Earthdance was a two day festival on Friday September 25 and Saturday September 26. It was one within a network of numerous dance festivals that happened simultaneously around the planet, and this is anticipated to be a recurring event. An online website community organized these events in unison for the purpose of building a dance culture that works to benefit the earth.

The organizers kindly offered to donate a portion of their proceeds to the OMNI Center. They asked that an OMNI representative come to deliver a speech on behalf of OMNI. I offered to do this. After having some trouble finding the small town of Clifty, Arkansas, I arrived at 7 p.m. Saturday to deliver my speech to around 50 people. I spoke about what OMNI does and its importance in creating a community that empowers and supports people like myself that care deeply about peace and the environment.

After my speech, I joined the concession table volunteers and displayed OMNI literature and paraphernalia, and began to tell people about what OMNI does.

Afterwards, I decided to join the wonderful party. There were numerous musical artists, mostly dance electronica, which I totally enjoy. I had the pleasure of dancing with some wonderful people and had a great time. Then I joined another group at a giant bonfire where we sat around and talked about everything: politics, peace, the environment and spirituality. I had brought along painting supplies, and ended up painting all night with dozens of interesting people. I had one of the best times of my life and made many amazing friendships. If the event happens again next year, I will definitely do my best to attend. Dancing for peace and the environment is certainly worthwhile. www.earthdance.org

Abel Tomlinson

OMNI Sculptor to Present at Crystal Bridges Museum of Art

Friday, October 2
5:30 - 7:00 pm gallery talk / wine & cheese reception
7:15 light refreshments
7:30 - 8:30 pm: Art:21 program SCREENING
8:30 - 9:30 pm: Panel discussion

Panelists

Shelley Buonaiuto, sculptor and activist with the Omni Center
Bethany Springer, sculptor, Homeless Project artist, and assistant professor of art at the University of Arkansas
Carol Cooper, watercolor artist, instructor and coordinator of the Art Department at the NorthWest Arkansas Community College

Crystal Bridges at the Massey
125 West Central Avenue
Bentonville, AR 72712
Free parking behind the building
ENTRANCE is on the corner of NWA Street and West Central Avenue

Lynn Berkowitz
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
MISSION STATEMENT

OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology educates and empowers people to actively build a non-violent, sustainable, and just world.

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Smorgasbord!
Flyer: October 24th 350 PPM!
The OMNI Center Calendar is now online!
Greetings from McCall, Idaho, on day 86 of our cross-country tour! To sign up with NucNews, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NucNews/ I’ve just posted to the Proposition One In 2010 Campaign Blog at http://proposition onein2010.blogspot.com -- you can subscribe on the home page. This has been an amazing experience, meeting wonderful people of all ages who care just as much as we do about getting rid of the nuclear weapons and transforming our war economy. Love and peace to all! Ellen, Jay, Troy, and Sophia the Peace Dog

Ellen Thomas et@prop1.org
202-210-3886 (cell)

18th Arkansas Holocaust Education Conference
November 13th at the Jones Center for Families in Springdale.

This year the theme is, "Why? An Attempt to Answer Perplexing Question About the Holocaust". There are 11 speakers from throughout the US as presenters at this year's conference from 9 different states including Fellows from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Wash. D.C. Pre-registration is required. For further information contact Grace Donoho, gdonoho@jcf.jonesnet.org or 479-756-8090 ext. 210

Palestine/Israel after GAZA: Futility or Hope?
Sponsored by the King Fahd Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies
Free and Open to the Public
Monday, October 5  3:30-5:30  105 Kimpel Hall
A Roundtable Discussion with Roane Carey & Yoram Meital

The Consulate General of the Republic of the Marshall Islands in Springdale, Arkansas, is now open!
109 Spring Street Suite 9
Springdale, Arkansas 72764
Time Banking is a really interesting way of bringing people together to tap underused resources to serve unmet needs. It is a pay it forward system of exchanging help. When you spend an hour doing something for another time bank member you earn a time dollar that goes into your time bank account. You can then spend that time dollar to have someone do something for you.

You can offer any services that you wish--household help, giving rides, childcare, lessons in crafts, sports, music or other hobbies, pet care, gardening, professional services, mentoring--any skill that you would like to share. Everyone has something of value to offer. You can also earn time dollars by putting on group events for Time Bank members--classes, outings, social events. Group events are an important part of time banking. They allow everyone to get to know each other and be introduced to skills other members have to offer.

We will be using a web-based software to arrange our exchanges and to keep track of time dollars earned and spent. Someone will always be available to make matches for members who do not have access to or are unable to use the internet. You could earn time dollars for helping in this way! There will be a very small annual membership fee to cover the expenses of administering and growing the time bank. If you want to learn more, especially about timebanking as a social change movement. TimeBanks USA has a great website at www.timebanks.org. There are also many videos about time banking on youtube.

