

## Pax Educare Spring/Summer E Newsletter May 2003

### Notes from the Director

It has been a momentous last few months and it seems to me at times as if we are now emerging from a dark cave, into Spring and renewal. This email newsletter will briefly list some of the current and upcoming events and happenings with the Center, including recent acquisitions and links to other peace education events. A future "hard copy" newsletter will go out in late summer. If you do not wish to remain on the Pax Educare mailing list, please let us know. [Marylee898@attbi.com](mailto:Marylee898@attbi.com). If you would like an event listed in future newsletters, contact the Center.

Note there are 2 attachments: an article on the Hall High Teach-in by student Catherine Gold and a list of peace studies web sites.

### Pax Educare Events

Tours of the "Opening of the Heart" photography exhibit at the Charter Oak Cultural Center for student groups may still be scheduled either by contacting Mary Lee or the Charter Oak Cultural Center at [www.charteroakcenter.org](http://www.charteroakcenter.org). The days for students groups are May 12, 19, 27 and June 2. The exhibit will run through the middle of June.

Pax Educare, along with Trust House, Burr School, Watkinson School, The Village for Children and Families, the Hartford Police Dept., and the Saint Joseph Dept. of Social Work have formed a community collaborative which has been awarded a grant by the Governor's Prevention Partnership of CT for Youth Violence Prevention work. The grant will run for a year beginning in June.

HIP (Help Increase the Peace) trainings continue. About 25 Watkinson and Burr students and staff took the basic training in April at the Village for Children and Families center on Wethersfield Avenue. An advanced training is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. For further information on HIP and how to schedule trainings, contact Pax Educare ([marylee898@attbi.com](mailto:marylee898@attbi.com))

Planning is underway for this year's intergenerational **Peace Day** at the Learning Corridor. Save the date, for interactive drumming, music, theater, poetry, visual arts and workshops and music toward educating for a more peaceful tomorrow. Columbus Day-October 13. For teens and adults, ages 11-111.

Pax Educare took part in a panel as part of a teach-in at Hall High School in March, devoted to learning about issues around the war in Iraq. For a discussion of the event, see the attached article written by Hall student Catherine Gold, a member of the Hall Peace Club.

A workshop was held for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the

The **Adaskin String Trio** will perform a benefit concert for Pax Educare on Sunday, November 2 in the afternoon. Details will follow in subsequent newsletters.

## **Peace Connections**

Virginia Swain, Director of the Institute for Global Leadership, is offering her fourth course at the United Nations for people interested in leadership development linking local and global issues. Designing and Implementing Interventions for Global Change, 7-11 July. She is also offering the same course at Salve Regina University, Newport, 21-25 July for graduate credit or audit. Join a global learning community to apply your concerns and experience in local and community settings to learn a new way to make peace in a post-September 11 world, Call 508-753-4172, ext 3, [www.global-leader.org](http://www.global-leader.org)

Brandeis International Fellowships (2003-2004):  
Recasting Reconciliation through Culture and the Arts  
The Slifka Program in Intercommunal Coexistence, a program of Brandeis University's International Center for Ethics, Justice, and Public Life, is currently seeking applications for the third round of Brandeis International Fellowships (BIFs), addressing the theme *Recasting Reconciliation through Culture and the Arts*. This new round of BIFs follows on two previous rounds ÷ *Coexistence and the Quest for Justice* (1998-2000) and *Human Rights, Intervention, and International Law* (2001-2003).  
Applications are due no later than June 2, 2003 at 5 p.m  
For further information, email [coexistence@brandeis.edu](mailto:coexistence@brandeis.edu)

Peace Studies Web sites: for a list of interesting peace and conflict studies sites, see the attached list

Summer Service Learning Institute at Tufts: (5/21-8/8/03).  
The internships offer a \$1,700 stipend (minimum) to each student. Funds for travel and living expenses may also become available.  
[http://www.tufts.edu/tie/river\\_institute](http://www.tufts.edu/tie/river_institute).

CONTACT--Conflict Transformation Across Cultures  
([www.sit.edu/contact](http://www.sit.edu/contact)) the School for International Training's Programs in Peacebuilding The Conflict Transformation programs engage participants in an intense process of study, self-reflection, community building, and collaborative problem solving within a multicultural learning environment. SIT's commitment to conflict transformation and the building of a more peaceful and sustainable world is embodied in a comprehensive set of programs including: [contact@sit.edu](mailto:contact@sit.edu)

"Women, War and Peace" Conference hosted by Southern CT State University is accepting proposals for the event to be held October 17-18 on the campus. Academics, educators, community leaders, activists, artists and professionals are invited to submit. Deadline is June 23.  
[womenstudies@southernct.edu](mailto:womenstudies@southernct.edu).

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## **Recent Acquisitions**

### **Books**

The War on Freedom : How and Why America Was Attacked on September 11, 2001 by Nafeez M. Ahmed

The Mediator's Handbook by Jennifer Beer and Eileen Stief

Kids Working It Out: Stories and Strategies for Making Peace In Our Schools by Tricia Jones

The Healing Heart (2 volumes-Families and Communities ed. By Allison Cox and David Albert

Handbook for Nonviolent Action ed. by Kate Donnelly

Peace and Nonviolence Curriculum by Cecile Ramnaraine

The Rhythm of Compassion by Gail Straub- gift from the Glastonbury Youth and Family Services Youth Services Action Group

Several donated biographies of Gandhi

### **New Videos**

“The Truth and Lies of 9-11”, Mike Ruppert

“Elise Boulding: Beacon for a Peaceful World”-interview with the peace pioneer and sociologist, by Nancy Wrenn of the Boston-based Coalition for a Strong UN

**Reminder**-Quaker Meeting for Worship is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:30 at the Center, followed by a light soup supper. Next meeting will be June 10.