Greetings!

We’re still looking forward to spring, and hope it arrives before summer, but the flowers know it’s here. With all the disturbing news, take a day off on May 25 for the annual Peace Gardens Tour. It’ll be your gift to yourself. Here’s a link for more info: [Peace Gardens Tour 2013](https://www.facebook.com/events/131464123704390/)

In Peace,
OMNI Newsletter Team

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**OMNI and Community**

**MAY**

May 1 - Buffalo River hog farm forum - 6:00pm Fay Library

May 1 - Soldier’s Heart CD Release, 7 pm Teatro Scarpino, West St
[https://www.facebook.com/events/131464123704390/](https://www.facebook.com/events/131464123704390/)

May 4 - Springfest Returns - Dickson St.

May 4 - Citizens Climate Lobby - 11:00-1:00 @ OMNI

May 4 - Cinco de Mayo - Jones Center Springdale

May 5 - OMNI 350 - Tar Sands activists about Mayflower, Bill McKibben movie - 1:30 pm @ Fay Library

May 5 - Open Mic @ OMNI -7:00 pm OMNI - last Open Mic of the season!

May 8 - May Veggie Potluck 6:30 @ OMNI. Joanna Pollock talks about the powerful KXL protest in DC that 15 Arkansans attended.

May 13 - Peace Pole Painting Party @ OMNI 5:15-ish

May 18 - Food Insecurity Forum, Trinity Methodist Church 10-4:00

May 19 - Block Street Block Party - 1:00-5:00 - OMNI 350, OMNI Youth and Fayetteville Community Radio will be there. Look for ‘em when you go.


May 25 - March Against Monsanto - 2:00 Town Square

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**Special Events**

**Hog Farm Town Hall Meeting**

May 1 -- 6:00-7:30
All our questions will be answered. Fayetteville Public Library

[Complete information here](http://www.change.org/petitions/keep-america-s-first-national-river-the-buffalo-river-clean-and-pristine)
Every week @ OMNI -
7:00 pm Mondays - Falun Gong meditation group meets in the OMNI library
Quaker Meetings 9:30 am Sundays. Anyone invited.
First Sundays 1 - 5 pm - Rooted Vision Healing Drums

Publications donated to Omni Library
Thank you Dan Dean, for donating several books, magazines and dvd's to OMNI's library. Check out the list here. Ask a staffer at OMNI to help you find these resources if you’re interested.

Jasper Forum on the Hog Factory
May 8, 4:00 pm, Buffalo Theater Jasper

Citizens group opposes 6,500-head hog farm located on major tributary of Buffalo National River

The Buffalo River Watershed Alliance hosts a public meeting to discuss impact of the largest confined-animal-feeding-operation (CAFO) ever permitted in Arkansas and located near the Buffalo National River, 4:00 pm, Buffalo Theatre on the Jasper Square. More information here: http://www.omnicenter.org/community-events/2013/4/29/buffalo-hog-farm-forum-jasper-may-8.html

OMNI 350 Meetings for May

> Citizen's Climate Lobby
Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, from 11 am - 1 pm at OMNI Center at 3274 N. Lee ave. National call-in about climate change and continuing actions to promote a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend. OMNI 350 is a proud affiliate of Citizens Climate Lobby.

> Mayflower Rupture - May 1:30 at Fay Library - OMNI350 is hosting a presentation by April Lane from the Greenbrier Citizen Advisory Group about the pipe rupture and spill of over 800,000 gallons of heavy crude in Mayflower that occurred on March 29th, with latest updates and citizen response (other sources say 294,000, but we’ve heard up to 800,000...don’t know which it is) . The exciting video from the 350.org "Do the Math Tour" will also be shown, Sunday, May 5th, Fayetteville Public Library Walker Room.

Here are websites with photos:
Shelley Buonaiuto, OMNI 350 Chair

Extra-Special Last Open Mic of the
Greetings! This coming Open Mic is EXTRA special...it is Cinco De Mayo and our opening act is Elizabeth Scott! Elizabeth works as an interpreter in the Hispanic community and is a wonderful songbird. Come and be CHARMED!

Also...rumor has it that Papa Rap will be coming to this Open Mic as well. That's amazing!

