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"Blessed are they who after dedicating their lives and thereby receiving a blessing, have the courage and faith to surmount the difficulties of the path ahead, for they shall receive a second blessing."

Peace Pilgrim

Kathy Miller

1940 - 2006



Kathleen L. Miller, born March 31, 1940 in Racine, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at the home of her daughter, Wendy Copperfield, in Willits, California on January 10, 2006.

In 2001 she relocated to Somerset, California to fulfill her dream of living in the Sierra Foothills. Kathy's retirement project was to be a full-time volunteer for the Friends of Peace Pilgrim, a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping Peace Pilgrim's message alive.

She was diagnosed with lung cancer in October of 2004.

Kathy believed that death not be viewed as fearful and saw her passing as a glorious transition to a freer life. She believed that peace is possible and can be achieved if we start from within. She was an inspiration to many people.

May she rest in PEACE.



" The touch of your hand
is all that I need
to reach out in love
in the service of life".

by Kathy Miller

"The ultimate recovery of man's still small voice is an orientation to the eternal by which any ultimate and infinite sharing of experience is possible."

*Marc Edmund Jones
Founder of the Sabian Assembly*

About Forgiveness

The Buddha was the most awakened man of his time. Nobody like him understood human suffering and developed benevolence and compassion.

One of his cousins, Devadatta, was always jealous of the teacher, and interested in discrediting him, even ready to kill him.

One day as the Buddha was quietly strolling, Devadatta saw him and threw a heavy rock from the top of a hill with the intention of killing him. The rock landed by the Buddha's side and Devadatta did not attain his objective. The Buddha noticed what happened and remained unmoved, keeping a smile on his lips.

A few days later the Buddha found his cousin on the road and greeted him affectionately. Greatly surprised Devadatta asked:

~ Aren't you angry, sir?

~ Of course not.

Greatly astonished, he asked:

~ Why?

And the Buddha said:

~ Because you are no longer the one who threw the rock, nor am I the one who was there when it was thrown.

The Teacher says: For the one who knows how to see, everything is transitory; for the one who knows how to love, everything is forgivable.

Shared by Guillermo Calderón, México



***"May I be in peace.
May my heart remain open.
May I awaken to the light which is my true nature.
May I be healed.
May I be a source of healing for all beings."***

{A prayer of loving kindness taught by the Buddha}

*Shared by Janine Fafard
in Costa Rica*

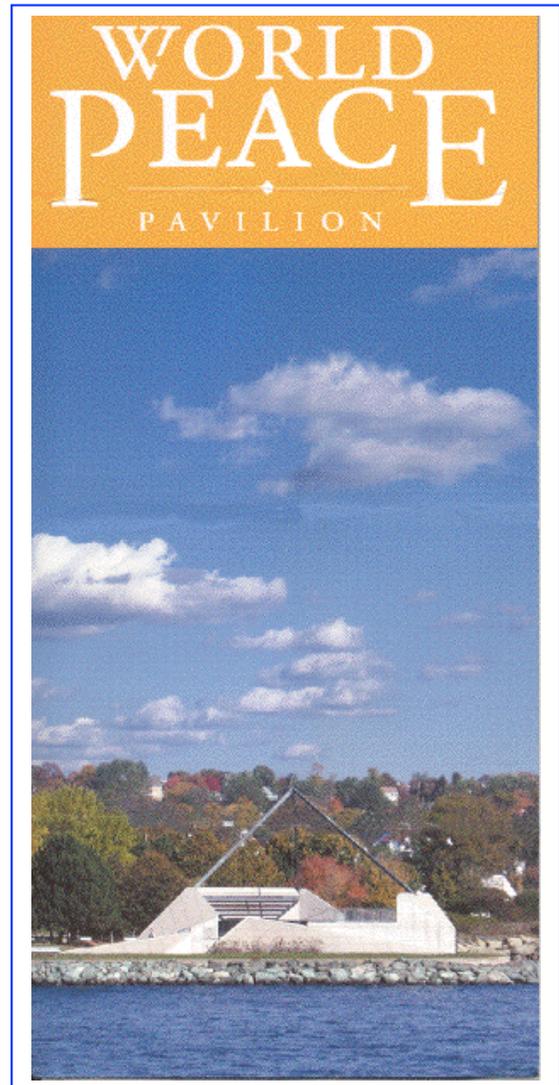
World Peace Pavillion

by Mayte Picco-Kline, based on site information

Through my travels in the world I have encountered unique places and monuments that give tribute to the spirit of global peace and harmony. During my trip to Nova Scotia, Canada my husband and I discovered the World Peace Pavilion, erected on the Darmouth waterfront in 1995 to house and display an international collection of rocks and artifacts contributed by eighty countries from around the globe. Each country sent rocks and bricks from their most cherished historical site or as representations from their proudest achievements.

