OMNI’S JULIA WARD HOWE’S MOTHER’S DAY FOR PEACE NEWSLETTER #3, May 12, 2013,  
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The Radical History of Mother’s Day

Laura Kacere, Op-Ed, NationofChange, May 12, 2012: “Mother’s Day began in America in 1870 when Julia Ward Howe wrote the Mother’s Day Proclamation. Written in response to the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War, her proclamation called on women to use their position as mothers to influence society in fighting for an end to all wars. She called for women to stand up against the unjust violence of war through their roles as wife and mother, to protest the futility of their sons killing other mothers’ sons.” READ  |  DISCUSS  |  SHARE

http://www.nationofchange.org/radical-history-mother-s-day-1336835841

MOTHER’S DAY DEALS (MAKE MOM FEEL SPECIAL WITH ONE OF THESE GREAT GIFT IDEAS) AND JULIA WARD HOWE’S PROCLAMATION By Dick Bennett

$30 Chiropractic Consultation and Exam w/two adjustments

Arise, then, women of this day! Arise all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be that of water or of tears!

Cosmetic Facial Procedures & Women’s Fitness at Project Fabulous, Option 1: Botox Treatment, Regular $400, Sale $200

Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and
applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.

$30.95 to Spend at Candy Bouquet in Rogers for just $15
We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says "Disarm, Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice."

1 Hour Massage or Foot Reflexology Session, Regular $65, Sale $30
Blood does not wipe our dishonor nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.

$99 for 60 Minute in-Office Laser Teeth Whitening
Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after their own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

$25 for $50 of Flowers, Chocolates, Cheesecake or Other Gifts
In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace. Thanks to Julia Ward Howe, Boston 1870, and no thanks to USA for commodifying everything, even our mothers. (“Deals” from ADG,May 4, 2012 8A).

ROBERT RICHE, “CUT ROSES”

Carefully trained, they stand in tall salute to the gardener’s skills,
prime recruits
taken early
at their best
for their sweetness.

In the garden
a hole gapes
where they stood.

(From Poems Against War, 2010)

**Cutting Them Down, Then Conscription Began WWI (for the British and German Sons and Husbands)** By Dick Bennett

The soldiers cheered “God and Country!”
for victory over the enemy.
God with us. (The enemy, Gott mit uns.)
Over five foot eight the volunteers came,
cheering right and honor.
They walked tall to kill the enemy,
into the wire, into the guns.
After the Battle of the Marne
over five foot six the volunteers came
drank their rum to cheer their fear.
After the Battle of Ypres
five foot four the volunteers came.
Steeled by Cross or mother, wife, and kids,
by rum, comrades, fears and tears,
they crept toward wire and guns.
Back home conscription had begun.

PEACE ALLIANCE MOTHER’S DAY PIECE OF THE PIE CAMPAIGN

**MOTHERS DAY & PEACE**

In the 1800's, Julia Ward Howe, original advocate for "Mother's Day" and writer of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," nursed and tended the wounded during the civil war. She worked with the widows and orphans of soldiers on both sides of the war, and realized that the effects of the war go beyond the killing of soldiers in battle. The devastation she witnessed called her to "rise
up through the ashes and devastation" calling out for a day dedicated to peace: Mother's Day. In her various social capacities Julia tirelessly worked for justice throughout her life.

Read more about the history of Mother's Day including the full Mother's Day proclamation Julia wrote.

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**Use your Voice to Make Peace a Priority**

**Participate in our Annual Mother's Day Campaign**

- Long to see more peaceful responses to the collective challenges we face?
- Want to help shift our culture away from overly punitive and militaristic policies, towards those that promote harmony, understanding and implement peacebuilding?
- Join our 9th annual "Peace Wants a Piece of the Pie" Mother's Day Campaign!

Dear Dick,

One of the most powerful things you can do to create social change is to visit your elected representatives' offices. Urge them to get behind an issue you care about. Most great social advancements in our society have come about because people who cared, average constituents, made their voices heard and committed themselves to making their cause a higher priority.

