



VOLUNTOWN PEACE TRUST

News from "The Farm"

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

Let me introduce myself. I'm Father Emmett Jarrett, TSSF, and I currently serve as the Chair of the Board of the newly reconstituted Voluntown Peace Trust. I've known the Voluntown community since Chuck Matthei helped Anne Scheibner and me start St. Francis House in New London in 1999. Chris and Jackie of the Hartford Catholic Worker helped us get started way back then, and the Catholic Worker, along with St. Francis, is the model for our work of resistance and contemplation in New London.

I was elected to serve as Chair of the Interim Board of VPT, and in that capacity wrote to you in the last newsletter. This one is a bit late, because so much has been happening at VPT -- so much that is good and exciting and creative. I want to share that with you, because I am going to appeal for your support -- financial and otherwise -- to make an even greater success of VPT. Here's some of the history.

On Sunday, May 31, the Interim Board and about 20 of the folks who have worked over the past year to reorganize and re-energize VPT -- the "working group" -- met for the first annual meeting of VPT as a newly constituted "membership organization." Our outstanding friend and lawyer, Barbara McGrath, outlined the revised Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws, reflecting the hard work of many people over the previous seven months, which were adopted unanimously. Many, many thanks to Barbara for her constant and careful support!

Briefly, our new structure grows out of our work together and our vision of VPT as a whole. Each of the three "core programs" of VPT -- the Hartford Catholic Worker's summer urban youth program, the land use and stewardship program (the Garden), and the new Cooperative for Non-Violent Action (CNVA) -- choose a Board member. The VPT membership as a whole elected three members, one of whom must be a Voluntown resident, and the Board is authorized to appoint up to three more members at large, to obtain needed skills and experience, and to enhance diversity.

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Voluntown Peace Trust is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, that is recognized by GuideStar. Our ability to offer VPT's facilities at reduced rates for low-income rentals depends on your generosity. Your gifts help to maintain the historic property, pay for staff, and to subsidize VPT's hospitality to those who otherwise would not have access to retreats, conferences, or a connection to farm life. We appreciate any monetary gifts ~ large and small. Your tax-deductible donations may be mailed to the address below, or you may give online quickly and easily by clicking on the "Donate" button at the top right corner of each page on our website, www.voluntownpeacetrust.org. This will bring you to GuideStar's VPT profile page. Navigate to the left of the page, where you will see the "Donate" link, just beneath our organization's name.



THE CO-OPERATIVE FOR NONVIOLENT ACTION

A New Program of the Voluntown Peace Trust

The Voluntown Peace Trust, in Voluntown, Connecticut has recently decided to create a Co-operative for Nonviolent Action to provide an opportunity for groups to work cooperatively to offer workshops, trainings, retreats and gatherings for their own groups, for co-op groups and for other interested people.

The Co-operative for Nonviolent Action (CNVA) will be made up of organizations that do a variety of social change work. Groups can work together to offer workshops and trainings. By working cooperatively we can share ideas, skills, and resources. CNVA can be a place of problem-solving and creating together, of connecting issues and shared retreats. This will increase our organizational capacity while stretching our funding as we provide popular education that leads to action for a better world.

The Voluntown Peace trust became the home of the Community for Nonviolent Action (CNVA) in 1962. Since then it has been a center for work based in nonviolence, social and economic justice. With this history, retreat and conference facilities, wooded trails, streams and an organic garden, it is an important resource for groups working for social change.

What do we mean by “co-operative”?

A cooperative is a democratic structure based on values such as equality, honesty and social responsibility. As co-op members, we will work together to do things we can't do on our own. We are not simply a group of folks renting the facilities, but member groups developing programs that will be better done with other groups. We will meet to share our ideas and concerns, our skills and experiences, to develop ways to bring our issues together and promote cooperatively run events. Each group in the coop will be stronger when we pool our resources, especially important in these tight economic times. Individually, groups will benefit from the use of the facilities at a reduced affordable rate, among other benefits.

