

**Perservering for Justice & Peace:  
Celebrating 50 Years at Seabeck  
50th Annual Regional Conference at Seabeck  
July 3 - July 6, 2008  
Fellowship of Reconciliation  
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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Thursday, July 3rd

- 4:00 Registration (until 8:00)
- 6:00- Continuous Soup & Salad Bar-
- 8:00 Seabeck Dining Hall
- 8:00 Welcome & Orientation
- 9:00 Social Time;  
Resumed Registration (until 9:45 pm)

### Friday, July 4th

- 7:00 Nature Walk, Meditation, Yoga
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Sing-Along and Announcements
- 9:30 Keynote #1 – George Lakey
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Introduction of Workshop Leaders  
and Workshop Sign-Up
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Start Silent Auction
- 1:00 Workshop Session I
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Workshop Session II
- 5:00 Ad Hoc Groups, Videos, etc
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Live Auction
- 8:30 Keynote #2 – Ethan Vesely-Flad
- 9:15 Social Time, Ad Hoc Groups

### Saturday, July 5th

- 7:00 Nature Walk, Meditation, Yoga
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Sing-Along and Announcements
- 9:15 Keynote #3 – Maryrose Dolezal
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Remembrances of Those Departed
- 11:00 Interfaith Service
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 End Silent Auction
- 1:00 Workshop Session III
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Workshop Session IV
- 5:00 Ad Hoc Groups, Videos
- 6:00 Salmon Bake at the Beach
- 7:15 Talent Show

### Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 Nature Walk; Meditation; Yoga
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Sing-Along & Announcements
- 9:15 National Council Report
- 10:15 Regional Meetings – WA, OR, BC
- 11:15 Closing Circle
- 11:45 Pack Up & Room Check
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Leave Seabeck
- 1:30 Post-Conference event TBA

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We, the Pacific Northwest Fellowship of Reconciliation, have been coming to Seabeck now for 50 years! As our theme this year - Persevering for Justice & Peace – implies, our work is a process, an ongoing effort that acknowledges and celebrates our past, focuses our future, all within the moving present, the Eternal Now. The elements of fellowship, of togetherness, include not only the fun of food, music, play, at a site most beautiful, but also activities that encourage us in our lives of building the Beloved Community. We come to Seabeck to "recharge" our hopes and recommit ourselves in love, recognizing our interdependence within the web of existence.

*The Seabeck Planning Committee: Chair – Janet Hawkins, Janet Brown, Laurie Childers, Lee Coyne, Gus Frederick, Aba Gayle, Rachel Hampton, Dick Lewis, Rose Lewis, Ann McFarlane, and John Roy Wilson.*

## Children and Youth Programs for Participants Aged 3 to 19

The planning committee has arranged for children's and youth program coordinators to help facilitate constructive and enjoyable time for all participants, and to allow parents and other guardians to participate fully in the Conference. The programs will include activities that reflect FOR's values.

The **Children's Program** for 3 to 10 year olds will be led for the 16th year by **Jean Gant**, once again with the cooperation of **Nora Walsh**. Activities will be geared to the needs and interests of the individual children attending, and will develop a sense of community through play and mutual problem-solving. We will be relying on adults and youth attending the conference to **volunteer** their time and talents to assist us. Beyond Seabeck, Jean works with children and families as a teacher and therapist. Nora teaches art with young people in a variety of settings.

**Youth Program.** Youth are invited to participate fully in all conference activities and to organize additional activities around their individual ideas and interests. Coordinators (to be named) will facilitate initial peer group meetings to discuss possible activities and to provide opportunities to get to know one another. Two groups will be available: one for youth 11 to 14 years of age, and one for 15 to 19 year olds. Activities might include attending workshops as a group and then having separate discussions on the topics, planning acts to be performed at the Sunday evening talent show, volunteering in the children's program, having music or sports sessions (bring musical instruments, sports equipment, CDs and videos, etc, if you like). Youth are invited to come up with additional ideas and to take advantage of Seabeck's opportunities for swimming, boating, volleyball, ping-pong, and hiking.