It will take many devoted citizens, promoting proactive, restorative solutions -- and pushing our government to listen to its constituents to shift our nation's priorities toward peace.

While in office, Presidents Obama, Clinton and many others, have urged citizens to engage, saying that they cannot make the kinds of changes they want and know they need to make until the citizenry speaks loudly enough to allow them to take bolder positions.

Peacebuilding should be our first response, not shuffled off to the corners as it is now.

**Join people across the country this May 10th and visit your local Congressional offices with Mother's Day pies >>**

Bring a message that peace, and in particular the work of peacebuilding, wants a more prominent seat at the table of power.

You can either set up a meeting to talk with your elected official's local staff, or simply drop off some of the finely-tuned materials you can print from our website, along with a pie.

- Help make a difference with the Youth PROMISE Act, a powerful model for peacebuilding in our own hardest hit communities. Let's honor our mothers by caring for America's children who are in most need of support.
- Share why you’d like to see something at the level of a Department of Peacebuilding, where our nation organizes around the principles and practices of peace.
- Tell them you want our current government peacebuilding agencies, like the U.S.
Institute of Peace, The State Department’s Conflict Stabilization Operations Bureau, and the Complex Crises Fund to receive the level of funding they deserve.

Make your voice heard!

"One of the reasons it’s easy to get co-sponsors [in congress] is many people, when I say ‘Youth PROMISE Act,’ say ‘oh, I’ve heard about that from my constituents, sign me up.’...
The Peace Alliance, talking to their local Members of Congress and hopefully their U.S. Senators, are making the fact that we are getting co-sponsors... much more likely. We really appreciate the support."

~Congressman Bobby Scott, comments after a previous Mother’s Day campaign, when the House bill jumped from approx. 100 co-sponsors to over 200 in a period of a few weeks.

You do not need to be an expert! Being willing to go visit, bringing material on the issues, will have an important impact. And, if you can have a few friends join, you will maximize your effort. We will coach and provide you with everything you need. We’ve helped organize hundreds of these meetings and drop-offs. Many people have arranged and carried out meetings with no prior experience.

And yet, over the years, our efforts have made a significant difference. We have helped increase co-sponsors, awareness, and knowledge of the need for more peacebuilding investment.

We will help you do it.

Let’s change the world together!

Sign-up today!

-BobBaskin
President, The Peace Alliance

P.S. You can review our tips and tools here to learn more.

What is freeDUMB anyway?

Cindy Sheehan's Soapbox RevolutionALoveStory@gmail.com via uark.edu

May 27, 2012 to jbennet

Dear Friend,

On Sunday, May 27th, 2012, Cindy Sheehan will be interviewing long time peace, justice and political activist, Debra Sweet, who is the National Co-ordinator of World Can't Wait AND Rage Against the Machine guitarist, Night Watchman, Tom Morello.

Debra and Tom were in Chicago for the anti-NATO protests and share their experiences.

A lot of emphasis has been on the Black Bloc being an instigator of violence (even from the "left") and Cindy coins the phrase "Blue Bloc" to describe the police--the Armed Forces of the 1%, because 99% of the time, the Blue Bloc comes dressed for a riot and are armed and dangerous.

Listen to the show at 2pm Pacific Time at Community Progressive Radio or anytime after at the ARCHIVES http://cindysheehanssoapbox.blogspot.com/2012/05/freedumb-by-cindy-sheehan.html
Love & Peace
Cindy and the Soapbox Team
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Reflections on FreeDUMB  Cindy Sheehan
CLICK HERE TO READ http://cindysheehanssoapbox.blogspot.com/2012/05/freedumb-by-cindy-sheehan.html

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SAD (BUT TRUE) SOLiloquY
JAMES GARNER IN THE AMERICANIZATION OF EMILY

CLICK HERE TO WATCH http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=KSC3hNY8Oa8