What do we mean by “nonviolent action”?

Nonviolent action is based on Gandhi's three elements of social change: 1) personal change to find better ways of being and relating; 2) political action to challenge violent and oppressive structures; and 3) constructive programs to develop alternatives to those structures. Many groups work on one of these elements; together we create a more holistic approach. Education and training programs can help us explore and develop the meaning of these three elements of social change for our society today and lead us to the actions that can make a difference.

We hope that this Cooperative for Nonviolent Action will enable us provide opportunities to work on the vision we share of social, economic and racial justice, peace and nonviolence, and the creation of a sustainable culture for youth and for the planet. **We welcome your participation in this process.**

Co-op development is in its earliest stages. Folks from at least 3 groups are organizing now to find other interested groups. Initial groups will decide on membership and benefits, and as it grows will elect a co-coordinating committee. The co-op also chooses a representative for the Voluntown Peace Trust Board. Co-op initiators are presently not only reaching out to other groups, but also organizing events to bring folks together. See the info on the Fun(d) Raising Fair October 17th organized by the Westerly Friends Meeting, and the Political Poster Art show organized by War Resisters League on November 15th.

If you are part of a group that may be interested in joining or learning more about the Co-operative for Nonviolent Action, please contact us. If you are an individual interested in the work of CNVA and the Voluntown Peace Trust, we can send you information on the other programs and VPT membership.

For more information, contact Joanne Sheehan of the War Resisters League/New England at

joannepsheehan@gmail.com or call 860-639-8834.



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The following Board members were chosen:

Chris Doucot, Hartford Catholic Worker (Camp Ahimsa),
James MacBride, Land use and stewardship (the Garden),
Jane Johnson, Cooperative for Non-Violent Action (CNVA),
Rick Gaumer, for a 1-year term,
Emmett Jarrett, for a 2-year term,
David Opperman (Voluntown resident) for a 3-year term.

At the Board meeting which followed the Annual Meeting, **Jim Hubert**, our current Treasurer, and **Marisol Reyes-Hernandez**, from Hartford, were elected at large. (At the August 30 Board meeting, **Nora Curioso** was elected as the third member at large. Nora works with the homeless in New London and does the finances and administration for the Covenant Shelter. She has the financial experience and skills to succeed Jim Hubert when he retires as Treasurer in December 2009.)

The Board also elected the following officers:

Emmett Jarrett, Chair
Marisol Reyes-Hernandez, Vice Chair
James Macbride, Secretary
Jim Hubert, Treasurer

This may sound business-like and boring, but an enormous amount of energy and passion went into the creation of this new structure, and a great deal of hope for the future of VPT rests in the hands of these people. We all need your cooperation and support.

In the months since June, the Board has organized various committees to do its work, including members of the VPT community as well as Board members. All of them have been working hard, and the **Operations and Personnel Committee**, chaired by Anne Scheibner, and including Rick Gaumer and Marisol Reye-Hernandez, has won the prize by organizing the search for and hiring of the Facilities Manager for VPT. (Jim MacBride, representing the Facilities Committee, and I also served on the interviewing team.)

We had an outstanding group of applicants, from which we chose **Michelle and Robert Rothbard**, who will be moving from Missouri to Voluntown this month to begin their work. While Robert will be technically the employee, both he and Michelle have extensive experience in building maintenance and construction. Michelle in addition has experience in marketing, and Robert is an inventor as well as an artist. Their last position was as owners and operators of Rothbard Gallery in Clarksville, MO.

The Rothbards have two children, Sydney and Quinn, who look forward to living on the Farm -- they hope in the Rachel Corrie house! -- with their parents. This is a very exciting development in the life of the Voluntown Peace Trust. We look forward to welcoming these four new friends and colleagues to the Voluntown community and the movement for nonviolence, peace and social justice in New England, our country, and the world.