Please bring photos, past conference programs, or other mementos to display as we celebrate 50 years at Seabeck!

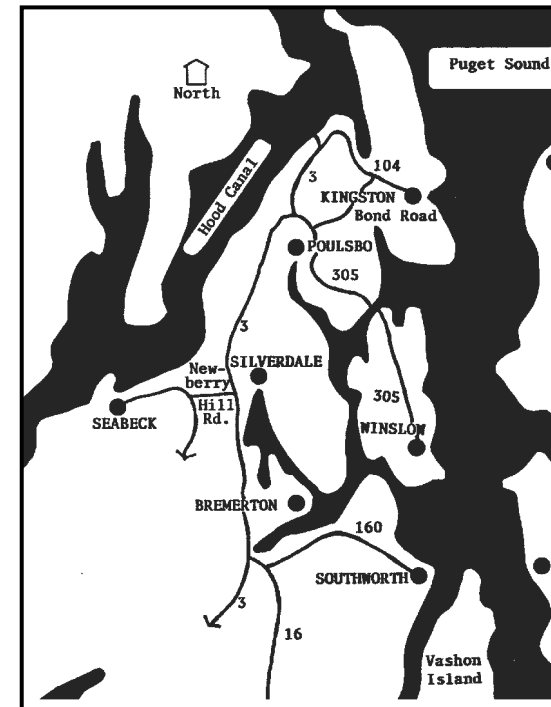
## Volunteer Opportunities

Seabeck staff provides our meals from Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch, and we have paid lifeguards and children and youth program coordinators. **However, the children's programs require volunteer assistance from many of the adults present, parents and non-parents.** In addition, there are other volunteer jobs needing to be filled by people of all ages.

### Volunteer opportunities include:

- Thursday greeters and registration helpers
- Children's program helpers
- First Aid volunteers
- Bookstore volunteers
- Auction helpers (silent and live auctions)
- Talent Show Snacks - coordinator & volunteers
- Supplies coordinator
- Bell ringers

Please indicate on the registration form what jobs you are willing to do. Thanks! There will also be lots more opportunities to volunteer on-site.



## ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM IS DUE BY MAY 23 !!!

### DIRECTIONS TO SEABECK

**From Canada and Points North via Edmonds/Kingston Ferry:** Go South on I-5, take Exit 181 West on Route 524 to the Edmonds Ferry. After departing the ferry in Kingston, follow Highway 104 to the point where it turns right to Port Gamble. Instead, continue straight on Bond Road (follow signs to Bremerton/Poulsbo). At the Bond Road stoplight for Highway 305 turn right onto Highway 305 and follow the signs onto Highway 3 southbound. Exit Highway 3 at the Newberry Hill Road exit and then follow the signs to Seabeck.



**From Seattle Area via Seattle-Bremerton Ferry:** After departing the ferry turn right on Washington Avenue, left onto 11th Avenue, and right onto Kitsap Way. From Kitsap Way turn right onto Highway 3 northbound. Exit Highway 3 at the Newberry Hill Road exit and follow the signs to Seabeck.

**From Tacoma and Points South:** From I-5 take Highway 16 westbound to Highway 3 northbound. Exit Highway 3 at the Newberry Hill Road exit and follow the signs to Seabeck.

**From North Olympic Peninsula:** Cross Hood Canal going east, and turn right to go south on Highway 3 to Newberry Hill Road exit. Exit and turn right on Newberry. Then follow signs to Seabeck.

**From Fautleroy-Southworth Ferry:** Turn left onto Highway 160 through Port Orchard and onto Highway 16 westbound, then follow Highway 3 northbound. Exit at the Newberry Hill Road exit and follow the signs to Seabeck.

**If you are lost** or need to reach a Conference participant, the phone number for the Seabeck Conference Center is 360-830-5010.