Amethyst from Uruguay, stone from the Great Wall of China, a brass plaque made from World War II ammunition fragments from Slovakia - all poignant reminders of the price of peace and the fragility of human life. The exhibit center showcases rocks that symbolize the natural world shared by all humanity and the bricks or building materials that symbolize the common future that all the world's people can build together.

The pavilion was a product of a creative group of young idealists calling themselves the Metro Youth for Global Unity. Prominently lettered across the top of the display is the motto: Let Your Vision Be World Embracing.



Peace Pilgrim Reminiscence

by Francis-Clair Fisher

Peace Pilgrim came through St. Cloud, Minnesota when I was about ten or eleven years old. My mother heard Peace interviewed on the radio and called the station asking if she would like to come to dinner. Peace said yes, but that she did not eat any meat. This was unusual at that time and my mother had quite a time creating a vegetarian lasagna and desert.

I went with my father to pick Peace Pilgrim up across town. It was very hard to tell her age. She was so energetic and animated, her age could have been anywhere from the early 50's to the early 60's. Or that was my guess at that young age. The year must have been around 1966 or '67.

When she came to the house she sat and talked quietly with my sister and I about our garden and we tried to give her tomatoes, but she explained that she did not accept gifts. But she could eat them tomorrow we cried! She explained that she carried nothing with her but what was in her pockets. With a well-stocked fridge and garden this really confused us. So Peace took two tomatoes. We were very pleased until we woke up the next morning to find them on the kitchen counter. It was some years later before I understood why she could not take those tomatoes.

At dinner Peace talked to us about her work. I don't remember much of what she said but I was totally engrossed by her. She was stern but loving. She was more like a teacher. But a teacher with a message that held my attention completely. The fact that she had left all possessions was extremely powerful to my young mind. From that moment on I wanted to be like her. At night as I went to sleep I'd fantasize about walking like Peace Pilgrim.

I never took to the road as Peace did... but have spent my adult life working for peace in prisons and schools. My husband and I found her book shortly after we were married and, much inspired by it, resolved to live as simply as we could in our harsh Minnesota climate. Because of that commitment we eventually put up a Mongolian Yurt, in which we have lived for nearly 14 years.

We have passed on a great many copies of that book. One is sitting beside my chair right now as I prepare to teach about Peace Pilgrim in my State Prison class on nonviolence. It is a treasure which is always beside the bed or a comfortable chair. And after all these years, I still go to sleep fantasizing about taking to the road.



Artistic Expressions

Any Point



From any point
A line reaches back
And attaches to a far distant centre.
There is no unconnected life in this world,
Nor a point in time
Unknown by any other point.
Nor a tear shed in a vacuum.

Hermes

"Respect for the rights of others is peace."

Benito Juárez, ex-President of México

(shared by Virgilio Sánchez,
Pennsylvania, United States)



photo courtesy of Bruce Nichols

"When the dawn comes and a new day begins,
look for a moment of peace to enter in touch with your soul.
Deepen within yourself, where your soul dwells and listen.
Capture its vibration, the most beautiful melody played by the soul."

Anonymous

(sent by Guillermo Calderón, México, D.F.)

"To welcome whatever arises in this moment
is the ultimate spiritual practice.

Welcoming whatever arises in this moment,
outside or inside of you,
brings freedom."