All of this takes money, so this is my appeal to you: Give generously! The Board is working hard to raise money to keep VPT going, pay off our mortgage debt, and set a living example that "another way is possible" to live in the world. One of the beauties of VPT is the land itself. If we have such a rich and delightful creation in which to live and relate to one another, we should be able to model an equally creative and beautiful way of human relationships. The world does not have to live in a world distorted and destroyed by greed and war. We can live non-violently and in harmony with one another. If VPT can model this for Voluntown, Southeastern Connecticut, and New England, we can be part of the movement that helps to bring about a new and more human way of living for our country and the world.

So we need to raise money. As a Franciscan, this is easy for me. Francis begged. Franciscans beg. We need \$250,000 in capital funds to pay our mortgages. We need \$100,000 a year to operate the Voluntown Peace Trust and its programs without anxiety. Please give what you can. Give money. Give your prayers and reflections. Give your time and energy. Give yourselves to the cause you believe in as much as I do. This is my personal appeal to you.

Thank you and God bless you!

Fr. Emmett Jarrett, TSSF
 Chair of the VPT Boards



Meet the Rothbards



COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Welcome! We are thrilled that you are committed to the mission and activities that are the heart of the Voluntown Peace Trust ("VPT"). As a Community Member, you are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting for three members of the Board of Directors, and, unless you are a leader in one of the Core Programs, you are also eligible to serve as a candidate for election as a Community Member director yourself.

The following are the fundamental requirements for membership:

- (i) commitment to the mission of VPT;
- (ii) annual financial contribution of \$25 or more (with special provision for seniors, students and those on restricted income); and
- (iii) participation in one or more committees, attendance at events, and/or program support and development.

By submitting this registration today with your membership dues, you are eligible to vote and to participate in many ways. Below your contact information you will see a list of the VPT Committees that we are hoping we can encourage members to join – please check any and all of the Committees in which you have an interest.

Name: _____

Mail Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone contact(s): _____

How did you hear of VPT? _____

Committee Choices:

Facilities Committee Finance Committee Fundraising Committee

Land Use and Stewardship/Garden Committee Communications Committee

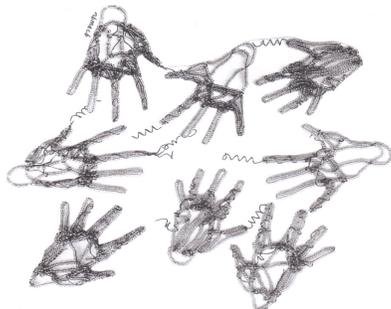
Operations and Personnel Membership Committee

Dues:

I enclose \$25 (please make checks payable to VPT) Check Cash

I enclose \$ _____ as I am a Senior citizen a student on restricted income.

Voluntown Peace Trust, Inc. is recognized as a charitable, tax-exempt organization under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and your contributions may be tax-deductible.



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM and DUES TO ;
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Voluntown, CT 06384



Garden update by Mary Hill

Greetings from the garden/land use committee. Things in the garden have been going/growing pretty well. The enormous amounts of rain had an effect on "hot" weather crops such as tomatoes, eggplants, peppers etc. The potatoes and the greens haven't complained too much and if they have it was to say "get these slugs off me!" This summer we supplied about 8-10 families with produce every week through our pre order system. I sent out an availability list on Mondays and people order what they need and pick up on Wed., Thursdays or Fridays after 3pm. This enabled people to order only what they need as opposed to receiving a box already pre packed with veggies. If this is something you are interested in for next growing season please send your email to garden@voluntownpeacetrust.org.



The garden/land use committee has been meeting on a regular basis. In an effort to reach out to families in need in our community we have begun distributing, through the local churches, \$10.00 farm stand vouchers. The stand was open Saturdays from 9-5.