### Further Information

Oregon FOR c/o Janet Hawkins, 503-244-7703

Email: [janetchawkins@msn.com](mailto:janetchawkins@msn.com)

Website: <http://www.ofor.org>

Western Washington FOR, 206-789-5565,

Email: [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org)

Website: <http://www.scn.org/wwfor>

To contact the Conference Registrar directly:  
Janet Brown, 503-585-5436 or  
[jtb42@comcast.net](mailto:jtb42@comcast.net)

## SEABECK CONFERENCE CENTER

Seabeck is on beautiful Hood Canal, fifteen miles west of Bremerton, Washington. Bedding and towels are provided to guests at the Conference Center. Sleeping in RVs is not permitted. Family style meals will be served from Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch. Vegetarian meals will be served, with meat available at some meals. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate this on the registration form. Recreation opportunities include swimming, rowboating on the lagoon, tennis, horseshoes, ping-pong, volleyball, basketball, hiking, music, and crafts. Bring swimwear and comfortable shoes. Be prepared for wet, dry, warm, or cool weather.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Seabeck Christian Conference Center's website <http://www.seabeck.org> provides descriptions of each housing building and floor plans. Except for 10 single rooms in the Inn Annex, all rooms have 2 or more beds, and people should be prepared to have roommates. *This is a great way to make new friends.* The registrar will attempt to give couples rooms without other roommates (please indicate whether you are part of a couple on the registration form) and will house families together unless other configurations are requested.



**\*\* Pets not allowed \*\*** *We love our dogs, but pets are not allowed at the Seabeck Conference Center, so please leave them elsewhere.*

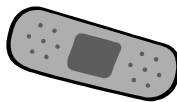
**ACCESSIBILITY:** Buildings are connected by paved sidewalks in hilly terrain. We will try to have the workshops of interest to wheelchair users in accessible locations, and will provide a motorized cart to be shared by our less mobile participants.

**MUSIC:** We are privileged to have **Tom Rawson** as song leader. Tom is a folk singer, storyteller, schoolteacher, and long-time activist with FOR. He has delighted Conference participants at Seabeck for many years. And you are encouraged to bring musical instruments and music for informal gatherings as well as for the Sunday evening talent show.



**THURSDAY DINNER IN DINING HALL:** New county health guidelines allow only for Seabeck-served meals. We cannot have our traditional potluck meal. **Please don't bring food for a potluck dinner.** An optional Soup & Salad Bar will be served in Seabeck's Dining Hall. (See registration form.)

**AUCTION:** This fun event occurs annually to raise money for the Scholarship Fund, which enables low income people



to attend the Conference. Conference participants are asked to bring items of value and your offers of skills or services, plus your checkbook.

**FIRST AID:** First aid services by professionals will be available throughout the conference, coordinated by the conference planning committee.

**AD HOC GROUPS & VIDEOS:** Participants are welcome to organize discussion groups and to bring CDs and videotapes on themes of peace and justice. Equipment for viewing videos will be available. A system will be provided for scheduling rooms and equipment.

**BOOKS, MUSIC, AND CRAFTS STORE.** A variety of books, CDs, cassettes, and crafts will be available for browsing and purchase.

**Glen Gersmehl** has again agreed to coordinate the bookstore, bringing books on a wide variety of topics from the celebrated Peace & Justice Resource Center which he coordinates. Limited space will be available for petitions and activist literature, but any items to be sold must be cleared with the Conference Planning Committee.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Full or partial scholarships are available to those who would not otherwise be able to attend. We strive to have diversity of age, race, ethnic background, spiritual beliefs, sexual orientation, and family situation. To obtain applications, British Columbia and Washington residents should phone 206-789-5565 or write to FOR, 225 N 70th, Seattle WA 98103; Oregon residents should contact Oregon FOR c/o John Roy Wilson, 1780 Church Street NE, Salem OR 97301 or phone John Roy at 503-585-5436 by May 23<sup>rd</sup> to request scholarship information. Please submit registration forms for the conference with whatever partial payment you can make, and indicate "scholarship pending."

