all.

Thank you so much, Ron, for who you are and the work you do.

— Carol Baum on behalf of the SPC community

Youth Outreach Beyond the City

Youth and Militarism had another active semester of tabling—staffing informational tables in all four city high schools throughout the semester to inform young people of their rights and non-military career/educational options. Next semester we'll scale back on the frequency of our city tabling in order to reach out to rural schools. We also hope to schedule presentations in senior Participation in Government classes to facilitate discussion on social movements. Contact Andy or Jessica to get involved.

Intern Goodbyes

Interns have become an integral part of the scene at the Peace Council office! In December, we said goodbye to another talented cohort of interns who worked with the

SPC staff collective on specific projects, as well as random tasks needed to get things done. Alison Clark and Eunji Kim (SU) worked with the PNL editorial committee. Katie Finnegan (Le Moyne) worked on PR and the Birthday Dinner. Lindsay Rexer (Le Moyne) staffed Youth and Militarism tables at local high schools and drafted the weekly e-newsletter. Ryan Beech (SU) and Andrew Gleason (Le Moyne) designed outreach materials, organized events, and translated materials for the Caribbean/Latin America Coalition.

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Interns expand our ability to organize effectively, add youthful perspectives to our work and provide an entry point to the movement for students. We greatly appreciate working with them. Visit peace-council.net/intern to learn about the variety of internship opportunities with SPC.

Thanks, Community Choir

The Syracuse Community Choir honored SPC with the People's Peace Award at their recent Winter Solstice Concert. Longtime SPC activists and elders Sam Feld and Mary Ann Zeppetello, along with younger activists Amelia Ramsey-Lefevre and Leyana Dessauer, accepted the award on our behalf. We received a framed copy of the song the Choir commissioned Charlie King to write in our honor, a beautiful statement of friendship and appreciation from the Onondaga Nation and a set of 99% and anti-hydrofracking mugs.

The Choir and SPC are both part of the fabric of the peace and social justice movement in Syracuse. We deeply appreciate the Choir's work and were honored by their celebration of us. What a wonderful close to our 75th anniversary year! ☺



Leyana Dessauer, Mary Ann Zeppetello, Sam Feld and Amelia Ramsey-Lefevre accepting the Syracuse Community Choir's People's Peace Award on behalf of the Syracuse Peace Council from Mara Sapon-Shevin, December 10, 2011. Photo: Andy Mager

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“If Dr. King Were Here Today”

Rev. Kevin Agee

The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of my favorite scholars and theologians. His writings and teachings have greatly inspired me in my calling to be a prophetic advocate for social justice for all of God’s children. I have long felt that far too many people speak only of Dr. King’s legacy as civil rights leader. More than that, he was truly a human rights leader, community organizer, social justice activist and prophet.

Dr. King talked about dismantling Apartheid long before it was in vogue to do so. He offered very harsh critiques of capitalism and was a target of both Joseph McCarthy and J. Edgar Hoover. He was openly critical of the US War in Vietnam. He was a staunch supporter of workers’ rights and economic justice. Although the “I Have a Dream” speech is what most people remember about the March on Washington in 1963, we must not forget that this March was organized to advocate for economic opportunity and economic justice. When Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, he was in Memphis, Tennessee advocating for striking sanitation workers. In the months leading up to his death, he was moving full speed ahead in organizing the Poor People’s Campaign.

The Beloved Community

Martin Luther King, Jr. had a vision for a Beloved Community. According to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, “Dr. King’s Beloved Community is a global vision in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism and all forms of discrimination and bigotry and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood. In the Beloved

Reverend Kevin Agee is Pastor of Hopps Memorial CME Church, Clergy Caucus Co-Chair of the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse (ACTS) and President Elect of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. He received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award from the Jersey City (New Jersey) Branch NAACP.