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OCCUPY BEALE AFB
WHAT CINDY SHEEHAN WILL BE DOING ON CASEY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 29, 2012)
CLICK HERE FOR http://www.facebook.com/events/259076160857671/

CODE PINK 2012
Double your money?
Jodie Evans, CODEPINK  info@codepink.org via uark.edu
May 11, 2011  to jbennet
Happy Mother’s Day!
Dick, can you contribute $10? Help us reach $10,000!
Mondoweiss salutes CODEPINK: Read about how Jodie Evans disrupting business as usual inspired journalist Philip Weiss.
Watch the viral video of Medea speaking out about deadly drones!
Tweet this.  Spread the love on facebook
Dear Dick,
We just heard from a generous donor who has been inspired by our work and is offering us a $10,000 matching grant to support CODEPINK in the spirit of Julia Ward Howe's disarming Mother's Day Proclamation: "We, the women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs." Please make a contribution today, in honor of your mother or a woman you admire.

We are also looking for 100 people to donate $100 and join our Peace Circle. For your gift of $100 we’d like to offer you an autographed copy of Medea's *Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control*.

Last week when Medea stood up to confront Obama's counterterrorism advisor John Brenner about deadly drone attacks, she had no idea how many people she was giving voice to. CODEPINK has been overwhelmed with letters of thanks from people in Pakistan, Yemen and around the world, and over 175,000 people have watched the video.

Many people agree with our message, but few have the courage to step up and speak out. We will continue to inspire and build women’s leadership and shine a spotlight on greed, corruption, and war in creative, bold ways as only CODEPINK does.

Will you support this crucial and creative work?

…Since CODEPINK began we have honored the call of Julia Ward Howe and gathered as women to rededicate ourselves to ending war, poverty and other forms of injustice. Will you?

With love, Jodie Evans
CODEPINK Codirector & Cofounder

**IVAW 2012**

Remembering the mothers who have lost their children to war.

IVAW [webmaster@ivaw.org](mailto:webmaster@ivaw.org) via [uark.edu](mailto:uark.edu) May 13, 2012 to jbennet

Dear James ,

This Mother's Day, we honor all mothers affected by war, in particular those who have suffered the ultimate loss of a child from war. These days, we must count the losses of our soldiers killed in action, but also those who die by their own hands both on and off the battlefield, as military suicides now exceed the number of combat deaths.

**IVAW is focused on ending the Afghanistan War, and our Operation Recovery Campaign is working to end the deployment of traumatized troops and fighting for service members' right to heal from war so no more mothers have to experience the losing a child to war.**

**Today, we honor the origins of Mother's Day as an international call to end all wars.**

Mother's Day Proclamation
by Julia Ward Howe, 1870

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The great and general interests of peace.

In Solidarity,

Iraq Veterans Against the War

Afghanistan Veterans Against the War Committee

MOTHER’S DAY FOR PEACE BY WAND IN LITTLE ROCK 2012

The great hall in the Governor’s Mansion was filled to overflowing. Strong energy for nonviolence. I attended with Jo Bennett and our daughter and son-in-law. --Dick

Mother’s Day, 2012, and We’re Still at War

by Murray Polner

Previously by Murray Polner: Hiroshima & Nagasaki: 66 Years Later
After the carnage of World War II the members of the now defunct Victory Chapter of American Gold Star Mothers in St. Petersburg, Florida, knew better than most what is was like to lose their sons, daughters and husbands in war. "We’d rather not talk about it," said Ceil Rindfuss whose son was killed in WWII. She told the St. Petersburg Times in 1960, "It’s a terrible scar that never heals. We hope there will never be another war so no other mothers will have to go through this ordeal." But as a result of the invasion of Iraq, too many now mourn family members lost to war.

