



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM
 WILPF Fresno, P.O. Box 5114, Fresno, CA 93755

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CRAFTS FAIRE ON NOV. 18—DON'T MISS IT!

Our annual Crafts Faire is back! Join us on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Free AME Church, 806 Collins Ave., Fresno 93706. Our date is set and planning is under way to offer everyone a fun day filled with shopping, eating and community! We've missed everyone over these past three years and can't wait to see all of our old friends, and we look forward to making new friends at our new location.

As always, our event is free to attend. Our Faire will include live entertainment with a wonderful array of musicians and singers throughout the day, plenty of vendors offering their unique wares and services for you to purchase and enjoy, community groups sharing information and FAME Ministries will

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom
Peace Community Crafts Faire

Saturday November 18, 2023
 10 am - 4 pm

FREE AME Church
 806 Collins Ave
 Fresno, CA 93706

Join us for a day of fun for all!



For more information contact Teresa Castillo at taca_03@gmail.com

Event hosted by



Enjoy lunch & live music!

Artisan wares
 Self-care boutiques
 Unique, handmade, holiday gifts
 Visit old friends
 Make new friends
 Live music
 Raffle
 Food

prepare and serve up a delicious lunch to make your day complete. Join us, all are welcome!

For more information and/or for a vendor application, contact Teresa at 559-360-8054 or taca_03@gmail.com.

—Teresa Castillo

RAGING GRANNIES SERENADE BEV WITH LOVE AND HOPE

Fresno's infamous Raging Grannies gathered at Paintbrush Assisted Living Center on Aug. 28 to serenade our member, Bev Fitzpatrick, and an audience of other residents and staff. Bev has been a stalwart Grannie and an ardent supporter of our singing songs of peace and justice. Our songs were enthusiastically received with an invitation to return!

—Nancy Hatcher



Raging Grannies with Bev Fitzpatrick.
 Photo by Nancy Hatcher

ONGOING GUITAR AND UKULELE CLASS WITH TEATRO DE LA TIERRA

Every Friday—Free of Charge!

Teatro de la Tierra invites interested students between ages 7 through seniors to study Mexican traditional music, Latin American and American folklore and Nuevo Canto, a blend of contemporary and traditional styles about social justice, history, love and activism. Every Friday at 5 p.m. at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 1584 N. Van Ness Ave. Zoom classes will be available in the coming month. We have a limited number of instruments; take the leap! Thanks to the California Endowment, the California Arts Council and the Fresno Center for Nonviolence.

Cancionero del Pueblo/People's Songbook (YouTube) New Project!

Angel Vasquez, pictured on this page playing his cutaway steel string guitar, is an advanced musician who has performed throughout his young life in the city of Fresno. He will be featured in the instructional videos that lead artists Agustín Lira and Patricia Wells are producing to show students how to play the leads, chords and rhythms of songs. Angel is now a sophomore at Fresno State. Also shown in the photo is Dahlia Vasquez, a student and tutor in the class.

Merlinda Espinosa will also be a featured artist in this project. Thank you Alliance for California Traditional Arts.

—Patricia Wells-Solorzano

FIND OUT ABOUT GOING TO CUBA—PASTORS FOR PEACE CARAVAN REPORT

Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at Free AME Church, 806 Collins Ave., Fresno



Caravanistas volunteering on hospital reconstruction. Photo by LVR

The Pastors for Peace Caravan to Cuba recently made our 30th trip to Cuba. Many local folks have been on this and previous Caravans. We'll talk about what we did and saw, what makes Cuba special and why Cuba is under fierce U.S. attack and has been for the past 60 years.

This year, the Caravan went to the eastern part of Cuba. We saw where the Cuban Revolution began and the changes that have been made by and for the Cuban people. We volunteered to help rebuild a hurricane-damaged hospital, visited community projects, went to church services, and learned about holistic agriculture and Cuba's sustainable development projects.

Legal experts and members of LGBTQ+ organizations spoke to us about the changes since the passage of the Family Code, a body of family law that centers equity and inclusiveness. Distinguished Afro-Cuban artists and intellectuals spoke about ongoing work to eliminate attitudes of prejudice and Eurocentrism.

We even climbed to sculptor Alberto Lescaj's Monument to the Maroons, near where slaves rose up in revolt at the Cobre mines in 1731 and set up an independent community at Sierra del Cobre. (Maroons were enslaved people who escaped and formed their own settlements in the mountains.)

We went to Guantanamo and saw that it's a province of Cuba and the capital city of that province, where people are doing their best to live their lives despite having a hostile foreign military base and prison camp in their territory, imposed by U.S. force.

There was a lot of music and dancing, too. Some recent Caravan participants from this area include Gerry Bill, Dr. Jean Kennedy, Leni Villagomez Reeves, Rafael Avitia, Jean Hays, Josh Shurley, Sue Kern and Ed Castro Jr. (in memoriam). We'll try to tell you all about it. But, really, you need to experience this for yourself.

Is a Trip to Cuba in Your Future?

Cuba lets us know that it is possible to do things differently. It's real—free universal healthcare, free universal education, elimination of structural racism, no child labor, sustainability, international cooperation and international solidarity on the side of the oppressed.

Cuba has envisioned a more just society, and they are doing their best to carry this out, with obvious imperfections and despite obstacles, by far the largest of which is the U.S. economic blockade of the country.

Cuba lets us know that it is possible to resist.

Cuba lets us know that it is possible to win.

We need to know this.

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Angel Vasquez (left) and Dahlia Vasquez. Photos by Patricia Wells-Solorzano

WILPF MEETING

Oct. 12 (second Thursday), 7 p.m., online and in person at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Watch your e-mail for an announcement with a link and a call-in number. For info, contact Teresa taca_03@gmail.com or Leni at lenivreeves@gmail.com.

STIR IT UP—WILPF KFCF 88.1 FM

Oct. 25 (fourth Wednesday), 3 p.m. Jean Hays highlights people and events important to our WILPF community.

UNPACKING RACISM

With Dr. Jean Kennedy. Moving toward community event participation. To join, RSVP with your e-mail address to drjeankennedy@yahoo.com or text 559-270-1023.

WOMEN IN BLACK

Oct. 4 (first Wednesday), noon, Courthouse. Check first with Sue Kern at skern@netptc.net or 559-349-3777.

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

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