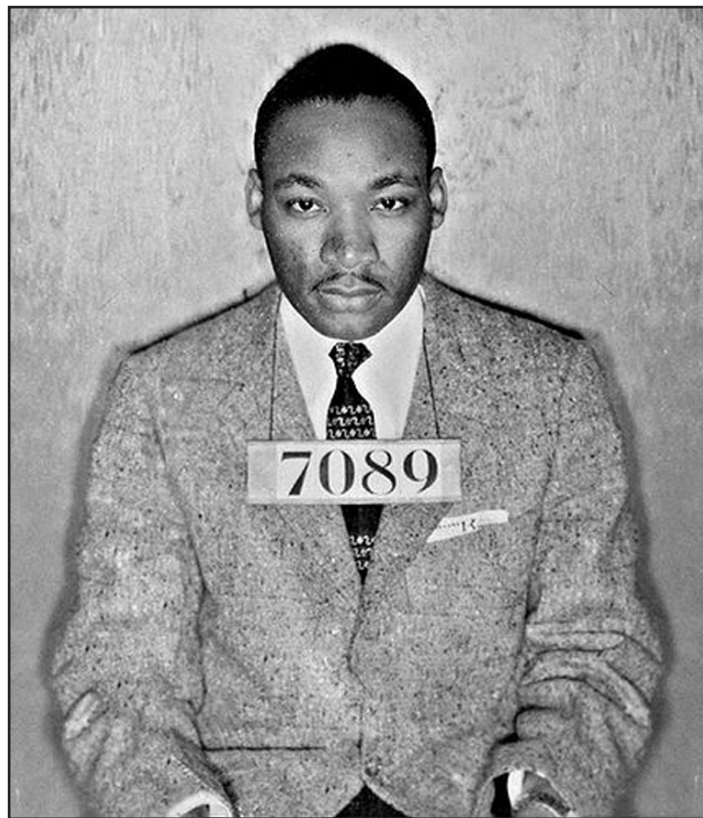
Community, international disputes will be resolved by peaceful conflict resolution and reconciliation of adversaries, instead of military power. Love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred. Peace and justice will prevail over war and military conflict.”

If Dr. King were with us today, he would write or say that we still have a long way to go to attain the envisioned Beloved Community. He would probably remind us of the warning he gave us on April 4, 1967, exactly one year before his assassination: “We as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered.” These senseless wars we have fought for the past eight years and the near total collapse of our economy are evidence that King’s words were prophetic.

The Controversial Prophet

Although he was a man of peace and nonviolence, he did not avoid conflict. The Progressive Baptist Convention was formed because of a split due to opposition to King in the National Baptist Convention. Many persons who celebrated his legacy after his death vilified him while he was alive. Dr. King was true to his convictions no matter who he angered or offended. King said, “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy.” He was not afraid of controversy.

If he were with us today, he would be glad the Iraq war is ending but would



A 27 year old Martin Luther King Jr. was photographed by Alabama cops following his February 1956 arrest during the Montgomery bus boycotts. Photo: AP

want the Afghanistan war to end as well. If he were with us today, he would fully support the 99 percent. If he were with us today, he would be appalled at Congress playing political football with unemployment insurance benefits. If he were with us today, he would favor universal access to quality healthcare for all human beings. If he were with us today, he would favor humane, compassionate immigration reform that keeps families together. If he were with us today, he would oppose treating corporations as individuals regarding political campaign contributions. If he were with us today, he would support an equitable tax structure where millionaires and billionaires paid their fair share. If he were with us today, he would oppose the government balancing the budget on the backs of the poor, college students, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, unemployed persons, nursing home residents, veterans, the most vulnerable among us and those least able to afford it. If Dr. King were alive today, he would exhort all of us to be drum majors for justice. ♣

A Record-Breaking Year at Plowshares!

The feeling at the annual Plowshares Craftsfair is always special, but this year it was extra special. Whether it was the unusually warm December weather or something else, it was indeed a weekend to remember.

Whether you were shopping for Christmas, Chanukah, or Kwanzaa presents, or simply looking to connect with friends old and

some food at Plowshares, enjoyed over animated conversation with old friends and new acquaintances, was prepared by Peg Gefell and Paul Frazier on behalf of SPC.