If the idea captures your imagination, contact me and let's talk about it!
Mary Lily 479-466-5641

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Women at the Table of Power  
October 2009 Conference

On October 4-6, nearly 150 women legislators and community activists from around the country will converge on Washington, DC to attend the 10th Biennial WiLL/WAND Women's Leadership Conference, "Women at the Table of Power." Our conference attracts prominent women policymakers and leaders to engage with the pressing national issues we face regarding war and peace, responsible spending, nuclear proliferation and true national security. Our Women's Leadership Conference is just one way that WAND has been empowering, educating and inspiring women to take political action for more than a quarter century. WiLL (Women Legislator's Lobby) has members in all 50 states who represent millions of constituents. We hope to raise $10,000 by October 3 -- which means we need 25 people to give $100, 50 people to give $50 and 200 people to give $25 to meet our goal. We absolutely need you to be one of those people! Help us speed the day when women's votes and women's voices are lifted up by progressive women seated at the tables of power - in our towns and cities, in our state legislatures, and in Washington! www.wand.org

Sincerely,
Susan Shaer
WAND Executive Director - www.wand.org
Help Support Environmental Education in Middle School!

There is a new middle school environmental education charter school trying to open in Little Rock called the Friends Academy of Health and Environmental Sciences! They are targeting students that are low achieving and may be from low-socio-economic families. They have faced some resistance from the state Board of Education and have asked for help via a letter writing campaign. Can you help make my dream, and that of numerous Arkansas youth a reality?

Thanks,
April Ambrose

- Partnering with environmental organizations will provide unique opportunities to promote environmental literacy and to link Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math skills with sustainability.
- Environmental partnerships can expose students to inquiry based project opportunities, and engage them in research that impacts their community and their understanding of the world around them.
- Provide exposure to students to learn to advocate heath and healthy environments.
- Our intent to utilize a LEED certified facility can create a healthy learning environment which research has repeatedly shown to improve test scores, teacher retention and to reduce absenteeism.
- Environmental partnerships will help these students develop critical academic skills and a drive to pursue green career paths.
- Recruiting sustainability professionals to mentor students, participate in classroom exercises and expose them to careers.

Letters can be addressed to me and cc’d to the Arkansas State Board of Education members, either individually or at the State Board office. Thank you!

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Four Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201

Two Climate Breakdown Book Forums in October!

1) Oct. 12th, Shewmaker Center @ NWACC, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
2) Oct. 23rd, Community Center in Greenland, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
“Money Driven Medicine” October 8th @ 6:30pm NWACC

Smorgasbord!

PEACEWORK, GLOBAL THOUGHT LOCAL ACTION FOR NONVIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE published its final number this September. It was an important source of information and inspiration to me for many years. Its demise reminds us of the importance of OMNI's newsletter and of all newsletters in the peace, justice, and ecology movement. –Dick Bennett

AID TO NEEDY STUDENTS
The House voted 9-17 to overhall college aid programs--to oust private lenders from the student loan business (saving est. $87 billion), boost Pell Grants, and provide grant programs to improve graduation rates. The "bill fulfills nearly all of President Barack Obama's campaign promises for high education." Dick Bennett

Class:  Spanish for Clergy – Class #97
Location: The Jones Center
Beginning: October 27th – December 2nd
Tuesdays from 5:00 – 6:30 pm and Saturdays from 10 am – 11 am.
Registration Fee: $5.00 payable in the computer center at the Jones Center
The instructor is Tanya Evans. Tanya teaches Spanish at Fayetteville High School.

Thanks!
Grace Donoho, Ed. D.
Jones Center for Families
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INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM
The latest no. of The IRE Journal (Summer 2009) (Investigative Reporters and Editors) includes articles on "Widening Wage Gap" and "Megachurch with Megamoney" and a special section of 5 articles on "Medical Investigations." OMNI's fund to purchase books and films at UA's Mullins Library includes investigative journalism. Dick Bennett

The League of United Latin American Citizens
8th Annual Scholarship Fund Gala

Saturday, October 10, 2009
6:00 P.M. to 12:00 midnight
John Q. Hammons Center
3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway
Rogers, Arkansas

Keynote Speaker
* Gregory Marrufo * Vice President, Information Systems Division, Walmart Stores, Inc.
Black Tie Dinner
Reception * Silent Auction * Dinner Program * Music & Dancing *
Individual Tickets: $60 * Tables $600

** Please RSVP to Jgomez@mcultralsolutions.com **
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2pm - March from Walton Arts Center Parking Lot to Square
- Speakers
- Music
- Information

6pm - Screening of “The Age of Stupid” Union Theater

An International Day of Climate Action

October 24 2009

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