**\*\*PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!\*\***  
**Lodging assignments will be made in the order received (with consideration of special needs when possible), so please do not delay! Send the enclosed registration form and payment by May 23. After May 23, telephone Janet Brown at 503-585-5436. (PLEASE HELP US! We must inform Seabeck Center of our attendance numbers by May 28, or face penalties. Your registration by May 23 will help us to plan. Thank you.)**

## Keynote Speakers

### "Persevering for Justice & Peace"

#### George Lakey

**George Lakey** has been an activist since joining the FOR as a young adult. His first arrest was in the civil rights movement; he went on to give leadership on peace, anti-sexist, gay rights, and economic justice issues. Author of seven books, he's taught at the Martin Luther King School of Social Change, Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges, and the University of Pennsylvania. He co-founded the Movement for a New Society, the Pennsylvania Jobs with Peace Campaign, and Training for Change. He directed a Quaker Action Group's mission to South Vietnam on the sailing ship Phoenix, was an unarmed bodyguard for Peace Brigades International in Sri Lanka, and has led over 1500 social change workshops on five continents. A Quaker, he's the great-grandfather of three and loves to play piano for Broadway sing-alongs.



**Maryrose Dolezal** on "**Not Your Soldier: Supporting Youth to Resist Militarism.**" Maryrose Dolezal has been on the national FOR staff since 1999.

She currently coordinates FOR's youth and militarism program work, including the Not Your Soldier and I Will Not Kill campaigns to support youth led resistance to the Poverty Draft and militarism, the Peacemaker Training Institute (PTI) program for young adults, and the Nonviolent Youth Collective, a network of young adult artists, facilitators and organizers working on principles of anti-oppression, arts-based organizing, and spiritually based self-care.



**Ethan Vesely-Flad** on "**Movement-Building Four Decades After the Assassination of Dr. King: FOR's Efforts to Support Interfaith and Multi-Generational Coalitions for Justice & Peace.**" Ethan Vesely-Flad is editor of *Fellowship*

magazine at the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), serves as FOR's co-director of communications, and supports organizing campaigns with national coalitions and FOR local groups. Prior to joining FOR in mid-2005, Ethan edited *The Witness* magazine; served in the Episcopal Church's national Peace and Justice Ministries office, particularly addressing anti-racism and environmental justice.



## Workshop Descriptions

- 1 - Strategizing for Effective Nonviolent Struggle** - In many efforts to make peace and change, the missing ingredient is strategy. New strategy tools are available to assist activists to increase our chance of success. **George Lakey** will share some of them in this workshop.
- 2 - Widening the Peace Movement by Paying Attention to Social Class** - During the Vietnam War the demographic in the U.S. that most often told pollsters they were opposed to the war was people who hadn't finished high school. During the current Iraq war the first mass-based organization to urge the government to bring the troops home was the AFL-CIO. In this workshop we'll explore what difference it might make to self-identified peace activists to learn to notice the dynamics of social class. **George Lakey.**
- 3 - Nonviolent Youth Collective Basic Ally Training** - This workshop is designed for the youth attending Seabeck. The workshop will address Counter-Recruitment, the Poverty Draft, CO support, progressive youth empowerment and leadership development. **Maryrose Dolezal.**
- 4 - Peace Training Institute (PTI) - Training in Nonviolence, Anti-Oppression and Organizing** - This workshop will emphasize working toward a movement-wide strategy to end war at home and abroad through building collaborations with a variety of peace and justice ally organizations. **Maryrose Dolezal.**

## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS, continued

**5 – Communicating the Beloved Community** - An overview of FOR's efforts to engage its members through various communications vehicles, including *Fellowship* magazine, online sources (web site, blog, e-newsletter, listserves), *Witness* newsletter, and other media, facilitated by **Ethan Vesely-Flad**, *see bio above*.