Few Americans know that Mother’s Day was initially suggested by two peace-minded mothers, Julia Ward Howe, a 19th century anti-slavery activist and suffragette, and Anna Reeves Jarvis, mother of eleven, who influenced Howe and had asked her fellow Appalachian townspeople, badly polarized by the Civil War, to remain neutral and help nurse the wounded troops of both sides. While neither lived to see an official Mother’s Day, it was eventually designated as a national holiday by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914, a president whose armies invaded Mexico, brought the U.S. into World War I and whose administration carried out brutal punishments against opponents of the World War I and the draft, such as Eugene V. Debs. It was Wilson who once declared that, "A war of service is a thing in which it is a proud thing to die" – a sentiment by someone who had never served in the military and which reminds me of Charles Edward Montague’s classic putdown of living room heroes, "War hath no fury like a non-combatant."

Though she never had children, my favorite female opponent of war and imperialism was the forgotten poet and feminist Katharine Lee Bates who wrote "America the Beautiful" as a poem in 1895, now virtually our second national anthem. My favorite Bates anti-war poem is "Glory," in which an officer heading for the front bids farewell to his tearful mother.

"Again he raged in that lurid hell
Where the country he loved had thrown him.
"You are promoted!" shrieked a shell.
His mother would not have known him."

More recently, many may no longer remember Lenore Breslauer, a mother of two children, who helped establish Another Mother for Peace during the Vietnam War. By the end of the sixties the group had 450,000 members and sympathizers, inspired by its ingenious and telling theme:
"War is not healthy for children and other living beings." Years later, the message was not lost on three mothers on Long Island, N.Y., with the first name of Carol who initiated Mothers and Others Against War in 1979 to protest against Jimmy Carter’s resurrection of draft registration. They stayed on to battle against Ronald Reagan’s military intervention in El Salvador and Nicaragua. What these mothers and others recognized quite clearly was that war and the draft helped kill and grievously wound hundreds of thousands of troops and millions of civilians in places like Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and who knows where else.

On this Mother’s Day we could use more of the anger and dissenting spirit of countless numbers of women and mothers who have condemned male-created and dominated wars. In Russia, mothers joined together and protested using their drafted sons as cannon fodder wars in Afghanistan and Chechnya. In Argentina and Chile, mothers and grandmothers protested the murders and disappearances of their children by the neo-fascist barbarians who ran their nations in the late seventies and early eighties. And in our country the anti-war movement has often been led by women, demonstrating, in essence, against “those who think that War is a glorious golden thing… invoking Honor and Praise and Valor and Love of Country” – as a bitter Roland Leighton, a British combat soldier of WWI, wrote long ago to his fiancée, the British antiwar writer Vera Brittain.

Unhappily on this Mother’s Day, peace seems further away then ever. Even so, my hope is that more and more American mothers and all other women who have remained silent will continue to work against our now and future wars and the ever-present possibility of drafting their young. Do we still need to glorify war and military service? Do we need yet another war memorial to the dead in Washington? Do we need more war widows and mothers grieving for the rest of their lives over their dead husbands and wives, children and grandchildren? Do we really need to continue disseminating the myth that an idealistic America always fights for freedom and democracy no matter the cost or cause?

On this Mother’s Day, more than 4500 U.S. troops have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and many more have been wounded in body and mind in elective and ideologically inspired wars. They all had mothers.

May 12, 2012

Murray Polner [send him mail] wrote No Victory Parades: The Return of the Vietnam Veteran and most recently co-authored Disarmed and Dangerous, a biography of Dan and Phil Berrigan, and with Thomas Wood Jr. wrote and edited We Who Dared Say No To War. He served in the U.S. army.