A garden gala was enjoyed by about fifty people on the beautiful afternoon of August 30th. The event was held under white tents on the lawn of VPT and featured

delicious food from the garden loving prepared by Nory Oakes, Jan Ivanick and helpers. While enjoying live music by Matt Pirie and Kit Johnson, attendees sipped wine and bid on garden related silent auction items. The garden party successfully raised seed money for start up of next year's garden as well as a donation towards the VPT mortgage.

As we end the growing season we are now focusing our thoughts on what the future holds for the VPT garden and how we can make it sustainable. We welcome any new ideas and could always use extra input, so... if this is of interest to you, please feel free to join us at our bi monthly meetings and share your thoughts/skills. We need new people!! Contact the farm or Mary Hill at garden@voluntownpeacetrust.org.

Until next time... Happy Growing!!



Garden-Land Committee / Facilities Committee Jim MacBride

Phone conversations- emails , text messages and articles like this just don't always convey the nuances and color that a face to face conversation can. But I'll try...

The wood of every structure is screaming for attention, "Oil me please"! It is sucking the moisture right out of the air hoping to fill the dry vacuum in its pores. Some of the best designs and materials have been used in constructing these buildings and loving attention has been given for years to fend off the bugs, weeds, mold, dirt, etc. Not to mention the years of caulking, patching, cleaning and frustrating fixing. Our praise and honor to all of you who had a hand in these endeavors to protect these structures against the years of sun, weather and infestation! I am now calling out all painters (read sanders and scrapers)! Our funds for this necessary work are limited and I ask "Can you buy a few gallons, gather a few friends and tackle a side, a section, can you set aside a weekend or a few hours and share the fruits of your labor with us?"

Typically this time of year finds our garden in drought and the only source of water is the Farm House well or truck loads of buckets from the lake! Last year Dave Opperman was kind enough to resurrect a sump hole with his back-hoe for us. This sump is located on the west side of the large field, east of the Muste Center. Mary Hill has indicated that although the thousand or so gallons it provides is nice, it would still fall short of saving a large crop in a drought period. So, this year we got lucky with the rainfall but I've started asking around about alternative water sources, assuming next year we may not be so fortunate... so, I ask..."If you have experience with "well points", "tank storage" or the like, do the leg work, get some numbers find the money it may take then email me" jmacbride44@comcast.net. I imagine eventually we will be utilizing several sources from run-off, wells and springs.



March 29th brought about 200 people to VPT for an art exhibit curated by Nancy MacBride. Twenty-three artists from NY, RI and CT exhibited work in the farmhouse. It was open house style event where food, drink, music and art were enjoyed by new and old friends. This was a successful fundraiser but more importantly the event welcomed many local people to the property who had never before been to the VPT property.

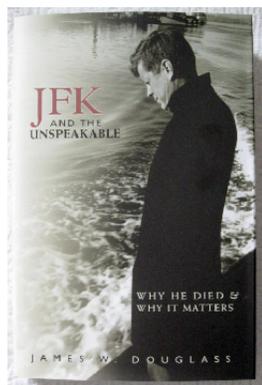
On May 31 the VPT welcomed Iraqi Artist, mother and refugee Amal Alwan Al-Maseer to the Muste Center for a showing and sale of her work. Amal works in oil and paints scenes of traditional life in Iraq. The event, attended by nearly 75 people, began with VPT board



member Chris Doucot sharing background on the situation in Iraq and of his first meeting Amal in Baghdad in 1999. Original pieces of her work are available for purchase with a

portion of the proceeds benefiting VPT. If you're interested please contact Chris at doucot@sbcglobal.net.