**6 – Stopping the Next War: Civilian Diplomacy with Iran** - Peace activists have been rightly focused on ending the war in Iraq, but there is increasing evidence that the White House is moving toward military action with Iran. Can the “Great Satan” and a key member of the “Axis of Evil” find common ground? **Ethan Vesely-Flad**, *recently returned from Iran, will share highlights and hopes for creating peace, see bio above*.

**7– Displaced Iraqis Crisis - Zahra Al-Kabi** will lead a discussion of the crisis situation confronting millions of displaced Iraqis, who live in and outside their country. **Zahra Al-Kabi** *is a social worker and a founder of Save Refugees organization. She came to the US in May 2007 and has applied for asylum in Portland*.

**8 – From Veteran to Peace Activist - Leah Bolger** recounts her development as a peace activist following a 20-year career as a Naval officer. She will specifically address her involvement with the organization Veterans for Peace. **Leah** *has been arrested 3 times in Washington, DC protesting our current wars. She is an organizer, an engaging speaker, and she sings with the Raging Grannies*.

**9 – Bridging the Chasms – Communicating Across the Political Divide II - Laurie Childers** offers a follow-up to last year's workshop. Participants describe the ways in which pacifists reach out to those who think and vote differently, what we find to be common ground, what keeps us calm, clear-headed, and clear-hearted in these conversations. **Laurie** *is an artist, musician, and peace activist who has maintained an intensive email conversation with a handful of right-wingers for nearly 3 years*.

**10 – PeaceJam!** - PeaceJam is an international program designed to create a new generation of peacemakers by connecting youth with Nobel Peace Laureates. Workshop leaders will guide teens and the young at heart through some team-building activities that open communication by mirroring the message of the Nobels—it is not possible to do the hard work of saving the world if you do not feel joy in your own life. **Julia Selker**, *age 15, has participated in 2 PeaceJams and 11 FOR/Seabeck conferences. Ann Robinson has worked at Oregon State University for 25 years and for 5 years has been a leader on the OSU PeaceJam NW team*.

**11 – CODEPINK: Activism and Parenthood** - Join **Michele Darr**, activist and mother of 6, for a facilitated discussion on integrating activism and parenthood. Participants will also discuss ways in which communities and networks can help create an atmosphere of inclusivity and support that honors and utilizes the vibrant energy of parent activists and activist children. **Michelle** *is establishing the second CODEPINK house, and in 2006, bicycled across the country with 3 of her children on the Journey of Hope*.

**12 – Counter-Recruitment in High Schools** - Alternatives to War, in Corvallis, OR has an active counter-recruitment committee that has a visible presence in the high schools in the area. **Rebecca Michelson** will describe the methods and materials used in the schools, and how they have been training people in the outlying rural areas to replicate their success.

**13 – Hanford – A Journalistic Approach: Who, What, Why, When, Where, and How? Won't Someone Please Clean Up This Mess?** - The Hanford Reservation is the most contaminated industrial site in the western hemisphere – right here in the Pacific Northwest on the Columbia River! In this workshop we will cover an overview of Hanford, which will include its history and mission. Participants also discuss ways to get more involved. **Robert McFarlane** *has been involved with Hanford issues for nearly 30 years through Physicians For Social Responsibility. He is a retired surgeon and serves on state and federal advisory boards related to Hanford*.

**14 – Beginning Folk Style Banjo** - With three chords and a basic strum on a five string open-back banjo you have all the accompaniment you need to lead a hootenanny! Bring a banjo if you can. There will be a few loaner banjos available. **Tom Rawson** *is a folksinger, songwriter, and storyteller from Seattle. He has been active in the FOR since 1981*.

**15 – Stagecraft for Folksingers, Storytellers, and Peace Activists** - Do you tense up in performance or public speaking situations? **Tom Rawson** will share some tips for connecting with your audience and putting everyone (including yourself) at ease. *See Tom's bio above*.

**16 – Clowning for P. B. & J.** - Clowning for Peace, Bliss and Justice shall include magic (every one bring a coin that fits your hand), skit development and stage presence, finding your inner Fool. Bring kazooos, toilet plungers and any thing you might want to include in our talent skit! **John Roy Wilson** *is a retired art/drama teacher and a Vietnam veteran*.