Plowshares is not just a weekend of good times and support for local handmade crafts. It is also the largest annual fundraiser for SPC. Plowshares revenue directly supports the Peace Council's 75 years of work on peace and justice issues. This year's fair was the most successful ever, both in numbers of attendees and funds raised.

Creating the wonderful annual weekend that Plowshares has become is the result of the work of many people,

Special Shout-out to Raffle and Silent Auction Donors

Over the years Plowshares raffle prizes have grown, both in number and diversity, as new donors and unusual objects appear, added to items from our "regulars." We want to say an extra-special thanks to two of these long-time givers for their ever-constant and super generous donations: Diane LaFrance at Bersani Gallery and Nancy Freeborough, DVM at the Nottingham Pet Clinic.

This year's silent auction (a more recent addition than the decades-old raffle) was also a great success. Like the raffle, there are far too many donors to list them all here, but you can check them out at peacecouncil.net/plowshares. We make peace in many ways and your gifts help that happen.



new, Plowshares was the place to be.

A record crowd of over 4,000 young and old came to Nottingham High School to enjoy the Peace Council's 41st annual fair and festival.

More than 100 craftsfolk from Buffalo to Albany to Ithaca to Oswego joined those from Central New York to offer handmade jewelry, ceramics, clothing, woodwork, graphic arts and other crafts. Many have been displaying their wares at Plowshares for more than a decade, in some cases over 20 years.

Plowshares also provided an opportunity for community groups to connect with an audience of several thousand people. Participating groups represented peace, refugee support, animal rescue, food and environmental issues, amongst others. Of particular interest this year was the effort to protect our region from "fracking."

This year, the tasty and whole-



In addition to providing an alternative, local economy for a weekend (where you can purchase quality hand-made products, such as the mugs above), Plowshares is SPC's biggest fundraiser of the year. Admission, vendor fees, and merchandise from the SPC Marketplace (top) provide a large portion of our annual budget. Plowshares is also a forum for local entertainers to display their talents. This year's performers included individual and group singers, dancers and musicians, including One Black Voice, aka Jacque Thomas (center). Photos: JT Lee

including those who work all year long (the Plowshares Committee: Barbara Floch, Lanny Freshman, Karen Kerney, Rae Kramer, Andy Molloy, Beth Mosely, Marie Summerwood and Mardea Warner) and specialists whose help is invaluable at the time of the fair itself. Some of the most important of these wonderful helpers include:

Michael Miller, Bonnie Foley, Rose Viviano, Shay Resnick and Sue Nuccio. A small army, if I may use that word, of volunteers also provide invaluable help as "greeters," table staffers, and with set-up and clean-up. We would also like to express our appreciation to Nottingham High School principal, Don Maynard, and to the power behind his throne, Ms. Tonea Walker.

—Lanny Freshman

Take Action **NOW**

To Stop Fracking in New York State!



Comment on the SGEIS

Submit your comments on the environmental impact statement and regulations for fracking by **January 11th**. Submit a comment online at www.dec.ny.gov. It's crucial that we flood the DEC with comments to make sure they know that the people of New York reject fracking.

For help on your comments, see the NOON website, www.peacecouncil.net/noon.

Our Message

1. *Protect the health of ALL New Yorkers.*
2. *Invest in green energy solutions that will create jobs for New York.*
3. *Stand up to the special interests of big oil and gas corporations.*

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To get involved in the movement for a statewide ban, contact Jack Ramsden at 315-424-1454 or for statewide efforts, e-mail Renee Vogelsang at Renee@FrackAction.com or see FrackAction.com.

Upcoming at May Memorial UU Society • 3800 E. Genesee, Syr. • All at 8 p.m. • Details at folkus.org

Atwater-Donnelly

Jan. 6 / Trad, Celtic, and original folk — on dulcimer, banjo, tin whistle, limberjack, guitar, mandolin, etc.

Diana Jones

Jan. 20 / Appalachian-tinged, neo-trad songs of “hard times, murderous urges, and chilling loneliness” (NY Times).