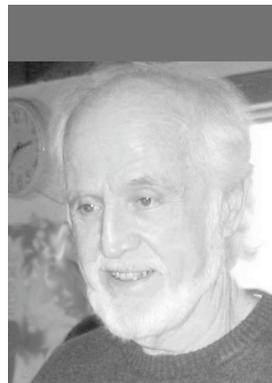
On June 22 the Voluntown Peace Trust hosted author and activist James Douglass as part of his book tour for *"JFK and the Unspeakable: Why He Died and Why it Matters"* which examines the spiritual implications of the Kennedy and King assassinations. Douglass, who lives and works with the poor at the Birmingham Catholic Worker House of Hospitality, made an impassioned presentation before taking questions from the audience. Your support of the Voluntown Peace Trust helped bring Mr. Douglass to Voluntown, with your ongoing support VPT can host more authors, activists and seekers of truth.



Be the change you want to see in the world."
Mahatma Gandhi



We have finally broken ground on the "Herbie Diaz" memorial cabin. The cabin, designed by Voluntown resident Wayne Lachapelle, will be located on the Ahimsa side of the property and will be the first new building on the property in decades. The trees removed to clear the site have been milled to provide the timber for construction. Herbie Diaz attended camp at Ahimsa with the Hartford Catholic Worker for several years before he was murdered in 2006. If you are interested in helping to swing a hammer or pay for some nails please contact Jim MacBride at (860) 376-9970. Please work for peace in our cities.



Thank you Captain Jack, When the partners left our organization, you stepped in to fill the gap with grace, courage, and deep commitment. From the first frost, you caulked every leaky window, beam, and cellar crack, making sure the inside of the farmhouse was toasty and welcoming. You kept the kettle on the hob, the garden fence patched, the perpetually emergent grass mowed (and mowed and mowed!).

You graciously welcomed visitors from near and far-flung places, whether fox families, deer, or inner-city youth. You kept the calendar, answered the phone, and made sure the property was ship-shape. We'll never forget your amazing sea tales and the way you shared Carol's delicious fudge with all who crossed the threshold.

You've given VPT more than a year of your life. There are no words to express our deep gratitude. But we'll share the words of Rod MacDonald's *Sailor's Prayer*, of which you've proven to be the finest example:

And I will not lie me down
This rain a-ragin'
I will not lie me down
In such a storm
And if this night be unblesed
I shall not take my rest
Till I reach another shore



Camp Ahimsa 2009

During a normal year mid-July finds the brook behind our cabin at Camp Ahimsa diminished to a mere trickle. Meteorologically this year has not been normal. Honestly, the rain was not all that bad (I keep telling myself). Confined to the cabin during downpours I trounced the campers in Connect Four almost as often as I lost in between their mural painting, t-shirt making and "Guitar Hero-ing". The campers and Jackie have painted two murals this year, which will be hung by the basketball court at the *Catholic Worker House* in Hartford. One mural declares the yard to be a "Hater Free Zone" while the other has doves and spirals and a prayer for us to "renew the face of the earth".

It seems the rain has helped the fishing in Beach and Pachaug ponds. Our son Micah was again our fishing counselor and has done a great job with the campers teaching them how to cast, set the hook and release the fish unharmed. Because fishing with kids is often about knots, tying new ones when the line breaks and untangling the birds nests that the kids sometime make out of the line on their reels, most camps reduce angling to a mindless activity. At the YMCA camp I attended as a kid we fished for Blue Gills and Sunfish with pathetic reel-less poles. Instead of casting we dipped a length of line tied to the pole and baited with beads of Wonder Bread off a short dock into knee deep water. At Camp Ahimsa we use good poles baited with Shiners, night-crawlers and the latest lures. Micah and I (mostly Micah) have been teaching the campers how to tie knots, where the different fish are during the day and the year, and how the weather, sound, water temperature, and "structure" underwater affect fishing. Angling at Camp Ahimsa is an exercise in mindfulness; it is an opportunity for us to reveal to the children the inner-workings of the natural world and, their intimate place in it.

That said, we caught a heck of a lot of fish this summer mostly using these incredible plastic worms that fish are helpless against, Micah calls them "fish crack". These jiggly bits of deception are so effective I can't believe the DEP hasn't banned their use. We've had tight lines all the time including: a Northern Pike caught by Jose at Pachaug, a Walleye landed by Saesean from the dam at Beach Pond, and dozens of keeper bass. Perhaps the greatest fishing success has been with Jose's little brother Angel. Angel is 8. He and Jose have been recently re-united with their mom after a few years in DCF custody.