Eckhart Tolle, "The Power of Now"

(shared by Ven. Lama Dudul Osel Dorje, Ecuador)

Ancient Teaching

"In India it is called Pranayama and it was well-known to the Egyptians, Chinese, Chaldeans, Hebrews, Celts, Maya and Incas. Jesus taught it to Nicodemus (John. 3-3 to 8). The Greeks learned it from Pythagoras, who learned it in Egypt. It's a part of the Universal Wisdom... Practicing it is of great relevance in times of world crisis and brings us together finely with all Humanity." {Néstor Almagro, speaking of conscious breathing}

Our friend and regular Enlace participant, Néstor, has written a document in which he shares his highest understanding of two practices that grant fullness of operation to the complete being at the physical, psychological and spiritual levels; CONSCIOUS BREATHING and EXTENDED VISION. These life practices fortify our contact with the Inner Teacher.

To receive his writing please contact him: nalmagro@nys.com.ar. Mention the subject in your note for easy location.



The Inner Way

Our vision of wholeness leads to positive action.

- ✦ Find a quiet place, close your eyes, relax, and take three deep breaths.
- ✦ Now you may ask yourself: is there something I can do to affirm greater health and wholeness in my world?
- ✦ What can I do to promote greater unity?
- ✦ How can I promote greater cooperation and understanding? Can I communicate more clearly?
- ✦ When you come up with your opportunity for positive action, see yourself doing what you choose to do. See the action completed. Feel the healing energies and experience a greater vision of the one.
- ✦ Now open your eyes and commit yourself to this personal action.

"The Tao of Inner Peace"
by Dianne Dreher

"In spiritual fellowship men are one in the divine,
and this shared oneness
embraces the absolute uniqueness of all individual differences."

Marc Edmund Jones

Sabian Corner



" I bring the whole of myself to dwell in lasting peace."

Healing affirmation

"Be the means whereby your brother finds peace in which your wishes are fulfilled." {shared by Mike Elliot in Illinois, United States, from ACIM, 558} This is facilitated as we consciously choose to search for the best in all our associates and thus establish a fellowship in what is enduring, and so immortal. This is an exercise of APPRECIATION as we quicken to immediate excellencies.

*by Mayte Picco-Kline
Pennsylvania, United States*

"Intention is more than a direction, a way you want to go. If it comes from a deep level, an intention clears the way for its own fulfillment.... Intentions are most powerful when they are positive and creative."

*from "Peace is the Way" by Deepak Chopra
shared by Patti Hudson
Pennsylvania, United States*

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Welcome

A warm welcome to our newest friends in the Enlace Internacional circle: Paty Fragoso in México, and Ivonne Ray and Florence Petheram in the United States.



Connecting to the Internet



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Enlace Internacional - Spanish and English
Spanish - www.peacepilgrim.org/news_sp/enlace36.htm
English - www.peacepilgrim.org/news_sp/enlace36e.htm

Alliance for a New Humanity
www.anhglobal.org/

Circles of Light
www.circlesoflight.org/index.html

International Day of Peace
www.worldpeace.org/peaceday.html

Reflections

(We invite you to participate in this section by selecting a phrase or sentence from the Peace Pilgrim materials. Please indicate source and page.)

- ✿ To receive light I go directly to the Source of Light.... I also make possible for more Light to come by living according to the highest Light I have. *(Emilia Kuri Cristino, México)*
- ✿ The price of peace... is repentance and humility, remembering that the way of peace is the way of love. *(Hna. Magdalena de Jesús, Chile)*
- ✿ The simplified life is a sanctified life,
Much more calm, much less strife.
Oh, what wondrous truths are unveiled --
Projects succeed which had previously failed.
Oh, how beautiful life can be,
Beautiful simplicity.

(Rainbow Rosemary Southwell, South Africa)

Favoríte Quotes:

- ✿ Inner peace comes by relinquishing own will, attachments, and negative thoughts and feelings. *(Zoraida Consuegra, United States; Pedro Roblejo Ramos, Cuba)*
- ✿ The spiritual life is the real life - all else is illusion and deception. *(Marcos Polanco, United States; Victoria Novik Assael, Chile; Emilia Kuri Cristino, México)*
- ✿ Live in the present. Do all that needs to be done. Do all the good you can each day. The future will unfold. *(Maricela Navarrete, Cuba; Mayte Picco-Kline, United States)*



Send your questions concerning inner peace, contributions and artistic expressions to Mayte Picco-Kline. Enlace is published three times yearly. If this is the first time you've received it and wish to be a part of our circle of friends, please send a confirmation note.

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