David Francey

Feb. 3 / Winner of three Junos and SOCAN Folk Music Award. Scottish heritage shows in his voice, humor, and wistful worldview.

Lost Time

Feb. 17 / One of CNY’s most ambitious and innovative bluegrass ensembles.

Dana & Susan Robinson

March 2 / Folkus Project favorites present a mix of old-timey instrumentals and heart-warming ballads.

Téada

March 9 (special second-Friday show) / This high-energy Irish traditional outfit blew our doors off in fall 2008. They’re back to kick off “Irish season” in Central New York.

Jeffrey Foucault

Mar. 16 / Terse, elegant songwriting; haunting imagery; weather-beaten cool

John Rossbach

Apr. 6 / Bluegrass’ homecoming show

Patty Larkin

Apr. 20 / Superstar of contemporary folk

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May 4 / Celebrated alt-Southern songwriter

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Syracuse Peace Council Statement

The “Withdrawal” of US Troops from Iraq

The following statement, collectively drafted by SPC staff and other activists, was printed in Syracuse Post-Standard on December 19, 2011.

The Syracuse Peace Council eagerly anticipates the return of US service members from the war in Iraq. As an organization which opposed the Iraq War before it was launched, we feel it is long overdue.

However, we want a **complete withdrawal**. We call for: No US troops in Iraq. No US mercenaries in Iraq. No US military hardware or bases in Iraq. Especially, we call for the end of the air war over Iraq—no depleted uranium, no Chinook helicopters, no Reaper drones, no Hellfire missiles, no white phosphorous; no cluster bombs....

Nor should any puppet government be left behind. For any real healing to begin, we must fully remove ourselves from this scene of our crimes.

Consequences of War Endure

This past century teaches that no war truly ends. Its consequences endure and multiply. The Iraqi people—the widowed, the orphaned, the amputated, the heartsick, the displaced, the driven mad—will continue to suffer long after the last US soldier leaves.

Despite our departure from that lacerated land, our responsibility to the people of Iraq remains. We must provide reparations for the wounds we have inflicted. Dollars cannot compensate for the lives lost and devastated infrastructure. Nonetheless, we must give our utmost. For millennia Iraqis have been builders; we must get out of their way and provide economic support to enable them to rebuild their country

and their lives.

The deep economic recession we are experiencing leads some to believe that we should cut foreign aid. However, economic reparations for Iraq can easily be paid with a small fraction of the enormous budget that has been allocated to the US military without competing in the slightest with human needs at home.



It is telling that US troops aren't being kicked out of Iraq, instead, that nation's government has refused to extend immunity to US troops. They wish to hold US troops accountable to Iraqi law if they were to remain. What does it say about the conduct of the US military that we only want to maintain a military presence in a place where we can't be held responsible for our actions?

Lessons and Consequences

What can we learn from the disaster of the Iraq War? **4,482 US service members dead**, 32,213 US troops wounded, a total economic cost of over \$3 trillion according to Nobel Prize winner Joseph E. Stiglitz and Harvard professor Linda J. Bilmes. The extent of the carnage to Iraqis is unknown because our government didn't

want to count.

We must break out of our bubble of chauvinism, uncritical thinking and mindless consumption. We must shun the lies that draw us into war. We must remember what happened in Iraq and use it to prevent a new attack on Iran.

We must also embark on the overdue reparation of ourselves. We must end our worship of violence. We must mend our hearts that tolerated so long what we did to the Iraqi people. We must fully support the healing of our soldiers who, maimed in body and soul, must continue to live out their days knowing what we have done. And we should hold accountable those who used lies to lead us into war with Iraq in the first place.

From War to Peace

We must convert our war-besotted economy to one that profits from life, not death. We must dismantle our bloated military. To stop subverting and invading more oil lands, we must break our addiction to oil. We must leave not only Iraqi children, but our own, a planet free of the destitution and killing that threatens to engulf them.