As infants, toddlers and little kids Jose and Angel were practically feral; Angel did not see a doctor between his birth and his entrance into foster care at the age of 5. Though he is a strong willed and lovable kid Angel can try the patience of angels as his fleeting attention is skips to whatever catches his eye. The first day we took him fishing we expected a brief outing and instead were on the water for three hours. Angel focused, concentrated, listened and patiently caught a variety of panfish, a couple of Bass and a tremendous Yellow Perch that he and I shared at dinner.

On the water grumpy old fishermen are apt to bark "shut up and fish" to the talkative types. We never tell the kids to shut up but when we are out fishing there are long periods of silence. Fishing for me is a contemplative exercise. As the rolling waves carry the boat across the sea I am sent deep within to examine my heart; I ponder the injustices in this world and consider my part in perpetuating them. Before I can wander to far off a tug on my line or a spray of mist carried by a zephyr brings me back. The water cleans me while the wind carries away my worries. Watching the campers inhale deep breaths of silent contentment for hours on end I know this experience is not mine alone.

Summer camp at Ahimsa is a magical experience for the kids, counselors and adults. When we sit around the campfire we see stars that back home are dimmed to invisibility by the city lights. No longer deafened by the screech of tires and the wail of sirens we are serenaded by the whoosh of breeze through forest trees and when we walk barefoot atop the tender ground our feet are washed by dew laden grass. Sometimes when I hear our campers giggling before they emerge from the woodland I imagine their playful melody drifting up to the heavens and I listen carefully for the harmony when the choir of angels looking over them joins in. The eloquent echo of this choral movement in the forest will be heard by these kids when their children laugh and play in a world healed by beauty At Camp Ahimsa we are reminded that the surest way to renew the face of the earth is through the easy smile of a child immersed in the glory of nature and embraced by a loving community.

Your support of the Voluntown Peace Trust makes Camp Ahimsa possible for these kids and helps us to gather that loving community. Thanks a ton!

Christopher J. Doucot

Hartford Catholic Worker



Voluntown Peace Trust Friends of the Farm Fun(d)raising FAIR

October 17th, 10 to 4



Featuring:

- 10am- Stone Soup Start-up**
bring a Potato, Pepper, Parsnip for Whirled Ps!
- 11am - Farmers, Poets, Artists**
- 12noon- New Quaker Blues**
- 1 pm - Mystic Paper Beasts**
Wildly Whimsical Living Puppets and Masks
- 2 pm - The Rivergods**
(rockin' country roots band)

Things To Bring: A chair, your penny jug, a soup veggie

Westerly Friends Meeting invites all friends of the Peace Farm.

Fun: If the weather co-operates, we'll have a continuous roster of performances on the "main stage" between the Muste Center and the Rachel Corey House, including an appearance by the Mystic Paper Beasts—wildly whimsical and creative masks and giant puppets..

Farmers and Food: Friend Abel Collins is lining up food vendors and farmer-philosophers to celebrate the Peace Farm focus on local, fresh and wholesome food.

Fund-raising: We'll be passing the old Quaker bonnet all day, **hoping to raise our share of the annual VPT mortgage payment**, and there will also be a place to dump the piggy-bank or coin-jug you keep on your dresser maybe a scale so we can weigh in the piggies and offer a prize!

Features: A Quaker Blues Band is in the works, along with at least two local up-and-coming bands. The Rrrraging Grrrannies of Grrrreater Westerly are threatening to perform. At least four poets will alternate with an open-mic for others.

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For More Info:
www.voluntownpeacetrust.org

Friends and More Friends: Borrowing a page from the National Public Radio "Story Corps" we hope to start the community-building project of collecting stories and people from the Peace Farm's past. So please spread the word to all kindred groups and souls on your email lists, tweets, and in old-fashioned conversations.

