

Escalating peace

Do you think that war has no real winners?

Do you think that responding to conflict with violence is counterproductive?

DO YOU THINK THAT A PERMANENT WAR ECONOMY DRAINS RESOURCES FROM HUMAN NEEDS?

Do you think that a renewed commitment to non-violent conflict resolution and peacebuilding is essential to avert an escalating global war?

You're not alone.

Between October 4 and 6, 2002, come to Salt Spring Island, BC to respond to our current climate of war by *Escalating Peace*.

Escalating Peace, a joint peace conference of the Canadian Peace Alliance, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, will bring together people who believe that there are alternatives to war, violence and militarism.

Together, we will explore how to strengthen the commitment to *Escalating Peace* in ourselves, our families, our societies, our governments, our economies and around the world. You are warmly invited to participate in *Escalating Peace*.

Most meetings and activities will be open to everyone, including panels on Women and Peacebuilding Friday evening and Preserving Outer Space for Peace on Saturday evening as well as workshops on a variety of topics on Saturday. Everyone may attend the Canadian Peace Alliance convention meetings on Friday and Sunday morning.

Our goal is more than a stimulating peace conference. Our goal is to reinvigorate our commitment to *Escalating Peace*, to strengthen our capacity for *Escalating Peace* and to share new ways to communicate the importance of *Escalating Peace*. We hope you will join us to share your ideas.

Escalating Peace. A joint conference of the Canadian Peace Alliance, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Salt Spring Island, BC, October 4-6, 2002.

Escalating peace

Joint Peace Conference

October 4-6, 2002

Harbour House Hotel, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, BC

Tentative program and schedule

The Joint Peace Conference includes business meetings of the Canadian Peace Alliance, the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Some of these meetings are open to all, some only to members of the respective organizations, so please consult the registration form or the sponsoring organizations for more details. The Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening events and Saturday workshop activities are open to everyone.

Friday, October 4

Daytime: business meetings, Canadian Peace Alliance and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

7 pm: keynote event, Women and Peacebuilding.

Saturday, October 5

Morning: concurrent workshops.

Afternoon: plenary workshop.

7 pm: panel discussion, Peace in Outer Space.

Sunday, October 6

Daytime: business meetings, Canadian Peace Alliance, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Evening: barbeque.

About our local host

Salt Spring Island Voice of Women

In the late 1970s, a group of mothers of young children met one Mother's Day for afternoon tea. One of the women was a local doctor who wanted to go to Russia with Physicians for Social Responsibility. The other women decided to raise funds to help cover her expenses. A dinner was given on her return and the community was able to share her experiences.

Shortly after this event, Voice of Women was started on Salt Spring Island. Since that time, Salt Spring Island VOW has worked with women from El Salvador, Chile, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Yugoslavia and Afghanistan, supporting their struggles for justice, dignity and hope.

Several years ago, Salt Spring Island VOW established a peace park in Ganges, the main village on the Island. There, Salt Spring Island VOW has planted trees in memory of old friends who were dedicated peace workers. Hiroshima Day commemorations are held each year in the park.

This is some of our past. What is in the future? We look forward to meeting and sharing and learning at the Joint Peace Conference. Hope to see you here.

Sponsoring organizations

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom aims to bring together women of different political and philosophical convictions, united in their determination to study and make known and help abolish the political, social, economic and psychological causes of war and to work for a constructive peace. WILPF has been active in Canada since 1918. For more information, visit www.wilpf.int.ch and www.peacewomen.org or contact wilpfcanda@yahoo.ca or Colleen Burke at 416-535-6586.

The Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (VOW) works locally, nationally and internationally on issues related to peace, social justice, human rights and development, always seeking to promote a woman's and a feminist's perspective. For more information about VOW, visit www.interlog.com/~vow/ or contact vow@interlog.com or 416-603-7915.

The Canadian Peace Alliance is Canada's largest umbrella peace organization. It campaigns for global disarmament, the abolition of war and a human needs-based approach to security. It helps groups network and promote their own peace activities. For more information about the CPA, visit www.acp-cpa.ca or contact cpa@web.ca or 416-588-5555.

Escalating peace

Registration Form

Please use a separate form for each person who registers. You are welcome to make copies of this form, download it from the Canadian Peace Alliance web site www.acp-cpa.ca or contact the CPA to receive additional copies by mail, fax or e-mail.

Name: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ fax: _____ e-mail: _____
Preferred method to contact you: _____

Will you attend one or more of the business meetings taking place over the weekend? Please check all that apply: CPA VOW WILPF

Any WILPF member may attend the WILPF National Meeting. All VOW members in good standing at the time of the VOW General Meeting are encouraged and welcome to attend and are entitled to vote in their capacity as individual members or as regional delegates. CPA meetings are open to everyone. Official delegates to the CPA Convention must be selected by their organization, which must be a member in good standing of the CPA. Official CPA delegates should complete a delegate registration form, either enclosed in this package or available from the CPA office.