**17– Speaking and Listening to Those With Whom We Disagree – Rachel Hardesty's** work understanding the meaning of the death penalty in Oregon brings her into conversation with people who support the death penalty. During the course of ten years of building collaborative and compassionate listening with this community, she has developed some useful skills and attitudes for entering into conversation with those with whom she disagrees. **Rachel Hardesty** is professor at Portland State University.

**18 – Restorative Justice: A Personal Opportunity for Peacemaking - Rachel Hardesty** has practiced restorative justice principles in her listening and peacemaking project about the Oregon death penalty for the last 10 years. This interactive session will invite participants into an experience of restorative justice through personal biographical storytelling contextualized by restorative justice principles and formats. Attendees will also explore possible paths to peacemaking through imagining restorative justice initiatives in their communities. *See bio above*.

**19 – Customs and Practices of Dying Well** - Sharing stories and resources to share end of life practices and experiences, which bring comfort and peace to loved ones and ourselves. **Janet Brown**, diagnosed with metastatic bone cancer, will offer a workshop on practices, resources, stories of end of life choices and customs with opportunities to think about and communicate about what we and other people have found helpful in living well and supporting one another at this important stage of life.

**20 – Earth as Organism - Humans As?** - The scientific Gaia theory sees the Earth as a physiological system made up of all living organisms and their material environment. Each living thing, plant or animal, has evolved over the eons to serve specific functions to keep Gaia "alive." What is the role of the human species in the mix? How do we fit in with Gaia? **Gus Frederick** *is a graphic artist, animationist, former Silverton, OR City Councilor, and progressive Martian*.

**21 – Become an “Emissionary” – OPW's 5% Solution** - The combined crises of global heating, declining oil production, economic instability and wars for oil and water present the world's peace community with an unprecedented challenge. You can do your part to rise to that challenge by taking the 5% Solution pledge to cut your carbon footprint by 5% per year and to become an “emissionary.” Learn about this great new program that addresses both global warming and global warring. **Peter Bergel** *is the Director of Oregon Peace Works* .

**22 – Apples, Oranges and Diversity: Multiculturalism in our Modern Society** - Multiculturalism is not simply a content area of study, but should be viewed as an ongoing area of personal interest and inquiry. This training is designed to help build skills and capabilities to work successfully within the multicultural dynamics of our communities and organizations. **Johnny Lake** *is an advocate for needs of at-risk youth and a nationally certified trainer in programs respecting leadership, diversity, community-building, and cross-cultural interactions skill*.

**23 – Terrorism in the Home: Domestic Violence in our Communities** - Feel as though domestic violence is a huge problem and there is nothing you can do to address the issue? This interactive workshop will provide information on the dynamics of domestic violence and the impact of violence on survivors, their friends, family members and the community. Participants will learn about the warning signs, barriers to leaving an abuser, and ways to offer support to victims of domestic violence. **Jayne Downing**, *Executive Director of Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service, has been working with victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence for over 17 years*.

**24 – Acceptance Begins at Home** - This workshop, for children and adults, will explore the influences on children's lives - conscious and unconscious - which lead to prejudice and discrimination or to acceptance and appreciation. An interactive opportunity to experience some of the actual feel of discrimination. **Geraldine Hammond** *is a retired educator from Salem, where she was the school district's first African American principal. A Salem school has been recently named in her honor*.

**25- The Path of the Heart** - This workshop encourages an "aikido of the heart" that transforms our deepest responses to the world into skillful, loving, effective social action. So often we find ourselves choked with anger, frustration, cynicism, or despair at the injustice, destruction, and inhumanity in the world. Using reflective, creative interactive processes that engage our hearts, minds, and bodies, we will explore ways to integrate our deepest inner truths into our actions in the world. **Betsy Toll** *has been exploring the path of contemplative social action for more than 25 years. She is the founder of Living Earth Gatherings in Portland*.