Friends' Fair is to celebrate the long history of Quakers' connections with the Peace Farm and our current commitment as members of the VPT Co-operative for Non-Violent Action.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

POLITICAL POSTER ART EXHIBIT

**Voluntown Peace Trust
November 15th 2-5pm**

You are invited to an art show of political posters and art from throughout the years as well as new political art created for this event, which takes place on the 40th anniversary of one of the largest demonstrations against the war in Vietnam, the Moratorium in Washington, DC.

Posters from past events and the 2010 Peace Calendar "Sparking Change: Poster Art and Politics" will be available along with original art work.



A collection of some of the world's most evocative socio-political posters.

52-plus thought-provoking images that speak volumes and are not afraid to

tackle the pressing issues of our time.

Edited by Luba Lukova



If you are an artist and would like to participate, contact Joanne Sheehan at War Resisters League:

joannepsheehan@gmail.com or call 860-639-8834.

An important aspect of our work at VPT is to offer low cost facilities to peace and justice groups for retreats and conferences. People also enjoy our facilities for family reunions, birthdays, weddings and other events. We recently provided hospitality to the following groups:

- *WE LEARN (Board of Directors)
- *Mankind Project
- *Raging Grannies of Greater Westerly
- *YouthPeace
- *War Resisters League

Rental of the facilities is one way that we pay our mortgage! If you are interested in spending time here on our 57 acres of woods, fields and gardens look at our website for more information. www.voluntownpeacetrust.org

"if the river outside won't stop running, why should our belief in peace, justice, and dignity? If the trees outside continue to grow up and out, why can't we hope for love for ourselves and others? Thank you for the space to reflect."
Reza "Rites" Clifton / Stella and Brian's wedding 9/12/09

"It reminds me of Vermont, and everything is serene and beautiful. Thanks and praise to the Most High for such a gift right here in Voluntown, Ct. Thank you...."Tina (local) 3/24/09

"There is no place better to do the work of discernment than the surroundings at the Voluntown Peace Trust. We have used the space five times in recent years for choir, youth and board retreats. One feels a history of commitment to nonviolence and peace and is lifted up by the beauty that surrounds us, especially for kids!"
- Rev. Carolyn Patierno, Minister to the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation in New London, CT



Voluntown Peace Trust

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The Mission of VPT

The Voluntown Peace Trust is a nonprofit education center dedicated to social change and sustainable living. We offer programs, workshops and retreats, as well as hospitality and resources, to people constructing alternatives to the violence of our age.

Upcoming Events

For more details go to www.voluntownpeacetrust.org

"Beadmaking II Sculpy Beads" November 20, 6-9pm Enjoy the company of other creative people as you learn how to make Sculpy beads in several styles. Instructor Nancy MacBride.

Suggested donation: \$7 (\$5 for VPT /\$2 supplies). RSVP to nancymacbride@mac.com

Second Fridays: Bringing back the popular "Potluck and Movie Nights": Free admission, bring a dish to share!

Nov 13: Sick Around America, PBS Frontline, critical examination of our health care system

Dec. 11. Inside the Meltdown, PBS Frontline, the inside story of how our economy collapsed

Jan 8: I.O.U.S.A., Sundance award "may be to the US economy what An Inconvenient Truth was to the environment."

YOGA at VPT Certified instructor Suzy Graf Thursday from 6 - 7 pm Beginners welcome!

Classes are \$10 when paid for five weeks in advance, and \$15 for walk-ins. Suzy has graciously agreed to donate half of the proceeds to VPT. Please call Nory at 860-564-1977 or email oppermant6@sbcglobal.net with questions or to sign up.

The Voluntown Peace Trust would like to thank all of the generous friends whose donations have helped us to continue the mission of VPT in building a culture of non-violence.