

**PLOUGHSHARES  
CALGARY  
SOCIETY**



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# Peace News

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# HOLIDAY

# OPEN

# HOUSE

Join us on

**December 9th**

**at Parkdale United Church**

**2 pm - 3 pm**

**for interactive games, finger food**

**and great conversation**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

## PEACE FAIR 2017

The Peace Fair has come and gone again and I wonder where the year has flown! It is just over a month before Christmas as this article is being written. As last year, Peace Fair continued to see markets decline and this was evident in the low turn-out. However, those who did attend, were very supportive and definitely enjoyed the lunch of chili, salad and goodies that was available for purchase. We thank all our vendors, supporters and volunteers for all your hard work and support yet again to make the Peace Fair happen. We particularly thank Parkdale United Church for hosting the Peace Fair again and for all the help we received before, during and after the Peace Fair.

Ploughshares Calgary had some additions on their table this year. In addition to the books on peace-related topics, the honey and the bags; we had some great art work donated by Carla Pelkey. Carla's inspiration to use autumn leaves to create images of figures and animals is truly beautiful. Thank you Carla. To learn more about Carla's art work, please visit [www.carlapelkey.com](http://www.carlapelkey.com) or you may reach her at [carlapelkey@shaw.ca](mailto:carlapelkey@shaw.ca)

We also had chocolates from Sweetly Speaking Inc. Barbara, the owner of Sweetly Speaking, purchases the chocolate through a global supplier with strong commitments to the farmers, most of whom are located in Ivory Coast. The company deals with family plantations and wields considerable influence in making sure the plantation owners educate, feed and pay a living wage to their workers. The award-winning chocolate on sale at the Peace Fair was prepared by hand in southern Alberta. To learn more about Sweetly Speaking, their chocolate and their charitable support programmes, please visit [www.sweetlyspeaking.com](http://www.sweetlyspeaking.com). (NB. Chocolate will be available for sale Dec. 9th. Don't miss out!)

And last but not least, a very special and warm Thank You goes to all our volunteers and organizing committee who made it all happen. Without the hard work and support of volunteers, we would not have been able to have the Peace Fair. We would also like to thank the Shadoplay band for donating their time and talent at the Peace Fair. THANK YOU ALL!! ~ Sultana

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



The Peace Fair would be nothing without the efforts of volunteers who deserve our applause: Karen Huggins (Chair), Lorne Daly, Elana Daly, Grace Cheng, Venry Sergeant, Daniel Osman, Lena Osman, Marion Jorgensen, Generose Kamwanya, Mary Clark, Sandra Hoenle, Sue Barnhill, Sally Oddy, Al Coates, June Kirk, Laura McEachern, Marya Jarvey, Jean Reid, Lynn Nugent, Annette Lengyel, Erica Amery, Anna Waller, Donna Fallon, Noemi Flores, Jean Tollefson, Bev DeLong, Trudy Govier, Bill Anderson, Bruce Clark, Kerry Duncan McCartney, Carl Svoboda, Nadine Rider, Brianna, John Backhouse, Karin Nybo, Jen Dubon, Chris Svoboda, Sylvia Hawkins, Lee Wertzler, Monica Smith, Alice Fedosoff, Janice Fraser, Maureen Ewasiuk, Isabel Miller, Lorna Greene and Sally Hodges.



**Please join us at the Open House on December 9th.**

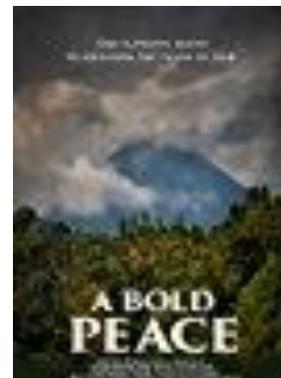
**You truly are peace makers!**

## January Education Meeting

On Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 we will be holding our regular monthly meeting at 7 pm in the conference room at Parkdale United Church. Please join us for the film screening of:

### **A Bold Peace: Costa Rica's Path of Demilitarization**

*A Bold Peace* is the recipient of 15 awards and film festival official selections, including: Big Sky Documentary Film Fest 2017, Hollywood Pembroke Taparelli Film Fest 2016, and the Global Peace Film Fest 2016. It is now available for purchase or rent through Bullfrog Films: <http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/bold.html>



Over 60 years ago, Costa Rica became one of the only nations in the world to disband their military and to redirect national resources towards education, health, and the environment. Since then, Costa Rica has earned the number one spot in the Happy Planet Index, a ranking of countries based on measures of environmental protection and the happiness and health of its citizens. And the World Database of Happiness, with data on 149 nations compiled by a Dutch sociologist, lists Costa Rica as number one in self-reported happiness and number one in happy life years.