Conference Fees (please select one)	Amount payable
<input type="checkbox"/> Full conference, advance registration (deadline September 9, 2002). Includes registration for all meetings and workshops during the day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as well as Saturday lunch and all conference materials.	\$60
OR	
<input type="checkbox"/> Full conference, late registration (received after September 9, 2002). Includes registration for all meetings and workshops during the day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as well as Saturday lunch and all conference materials.	\$75
OR	
<input type="checkbox"/> One-day fee, Saturday only. Includes all workshops during the day on Saturday, Saturday lunch and workshop materials.	\$30

Additional activities

<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Saturday (note: this meal is already included in the accommodations package for those staying at the Harbour House Hotel so don't pay twice!)	\$13
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Sunday (note: this meal is included in the accommodations package at the Harbour House Hotel).	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Sunday evening.	\$15

NOTE: Friday and Saturday evening events are PWYC with a suggested minimum donation of \$5.

Registration Form (cont) ...

Travel equalization

CPA delegates travelling less than 500 km only. Please see the CPA delegate form to determine if this applies to you. \$50

Billet

Did you request a billet? Please confirm that you have completed and returned the billet request form.

Information table

Do you wish to reserve an information table for your organization?
_____ (name of organization)

Travel plans

Will you be travelling with a vehicle? Y / N (circle one)

IF YES ...

Do you have extra space in your car? Y / N (circle one)

IF NO ...

If you are flying to BC, at which airport will you arrive?

Vancouver / Victoria (circle one)

_____ Time / date / flight #

Will you need a pick-up from the ferry? Y / N (circle one)

_____ Time / date / terminal of arrival

Where will you be staying? (circle)

Billet Harbour House Hotel Other _____

Which days will you be attending? (circle all)

Friday day

Saturday day

Sunday day

Friday evening

Saturday evening

Sunday evening

Your total \$_____

How to pay ...

Please pay at the time of registration or late registration fee may apply. All payments will be processed by the Canadian Peace Alliance.

Method of payment

Cheque (payable to Canadian Peace Alliance)

Visa

Mastercard

For credit card payment

Card number: _____ Expiry: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Anyone paying their conference fees by credit card should not submit this information by e-mail. Please mail, fax or phone your credit card information to the Canadian Peace Alliance.

Please send all registration forms to:

Canadian Peace Alliance

427 Bloor St W

Toronto, ON, M5S 1X7

p: 416-588-5555 v f: 416-588-5556 v e: cpa@web.ca

Escalating peace

Travel information

A travel coordinator will be available to answer questions about any aspect of travel to BC and Salt Spring. Call Manfred Pape at 250-537-4567 or email: manfredpape@saltspring.com.

If you can book your flight to Victoria rather than Vancouver without incurring much extra cost, we strongly suggest that you do so because it will make the rest of your travel much quicker.

We will have people at Vancouver airport during the busiest times to greet and assist participants.

If you are arriving via Vancouver Airport, the local bus service runs from the airport to the ferry terminal. (You need to make two transfers. Take bus 424 from the airport to Airport Station transfer point. Transfer to the 404 bus, which will take you to Ladner. Then, transfer to the 640 bus, which will take you to the ferry terminal. Consult www.translink.bc.ca or call 604-953-3333 for details and allow at least 2.5 hours.) If there are sufficient numbers arriving at one time, we may arrange to have a special bus for delegates from Vancouver Airport. As well, there is a non-stop Pacific Coach Lines bus airport to the Tsawwassen ferry terminal. It departs every two hours from the domestic arrivals area in front of Carousel 6 at starting at 7:45 am until 7:45 pm and takes about one hour to reach the Tsawwassen ferry terminal. You should request a ticket for Salt Spring Island, which will cost about \$30 (one way) for bus and ferry.

Most ferries to Salt Spring travel via Swartz Bay (Vancouver Island), from which you take the connecting Fulford Harbour ferry to Salt Spring Island. Pacific Coach Lines buses go directly on to the ferry to Swartz Bay (Vancouver Island). There is also a direct ferry from Tsawwassen to Long Harbour (Salt Spring Island) that runs twice a day. Ferry schedules are available from BC Ferries, www.bcferrries.bc.ca or 250-386-3431.

If you are arriving from Vancouver and vicinity, please see the information above. Pacific Coach Lines and Vancouver's local bus service both serve the ferry terminal. If you are bringing a vehicle to Salt Spring Island, we recommend that you reserve space on the ferry. Visit www.bcferrries.bc.ca or call 250-386-3431 for information.