The responsibility for making these fundamental changes rests first with us, the people of this country. As we've done for the past 75 years, the Syracuse Peace Council will continue working to educate, agitate and organize for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. We invite you to join us. ♣

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~ JANUARY 2012 ~

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 at 7pm ~ MEET THE ARTIST

Join us at Artrage as we welcome photographer Mary Lawyer O'Connor whose exhibit brings images and textiles of Guatemalan weavers together in a vibrant and colorful show. Through her photography, Mary illustrates Guatemalan womens' dedication to their art, tremendous skill, and stunning and intricately made textiles. She brings awareness and understanding of vibrant Maya cultures and draws attention to challenges facing Maya women today. Their dignity, poise and self-assurance is remarkable, given the trauma of genocide that they have lived through from the sixties through the nineties.



JANUARY 21, 2012 2 to 4pm ~ DAUGHTERS OF IXCHEL CLOSING EVENT LAST CHANCE TO PLACE BIDS ON AMAZING GUATEMALAN TEXTILES!

Join us at ArtRage for wine & cheese during the last two hours of our current exhibition *Daughters of IxChel, Women Weavers of Guatemala – The Photographs of Mary Lawyer O'Connor*. Visit again with the artist and place your final bid for the chance to take one of our exhibition textiles home with you!
Cash and Check only accepted for bid payment.

~ FEBRUARY 2012 ~

UPCOMING EXHIBITION ~ February 4 – March 17, 2012

OPENING RECEPTION - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012 at 7pm.

MEN ONLY: Vernacular Images of Male Affection from the Collection of William Knodel.

Knodel is a Syracuse artist who has been collecting photos that date from the mid-19th and early 20th century for 40 years. The show is curated by arts writer and editor Nancy Keefe Rhodes. Knodel was a college student in the 1970s in New York City when he purchased his first second-hand snapshot, a group of young men in assorted swimming attire whose style dated them back to the turn of the century, posing before a camp tent marked with a sign, "Men Only." Since then he's collected images of male affection – tintypes, daguerreotypes and photographs – during his travels to the West Coast, Canada, and Europe, scouring second-hand shops, old photo sales and used book stores. His collection now runs into the hundreds, dating from the mid-19th century and featuring couples and socializing groups from every race and social class.



**FEBRUARY 16, 2012 at 7pm
ARTIST TALK with William Knodel &
Nancy Keefe Rhodes**



Two of our main collaborators for this exhibition are Syracuse University's LGBT Studies co-director Roger Hallas and Light Work, an artist-run photography and digital media center also housed at Syracuse University. Together we will bring David Deitcher, author and curator of *Dear Friends: American Photographs of Men Together, 1840-1918*, exhibited at New York's International Center of Photography (ICP) in 2001. Deitcher is faculty at ICP/Bard College Program in Advanced Photographic Studies and will be speaking at both Syracuse University and be part of panel with Knodel and Rhodes at ArtRage on March 1st. We will also be bringing Syracuse native Lorca Shepperd, a filmmaker now based in Brooklyn, to screen her film, *Other Peoples' Pictures* on March 3rd at the gallery. Her documentary deals with collecting vernacular photographs and includes a segment on collections of images of male affection.