*A Bold Peace* juxtaposes the national policy of demilitarization (since 1948-49) with their investment in education, health, and the environment. Pointed parallels and contrasts are made with recent U.S. debates over the national debt, healthcare, the environment and the escalating cost of U.S. militarism. The film features former presidents, Costa Rican government officials, as well as scholars, journalists and citizens of Costa Rica.

Unfortunately, the Costa Rican example has received very little international attention. This documentary film will bring attention to Costa Rica's inspirational national project, answering why happiness, health and human rights occupy a relatively prominent place in this Central American country.

Produced and directed by: Matthew Eddy and Michael Dreiling

For more information please visit: <http://aboldpeace.com>

Dr. Pablo Policzer will be facilitating the discussion after the viewing.

Pablo Policzer specializes in comparative politics, with a focus on Latin America. His research focuses on the evolution of violent conflict -- especially among armed actors such as militaries, police forces, and non-state armed groups -- in authoritarian and democratic regimes. He held the Canada Research Chair in Latin American Politics (2005-2015), and is a Fellow at the Latin American Research Centre, and the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies. He obtained his PhD in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and his BA (Honours, First Class) in political science from the University of British Columbia.

**We hope to see you there!**

## Did You Sign the Ban Treaty Poster?

## Did You Sign the Declaration of Conscience?

We are pleased that so many of our supporters stopped by the Peace Fair information table to sign the Ban Treaty Poster and sign the declaration of conscience forms that will be mailed to the Prime Minister. The Calgary poster is just one of dozens being signed across the country. This is a good start to letting our leaders and decision makers know what Canadians would like to see as international policy when it comes to nuclear disarmament and human security. Thank you for your support. If you have not yet signed the current Declaration and poster, they will be available at the Dec 9th Open House.

### Your Attendance, Donations and Bequests

Have you contemplated the current state of economic, political and societal tension? Do the current shifts and changes cause you angst, concern, panic? Does the rhetoric between the U.S.A. and North Korea make you stop and think about the caliber of leadership inching us towards violence rather than peace? If any of this causes you concern, please consider joining us at our monthly meetings and/or donating to our cause advocating for nuclear disarmament and human security. Finally, please consider leaving a bequest to Ploughshares Calgary Society in your will, to leave a legacy as a Peace Maker.

**We do appreciate your consideration and support!**

## SAVE THESE DATES

### Ploughshares Calgary Open House

Saturday, December 9th, 2 pm—3 pm

Parkdale United Church

Admission: Free

### Film Screening: A Bold Peace: Costa Rica's Path of Demilitarization

Wednesday, January 10, 2018; 7 pm—9 pm

Facilitator: Dr. Pablo Policzer

Parkdale United Church—Conference Room

Admission: By donation

Other events around town:

**justREEL FILM SERIES** curated by the Marda Loop Justice Film Festival committee. Titles TBA.

January 9, 2018

March 13

May 8

September 11

For more info visit: [www.communications@justicefilmfestival.ca](http://www.communications@justicefilmfestival.ca)



The Ploughshares Calgary Office will be closed from

December 24th to January 2nd 2018

*We wish you A Happy Holiday Season*

*And a Very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year!*



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Special thanks to all who submitted articles & Kerry Duncan - McCartney for editing this issue of the newsletter.



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We are very grateful to all our donors for their continued support of the important peace work that we do here at Ploughshares Calgary. During the month of November we received \$ 230.00 in donations from individuals.

We would like to encourage you to continue your support by signing up for a monthly donation plan. This type of sustained donation is very beneficial for the day-to-day running of Ploughshares Calgary, as we know more clearly from month-to-month exactly what is coming in. This

helps us immensely in planning our programs for the year! If you are interested in this option, please contact the office: 403-270-7366, or email: [office@ploughsharescalgary.ca](mailto:office@ploughsharescalgary.ca).

We look forward to providing you with top-quality seminars and workshops on various peace topics, and would greatly appreciate your on-going support! Many, many thanks for your consideration.



**Ploughshares Calgary Society**

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