If you are arriving via Victoria's airport, it is 6 kms from the Airport to Swartz Bay ferry terminal where you catch the ferry to Salt Spring Island (Fulford Harbour). It is best to take a taxi, which is less expensive and much faster than going into Victoria for a city or Pacific Coach Lines bus and then back to Schwartz Bay. No city bus services the airport but there are regular shuttles to the downtown.

If you are travelling from downtown Victoria, you can take bus 70 to the ferry docks or drive. If you are bringing a vehicle, you may wish to reserve space on the ferry (www.bcferrries.bc.ca or 250-386-3431).

If you are arriving from the north of Vancouver Island, there is a small ferry leaving nearly every hour from Crofton on Vancouver Island to Vesuvius on Salt Spring Island. Visit www.bcferrries.bc.ca or call 250-386-3431 for information.

For those interested in taking a float plane to Salt Spring Island, two airlines offer several flights a day from downtown Vancouver and from the South Terminal at Vancouver airport. A taxi to the South Terminal costs \$10-\$12. Contact Sea Air at 1-800-447-3247, www.seairseaplanes.com or Harbour Air Seaplanes: 1-800-665-0212, www.harbour-air.com.

If you want to bicycle, be aware that it is a long arduous hike from the ferry terminals, especially Fulford Harbour.

Transportation on Salt Spring Island

There is no bus service on Salt Spring Island. Taxi service is supplied by Silver Shadow 250-537-3030. Private cars can be rented. The Bike Shop number on Salt Spring Island is 250-653-4222 or 250-537-1544. Vans will be available if numbers require. Please consider car pooling if possible and advise on your registration form if you will need a pick-up at the ferry or if you have extra space in your vehicle.

Please don't forget to plan sufficient time to get back to the airport on your return trip!

Escalating peace

Accommodations on Salt Spring Island

Please note that unless you are being billeted, you must make your own arrangements for accommodations. We strongly suggest that you book well in advance.

Harbour House Hotel

The conference will take place at the Harbour House Hotel and we have secured a conference rate for persons who wish to stay there. The prices below are per person for two night's accommodation, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner:

- 1 person in room: \$185.95
- 2 people sharing room: \$118.10 p/p
- 3 people sharing room: \$103.15 p/p
- 4 people sharing room: \$95.68 p/p
- \$59 per room per night for extra night's stay (no meals).

Some of the rooms are not large and may not easily accommodate 3 or 4 sharing. Please check when you make your reservation.

Please make your own arrangements with the Harbour House Hotel, but mention that you will be attending the joint peace conference to get our rate. The telephone number is 250-537-5571 or 1-888-799-5571.

Billets

Salt Spring Voice of Women is coordinating billeting on Salt Spring Island. If you are interested in being billeted for the convention, please complete the enclosed billeting request form and return it as soon as possible. Note that the number of billets available is limited and it may not be possible to accommodate everyone. Spots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We cannot accept requests for billets after September 3. People offering billeting are prepared to meet the ferry and transport their guests to and from Harbour House.

We cannot offer billeting in Vancouver or Victoria. If you must stay overnight in Vancouver, please contact the Canadian Peace Alliance office for a list of accommodations options.

Camping

Lakeside Gardens Resort, 1450 North End Road on St Mary's Lake. Call 250-537-5773. 13 camp-sites - 9 tent and 4 RV or tent sites - at \$20 per night. Showers available.

Cedar Beach Resort, 1136 North End Road (close to St Mary's Lake). Camp sites and RV sites at \$25 per night. Reserve at 1-888-537-4366 or 250-537-2205. Showers available.

Please let us know if you are camping without a vehicle and will need transportation to and from the meeting site.

Hostel

Salt Spring Island Hostel is located at 640 Cushion Lake Road 250-537-4149. We cannot easily arrange pick-ups from this location.

Bed and Breakfast

There are many Bed and Breakfasts, cottages and other accommodations on Salt Spring Island. You can visit www.saltspringtoday.com to assist you in making your bookings or contact the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce at chamber@saltspring.com 1-866-216-2936 or 250-537-5252 or visit their web site at www.saltspringisland.bc.ca.

Meals

All Convention meals at the Harbour House Hotel will be vegetarian. Your conference registration fees, whether for the entire convention or the Saturday workshops, include Saturday lunch.

Vouchers for additional meals at the Hotel can be purchased by conference participants staying off-site: dinner Saturday (\$13), lunch Sunday (\$10). All voucher prices include tax and gratuity and must be purchased by 10 am on Saturday. The Sunday night BBQ will have separate tickets. There are many more places in Ganges to purchase meals and several grocery stores.