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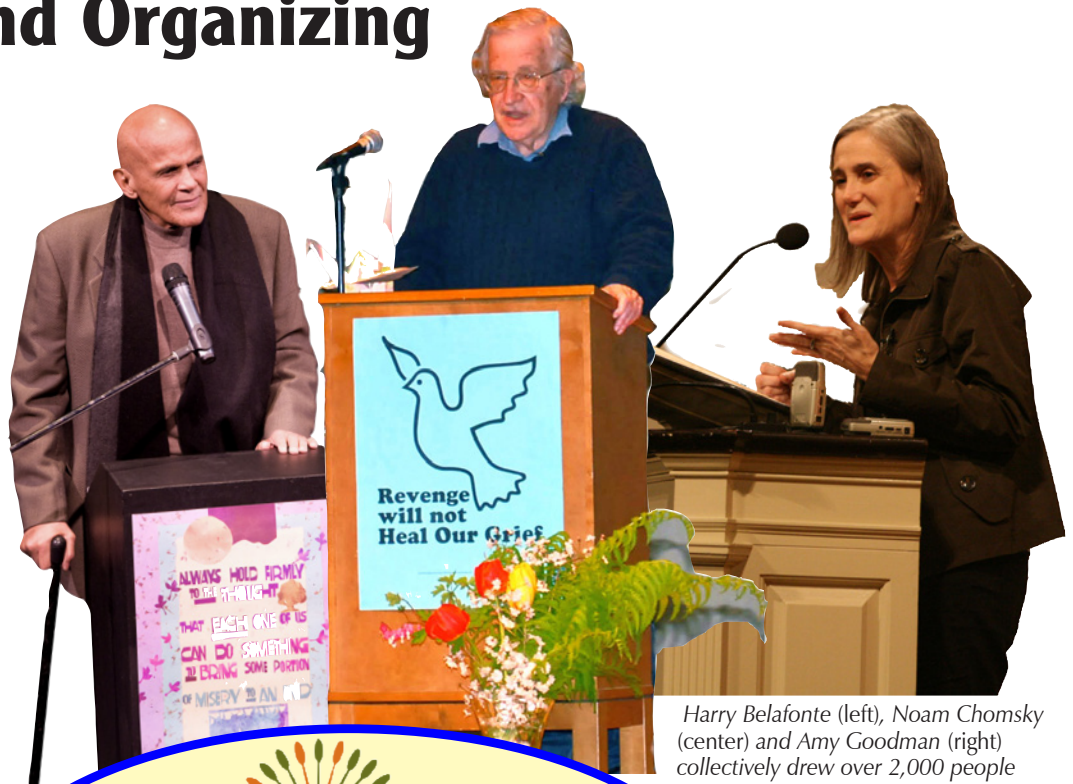
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Celebrating 75 Years of Educating, Agitating and Organizing

Over two years ago when we began brainstorming about how to commemorate SPC's 75th anniversary, we decided to think big. We tossed out lots of names of people who we thought would be ideal to speak as part of celebrations: **Harry Belafonte**, Naomi Klein, **Amy Goodman**, Arundhati Roy, **Noam Chomsky**... We thought it would be amazing to have *Democracy Now!* broadcast from Syracuse in honor of our anniversary.

As this year comes to a close, it is truly remarkable what has happened: Belafonte, Chomsky, Goodman, Katrina vanden Heuvel, and the Yes Men all came to celebrate with us. It has been a tremendous year for the Peace Council.

The challenge to all of us is to build on this momentum and continue making the Peace Council a more powerful force for peace and social justice in 2012 and the years to come.











Harry Belafonte (left), Noam Chomsky (center) and Amy Goodman (right) collectively drew over 2,000 people to celebrate SPC's 75th year and contemplate the role of activists in changing our world. The national broadcast of *Democracy Now!* from the studios of WCNY on Nov. 4 featured segments on local activism around drones and hydrofracking, putting the spotlight on Syracuse social movements. Photos: Kristen Mosher, Ray Trudell, Jay T. Lee.



Above: We kicked off the year with Harry Belafonte, who both enthralled and challenged a packed crowd at Syracuse Stage to carry on the struggles that he's worked on for many decades. Photo: Kristin Mosher; Bottom Center: Over 200 people attended SPC's birthday dinner featuring Mike Bonanno of the Yes Men activist team. Photo: Ursula Rozum



The line of people stretched out to the parking lot at Nottingham High School as we packed every available space in the 1200-seat auditorium and then opened up the doors so additional people could listen from the hallway to Noam Chomsky's analysis of the US role in the world. Photo: Simon Asbury