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The Americanization of Emily anti-war film starring James Garner and Julie Andrews. The film contains a powerful scene in which Garner’s character decries the wives and mothers who keep the bloodbaths going by honoring the soldiers and the leaders who perpetuate them. He ends declaring that it will be cowards such as he who will save the world. Dick

LINDA CAILLOUET, “BAND OF MOTHERS”

Arkansas Democrat/Gazette (Nov. 21, 2012). Story about Fran Marshall, president of the new Arkansas Chapter of American Gold Star Mothers Inc, composed of women whose child was killed in war. Her story and several others explain the grief which bonds the women together. Her son age 37 was killed in 2007 from mortar fire. Another story is about an Arkansas Gold Star mother who killed herself and her granddaughter by burning down her home. Two of her sons had been killed in Iraq. The group provides support for each other. (What kind of relationship might these mothers develop with the mothers of 9-11 Families For Peaceful Tomorrows, or with the mothers who feel attracted to Julia Ward Howe’s Mother’s Day for Peace?) Dick

GOOGLE’S VIEW 2013 (viewed May 9) OF JULIA WARD HOWE’S MOTHER’S DAY (and another facet of indoctrination USA: see James R. Bennett’s Control of Information in the United States.)

1. Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day 2013

2. News for Mother's Day 2013

1. Mother's Day Gifts for Under $30

ABC News - 23 minutes ago

Nicole Lapin shares some fun, inexpensive gift ideas for mom.

2. 7 Last-Minute Mother's Day Gifts
3. **Mother's Day 2013**: 10 trendy (and cheap) last-minute gifts for mom

Fox News - 1 day ago

3. **When is Mother's Day in 2013?** - When-Is.com
   
   [www.when-is.com/mothers-day-2013.asp](http://www.when-is.com/mothers-day-2013.asp)

   *Mother's Day in 2013* is on Sunday, the 12th of May. In the United States, *Mother's Day* is celebrated on the second Sunday of May. In some countries it was ...

4. **Mother's Day 2013, Mother's Day 2014 and further** - 2013 Calendar
   

5. **Mother's Day 2013**: 10 trendy (and cheap) last-minute gifts for mom ...
   

   1 day ago – Next Slide Previous Slide. It's almost *Mother's Day*! 1Celeb cookbook sale. Target. Whether she's a fan of the “Real Housewives,” Food Network ...

6. **Mother's Day in United States - Time and Date**
   
   [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com) › Calendar › Holidays › United States

   *Mother's Day in the United States is annually held on the second Sunday of May. It celebrates motherhood and it is ... *Mother's Day 2013*. Sunday, May 12, 2013 ...

7. **Mother's Day Gifts at RedEnvelope**
   
   [www.redenvelope.com/mothers-day-gifts-rmfav](http://www.redenvelope.com/mothers-day-gifts-rmfav)

   *90+ items – Hundreds of unique *Mother's Day* gifts to celebrate all the ...

   languages of mom bracelet

   my mother, my friend necklace

   122 reviews

   159 reviews

   $99.95 $79.99 - you save 20%

   $69.95
8. **Last-Minute Mother's Day 2013 Gift Guide for $10 and Up - ABC News**
   abcnews.go.com › Money
   3 hours ago – Attention family members: *Mother's Day 2013* is this Sunday. If the holiday has slipped your mind, fear not. ABC News has pulled together ...

   www.huffingtonpost.com/news/mothers-day-2013/
   Big News on *Mother's Day 2013*. Includes blogs, news, and community conversations about *Mother's Day 2013*.

10. **Mothers Day (2013) - IMDb**
    www.imdb.com/title/tt2395339/
    Directed by Paul Duddridge. With Andie MacDowell, Susan Sarandon, Christina Ricci, Sharon Stone. Skype / WebChat set movie following the relationships of ...

11. **When is Mother's Day 2013, 2014, 2015 - Old Farmers Almanac**
    www.almanac.com/content/when-mothers-day-2013
    When is *Mother's Day 2013*? Here is a chart of the exact dates for 2013, 2014, and 2015. What is the history of Mother's Day? When did it start? See what the ...

12. **Mother's Day - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**
    en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother's_Day

**Searches related to Mother's Day 2013**

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My blog:
War Department/Peace Department
http://jamesrichardbennett.blogspot.com/
Newsletters
http://www.omnicenter.org/newsletter-archive/

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