

## **34 DAYS FOR PEACE 2016: SALEM AREA PEACE TRAIL**

September 21 – October 24, 2016

**(Please visit the Salem, Oregon area Peace Landmarks listed below, in any order you wish, and whenever you can, but surely during the 34-day period indicated above).**

1. **POLLY’S CORNER**, Liberty Street at Chemeketa Street (Northwest Corner), Salem, OR 97301

About 20 years ago this corner was picked by well-known peacemaker Polly Hare and her associates from Salem Friends Meeting House for a weekly vigil, from Noon to 1:00 P.M. After Polly got sick in 2009, and eventually passed away, the weekly vigil was intermittent until Bruce Stock took up the mantle. Currently he stands there for the monthly vigil, on the same spot, from Noon to 1:00 P.M., on the first Wednesday of each month.

2. **SALEM MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTE**, Reed Opera House, 189 Liberty St. NE. Salem, Oregon 97301

Created as a positive, tangible response to growing concern about racial tensions in the city, the Salem Multicultural Institute started the World Beat Festival, a celebration of all of the many cultures that make Oregon such a wonderful place. Also the World Beat Gallery at the Reed Opera House hosts exhibits highlighting various cultures.

3. **ECO-EARTH GLOBE**, Waterfront Park, 200 Water Street NE, Sale, OR 97301

Once used for storage of acid at a paper mill, the 26-foot diameter tank has been turned into a globe of planet Earth. It is now covered with more than 86,000 ceramic tiles, which reflect the various biomes of the planet, along with representations of the flora and fauna of Earth, and with many of the world's natural and man-made wonders.

4. **PEACE PLAZA, Between City Hall & Public Library, 585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, OR 97301**

It is a wide open space which features Peace Flags on its northern and southern walls, a Peace Mural on its southeastern wall, and a Peace Wall on its northeastern wall.

5. **GEORGE ARTHUR POWELL MEDITATION GARDEN**, Woodland Chapel, 582 High Street, Salem, OR 97301

The beautiful George Arthur Powell Meditation Garden is located along Pringle Creek at Woodland Chapel. It is a refuge for the Chapel, River Sangha and community. Also there is a Walking Path next to a creek.

Woodland Chapel is used by several meditation and yoga groups. It is close to down town and truly a refuge of peace.

6. **MARTHA SPRINGER BOTANICAL GARDEN**, Willamette University, 900 State St., Salem, Oregon 97301

Opened in 1988, the garden was dedicated to Professor Martha Springer, a biologist at Willamette University. Tucked away behind the University's Sparks Athletic Center on the southeast edge of campus, it contains twelve smaller gardens, which border the Mill Race stream and include a butterfly garden, herb garden, alpine rock garden, ethnobotany gardens, and a waterfall. Many native species are highlighted in the one-acre garden, and benches and picnic tables allow visitors to linger.

The Garden has a bench with plaque for Nacho Cordova, a deceased Willamette University professor, who had initiated mindful meditation practice at the University, and had led the local River Sangha community.

The Botanical Garden is a beautiful place for peaceful contemplation.

7. **WILSON PARK**, 700 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Located on the east side of the State Capitol, Wilson Park features flags from every U.S. state. The flags are arranged near the Moon Tree. This Douglas fir, just north of the flags, was grown from a seed carried to the moon by Apollo 14 astronaut Stuart Roosa in 1971.

8. **THE RIVER OF PEACE MURAL**, Salem YMCA, 685 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301

The River of Peace, a Mosaic Mural, on the Southeast Corner of YMCA was dedicated on August 13, 2011.