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p align="center">Syracuse Peace Council Community Calendar JANUARY 2012</p>		<p>Jan 3</p> <p>Ground the Drones Peace Outreach. 4:15-5pm. Hancock Air Base Entrance (E. Molloy Rd., Mattydale). 478-4571.</p> <p>Partnership for Onondaga Creek Mtg. 6pm. Brady Faith Center, 404 South Ave., Aggie 478-4571. Call to confirm. onondagacreek.org.</p> <p>EVERYTUES: Rough Times Live (Media Unit). 8pm. Time Warner 98. 478-UNIT.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>EVERY WED: Open Figure Drawing. 7-10pm. Westcott Comm. Ctr. Free. 478-8634.</p> <p>Postpartum Support Group. 7pm. Women's Info. Center, 601 Allen St. 1st and 3rd Wed. monthly. Christine, 546-5075.</p> <p>Occupy Syracuse. General Assembly 6:30pm even weekdays, 3pm weekends. Perseverance Park, S. Salina St. north of Fayette, downtown. occupysyracuse.org.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Dr. Dhafir Resentencing Hearing. 10am. Syracuse Federal Bldg., 100 S. Clinton St. Come express support.</p> <p>CNY Working for a Just Peace in Palestine & Israel meeting. 11:30am. SPC office. Andy, 472-5478.</p> <p>Assessment and Planning for a Sustainable Syracuse. 7pm. Presentation by City Planning Bureau, hosted by Public Power Coalition. 2013 E. Genesee St. Jessica, 472-5478.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Atwater-Donnelly. 8pm. May Memorial UU, 3800 E. Genesee St. Folkus.org. \$15.</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>EVERY SAT: Democracy Now! Time Warner Cable Channel 98. 9-11am.</p> <p>Nov 12 thru Jan 21: Daughters of Ixchel: Photography of Mary Lawyer O'Connor. ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave., artragegallery.org.</p> <p>EVERY SAT: Sharing the Earth (PAR). 10pm. Time Warner 98.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>EVERY SUN: "Top of the World" music. 10pm-12am. 88.3 FM.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>EVERY MON: GED classes. 9am-12pm. Westcott Community Center. RSVP to Paul Harvey at 247-4420 or WCC at 478-8634.</p> <p>Syracuse Greens monthly meeting. 7pm. 2013 E. Genesee St. (1st floor). Ursula 472-5478</p>	<p>10</p> <p>SUN Southside Coalition. 6:30pm. Beauchamp Library, 2111 S. Salina St. 476-7475.</p> <p>NOON Steering Comm. Mtg. 7pm. 2013 E. Genesee St. Andy, 472-5478.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Witness Against Torture. noon-2pm. National Day of Action Against Guantanamo. witnessorture.org.</p> <p>Final Deadline for Comments to DEC on Fracking. See shaleshockcny.org or page 9.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>EVERY THURS: Moving for Better Balance. Exercise for seniors. 11-11:45am. Westcott Comm. Ctr. Transportation can be arranged. 478-8634.</p> <p>EVERY THURS: Talk to a lawyer. 6-8pm. Westcott Comm. Ctr. 826 Euclid Ave. Steve, 478-8634. Free.</p> <p>Solidarity Committee Meeting. 7:30pm. ground floor SPC Office, 2013 E. Genesee St. solidaritycny.wordpress.com.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Dan Maffei Speaking to CNY Alliance For Retired Americans meeting. 10am. New York State United Teachers office, 4983 Brittonfield Pkwy, East Syracuse. glotierz@twcny.rr.com.</p> <p>Explore Your Options: Doulas, Birth Centers & C-Sections. Film. 7-9pm. Holistic Moms Network. ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. http://mbobbsyracuse.eventbrite.com.</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>2nd Saturday Concert Series: Loren Barrigar. 8pm. Westcott Comm. Ctr. Folkus.org (see page 12).</p>