Kelly and Donna - 582-2291
Omni Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology

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**Fossil Fuel Reports**

Reports from the field about the invasion of fossil-fuel related problems we're dealing with

**Nebraska on Tar Sands**

"Nebraskans see the pipeline through their watershed differently then Oklahomans or Arkansans do. This captures the mood well..." David Druding, hearing attender.

**Tar Sands Truth Force Forum**

March 24 update -- Tar Sands Protester Rita Beving speaks eloquently at March 24 Tar Sands Truthforce Forum:
Rita Beving lead speaker for Truth Force Forum in Oklahoma

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrSE5URVIQY

**Great Plains Tar Sands Resistance - Updates, Events, News**

Lots is going on with Tar Sands Resisters in Oklahoma. Find out what they're doing at this link. If you're interested you can find ways to contact them here, too.

From gptsresistance@riseup.net


**Remember Mayflower - Tar Sands Oil and Water Don't Mix**

*Date: April 29, 2013 11:07:13 AM CDT*

For Immediate Release: Contact: JP Strother April 29, 2013 jpostrot1@yahoo.com


Stand With Mayflower Coalition says: "Remember Mayflower, Arkansas - Tar Sands Oil and Water Don't Mix"


**Suing TransCanada - for pete sake revoke that permit**

March 26, Douglass, TX

"There are some strong arguments to revoke the TransCanada permit, including some Constitutional ones. It seems that no one wants to be the one to tell the emperor he has no clothes, but I just did."
Michael Bishop asked TransCanada to move their pipeline a mile over so it wouldn't disturb his organic gardens, so they arrogantly and deliberately plowed straight through them. It made him so furious that he found a way to sue. His statement is at the link: http://www.omnicenter.org/community-events/2013/4/29/suing-transcanada-ongoing-saga-of-michael-bishop.html

Arkansas Proud

So Proud of OMNI member and OMNI TLC alumni Andrea Love!

Andrea Love, a young OMNI person with her hands in many of the important projects OMNI tackles, received a scholarship to be excited about. Read the story from the UA Newswire here:


Victory on PACE!

Advanced Energy moves forward with PACE financing (Property Assessed Clean Energy)

One of a slim few victories for the environment this session. Here are some of the people we have to thank for this one... http://www.omnicenter.org/community-events/2013/4/29/victory-on-pace.html

PACE was not the only victory though. David Whittaker got a bill trough that created Benefit Corporations in Arkansas. And here’s a link to a summary of bills passed, the good, the bad and the ugly. It was put together by Senator Uvalde Lindsey. Thank you Senator.

Arkansas Legislature Bill Summery

He also did a good spreadsheet of the tax cuts, but it won't fit on the webpage. Email gladystiffany@yahoo.com, or uvalde.lindsey@senate.ar.gov, and ask for a copy if you'd like to see it.

Arkansas Audubon Ecology Camp for Kids... sign up now

1st session starts Sunday June 9 - Friday June 14. 2nd session Sunday June 16 to Friday June 21

AR Audubon is looking for 100 new students who are interested in hands-on natural sciences. If you know of any 11- or 12-year old youth who are interested in the natural


Celebrate the Springs - Eureka Springs Festival

Carroll Electric Co-op Update
From [Gordon and Susan Watkins](mailto:Gordon_and_Susan_Watkins) April 24, 2013

Dear Carroll Electric Concerned Members and Supporters:

We have some good news and some not so good news. First the not so good news - [Carroll County Electric update](http://www.peacedevelopment.org/)

We believe that CE as a cooperative and 'self regulating' entity must be transparent. We believe it is time for a fair and impartial body to determine the constitutionality of CE's bylaws as well as CE's board of directors' nomination process and elections.

Thank you for your support.

National and Global Notes

Betty Reardon nominated for Nobel Peace Prize
[Story HERE](http://www.peacedevelopment.org/)

She helped lay the intellectual foundations for a whole new cross-disciplinary field at a time when the political atmosphere was intensely hostile. An amazing woman and peace educator.
InsideClimateNews wins Pulitzer Prize in journalism for reporting on the Mayflower spill

New York Times story HERE

Here's website with reports that won InsideClimate News their Pulitzer
http://insideclimateneWS.org/exxon-oil-spill-arkansas
and here is their ongoing reporting on pipeline dangers

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