



WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

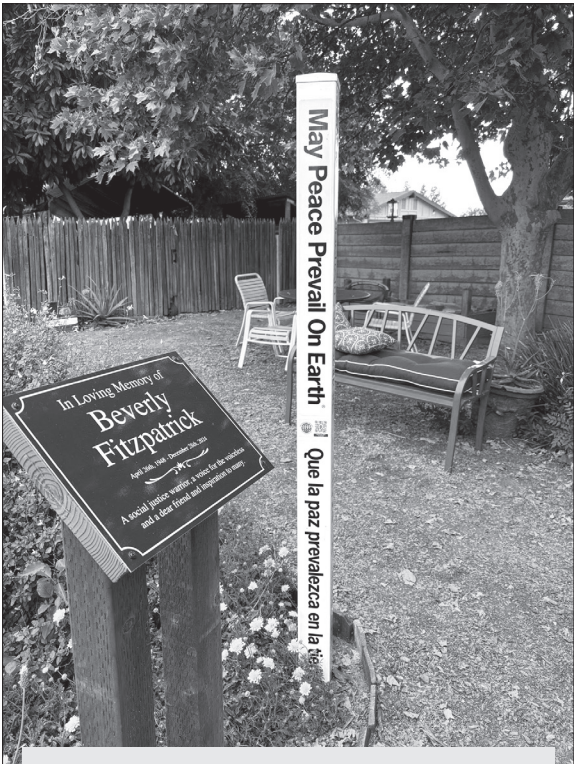
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HONORING BEV FITZPATRICK AND STAN POSS AT ECOGARDEN

We celebrated the memory of two extraordinary people at Dakota EcoGarden’s annual open house and potluck on May 3. To honor Beverly Fitzpatrick, a Peace Pole, a memorial plaque and a red bench were all placed in DEG’s front garden. This tribute was made possible by Wings Advocacy Fresno, the nonprofit organization Bev cofounded. UU Church of Fresno’s Rev. Tim Kutzmark offered comforting sentiments and memories in the dedication of this fitting memorial to our friend Bev.

We then moved to the backyard, which offers individual transitional housing in the form of platform tents and unique, individually designed eco-houses



Dedication plaque, bench and Peace Pole for Bev Fitzpatrick. Photo by Teresa Castillo



The House of Belonging dedicated to Stan Poss. Photo by Teresa Castillo

created by local renowned architect Arthur Dyson, who is also on the Board of Eco-Village Fresno (Dakota EcoGarden is its main project). Joan and Stan Poss have been dedicated supporters of DEG from the beginning, so it was fitting that the new eco-house was made possible through the generosity of Stan Poss’s estate. Giving a lasting, meaningful memory of her loving partner in life, Joan Poss dedicated the new eco-house to Stan by honoring his love of literature, Irish poetry especially. She gave the structure the poetic names “Innisfree” after a William Butler Yeats poem and “The House of Belonging” by contemporary Irish poet David Whyte. Joan read the poems at the dedication event, filling the garden with Stan’s poetic presence. The memorial plaque will remain on the outside wall of this new eco-house.

We gain comfort as we continue through our days filled with all that consumes us by holding our loved ones close to our hearts knowing that we were pulled into their circle and touched in



Sculpture by Margaret Hudson at the EcoGarden honors Lynn Graham, Fresno WILPF activist and Olympic-level athlete, who joined the ancestors in 2014. Photo by Teresa Castillo



Joan Poss (with Gerry Bill on bullhorn) reads “Innisfree” by Yeats and “The House of Belonging” by David Whyte. Photo by Teresa Castillo

meaningful ways by their spirit of being and their dedication to help make our world a better place for all. We miss Bev and Stan very much but know that we can contribute to the work they were dedicated to and share their joys.

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BEVERLY FITZPATRICK YEARLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The winner each year will be a Fresno City College student who demonstrates a passion for social justice causes and makes positive change in their community. By contributing to this fund, you can help deserving students achieve their educational dreams and honor Bev’s legacy.

Checks can be mailed to EcoVillage Project of Fresno, P.O. Box 5124, Fresno, CA 93755. Put “Beverly Fitzpatrick Scholarship Fund” on the memo line.

PALESTINE—A MESSAGE FROM WILPF INTERNATIONAL

WILPF International Secretariat

15 May 2025

The Palestinian Nakba is not a closed chapter in history—it is a continuous, living reality. Since 1948, Palestinians have endured a brutal system of settler colonialism, apartheid and military occupation. This system inflicts daily violence and oppression, reflecting both the legacy of past atrocities and an ongoing genocide. At the heart of this oppression is the Israeli occupation, which actively perpetrates daily brutality.

Today, Israel’s violations continue to escalate, brazenly defying the January 2025 ceasefire agreement. In the meantime, international law is ignored with impunity, while governments and institutions that claim to champion human rights continue to shield the occupier, fuel it with arms, resources and trade profits, and vilify those who dare to speak out.

As we mark #Nakba77 in 2025, we do so in the shadow of ongoing genocide—but also in the light of fierce and unwavering resistance. Palestinian voices continue to rise with strength and clarity, despite relentless militarisation and deepening humanitarian catastrophe.

WILPF is committed to amplifying the voices of Palestinians who continue to endure and resist an ongoing system of occupation, apartheid, displacement and genocide.

This year’s Nakba commemoration campaign (#Nakba77) highlights testimonies from Gaza and across Palestine, where Palestinian women and girls speak out about the devastating realities they face and continue to inspire us with their resistance.

wilpf.org/nakba-77-amplifying-palestinian-voices-and-resistance/

WEEKLY PROTEST

STAND AGAINST WAR, VIOLENCE,
AND OPPRESSION
IN THE U.S.
AND ACROSS THE WORLD



WEDNESDAYS
11:00 - 1:00



Robert E. Coyle Federal Courthouse
2500 Tulare St. Fresno, CA

Weekly protest RAW

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! HERE’S HOW:

Send dues to WILPF Fresno, P.O. Box 5114, Fresno, CA 93755.

WILPF US membership is \$35/year. WILPF Fresno sponsors a low-income rate of \$20.

For questions and information updates, contact Nancy Hatcher at nhatcher46@gmail.com or Kyla Mitchell at kyla.noelle@gmail.com.

WILPF MEETING

June 12 (second Thursday), 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (and sometimes also at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 1584 N. Van Ness Ave.). This meeting is open to all. Watch your e-mail for an announcement. To check the in-person option, contact Teresa at taca_03@yahoo.com or 559-360-8054.

STIR IT UP—WILPF ON KFCF 88.1 FM

June 28 (fourth Wednesday), 3 p.m. Jean Hays highlights people and events important to our WILPF community.

VALLEY VOICES FOR PEACE

Listen to our new monthly podcast! “Valley Voices for Peace” can be found on SoundCloud and YouTube, thanks to host Carol Goiburn and a mini-grant from WILPF US.

WOMEN IN BLACK

June 4 (first Wednesday), 11 a.m.–1 p.m. We are now joining Raza Against War’s protest in front of the Federal Building at 2500 Tulare St. in Fresno. Check with Sue Kern at skern@netptc.net or 559-349-3777.