<p>15</p> <p>PeaceSongs Online Voting Deadline. Help choose the final four songs for our CD. See page 4 or www.peacecouncil.net/songs</p> <p>Gay and Lesbian Catholics. 5pm. All Saints Church, 1304 Lancaster Ave. 770-2155. Also on December 18.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Martin Luther King Birthday Holiday. Celebrate by engaging in nonviolent direct action and organizing against the triple evils of poverty, racism and war!</p> <p>Westside Residents Coalition. 7pm. Brown Memorial, 228 Davis St. 476-7475.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>SPC Steering Committee Meeting. 6:30-9pm. Open to SPC supporters. Jessica, 472-5478.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Skunk City Neighborhood Association. 6:30pm. Mundy Library, 1204 S. Geddes St. 476-7475.</p> <p>SPC MONTHLY PROGRAM</p> <p>One Family in Gaza. Film. 7pm. ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. Contact Andy. See page 3.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Third Thursday: Citywide Arts Night. 5-8pm. www.th3syracuse.com.</p> <p>Meet the Artist: Mary Lawyer O'Connor. 7-9pm. ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave.</p> <p>Southwest Action Committee. 7pm. Brady Faith, 404 South Ave. 476-7475.</p> <p>Shaleshock CNY Monthly Meeting. 6pm. Onondaga Free Library 4840 W. Seneca Tpk. Lindsay, 475-2559 peer@mrss.com.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Occupy the Courts. National Day of Action on anniversary of Citizens United. Ursula, 472-5478.</p> <p>Workers Center Membership Mtg. 6:30 pm. Plymouth Ch., 242 E. Onondaga St.</p> <p>Diana Jones in Concert. 8pm. May Memorial UU. Folkus.org. \$15.</p> <p>Leftist Lounge. 8pm. SPC, 2013 E. Genesee St. Ursula 472-5478. See p. 4.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Theatre for Social Justice. Workshop with Stephen Cross. 9am-4pm. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. At La Casita, 109 Otisco St. FREE</p> <p>Last Chance! Daughters of Ixchel: Closing bids for Guatemalan weavings silent auction. 2-4pm. Wine & Cheese. Artrage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave., artragegallery.org.</p> <p>MLK Dinner Celebration. 5pm. SU Carrier Dome. \$25 general public/\$15 students. 443-5044.</p>
<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>PFLAG monthly meeting. 7:30 pm. 1st UU Church, 250 Waring Rd.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Community Training in Ecological Design Registration deadline. Course begins Feb. 4. \$200-400 sliding scale. Offered by the Fingerlakes Permaculture Institute and Alchemical Nursery: alchemicalnursery.org. Frank, 308-1372</p> <p>Friends of Dorothy dinner. 5:30-7pm. St. Vincent's Parish Center, Burnet Ave. & Winton St. (entrance on Winton). Donation. www.friendsfordorothysyracuse.com</p>	<p>26</p> <p>PNL Mailing Party. 4pm. SPC, 2013 E. Genesee St. Free Pizza. 472-5478.</p> <p>ACTS 2012 Annual Mtg. 4-9pm. University Meth. Ch., 1085 E. Genesee St. acts-cny@gmail.com or Carol 472-5478.</p> <p>Nonviolent Direct Action Skillshare. 7pm. SEIU 1199, 250 S. Clinton St. (see page 4). Jessica or Carol 472-5478.</p> <p>Solidarity Committee Meeting. 7:30pm. ground floor SPC Office, 2013 E. Genesee St. solidaritycny.wordpress.com.</p>	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Pax Christi Monthly Meeting. 9:30am. 208 Slocum Ave.</p>
<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Unsung Heroes Film Series: Throw Down Your Heart. 7pm. RedHouse, 201 S. West St. \$8/\$5 Members. theredhouse.org.</p>	<p>Feb 1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>CNY Working for a Just Peace in Palestine & Israel meeting. 11:30am. SPC office. Andy, 472-5478.</p> <p>Public Power Coalition. 7:30pm. 2013 E. Genesee St. Jessica, 472-5478.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>David Francey in Concert. 8pm. May Memorial UU. Folkus.org. \$15.</p> <p>Boxed Items are Syracuse Peace Council related events. Info: peace-council.net, 315-472-5478.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>SPC Annual Retreat. Sat. & Sun. Alverna Heights, Fayetteville. RSVP requested: 472-5478. See page 5.</p> <p>Community Training in Ecological Design Sat. & Sun. RSVP by Jan. 25 More info: alchemicalnursery.org. Frank, 308-1372</p>