

Coming together to celebrate the diversity within our community and proclaim our hope for peace in our homes, schools, communities, nation and world.



Special Thanks to the following:

Rockford Park District; Winnebago County and Sheriff's Department; Rockford Sister Cities Commission

Special guests: author Hester Bass; musician and writer Dorothy Paige Turner; storyteller Megan Wells; live history portrayals by Suzanne Crandall and David Causey; Rod Cain and the Machesney Elementary School "Puppets with a Purpose".

Fred Zuroske for the pigeon release; bagpiper Brian McConnell; Sharon Nesbitt -Davis and the Rockford Arts Council; Tami Bogard of Namaste Studios; Midway Village for the Traveling Trunks and emcee, Eric Wilson

Tessa Huftalin's class at Eisenhower Middle School for assembling passport holders;

Rockford Education Association, Forest Glen Apartments, Port-a-John, Lifeline, North Park Rentals, neighbors Bob Dougherty and Grace United Methodist Church; Keith & Andrea Gustafson for the beautiful gardens, and Rob Bottensek for plaza maintenance.

And all of the volunteers who assisted in making this celebration possible



13th Annual
International Day of Peace
With a focus on
Planting Seeds of Peace

September 18, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Build the Peace Pledge

I believe that we must and we can *Build the Peace* every day - every person in every family, school, community, city and country.

I believe that my own thoughts, words and actions make a difference. Therefore from this day forward I commit myself to the United Nations Culture of Peace Pledge:

Respect all life;

Reject violence;

Share with others;

Listen to understand;

Preserve the planet and rediscover solidarity.

We must and we can build a “beloved community.”

Special Guest Performers

In Tent #11 Author **Hester Bass**, *Seeds of Freedom, the Peaceful Integration of Huntsville, Alabama*

David Causey will portray Frederick Douglass

In Tent #10 Storyteller **Megan Wells** will plant seeds of peace in stories (Some open seats at 11:10)

Suzanne Crandall will portray local peacemakers Jane Addams and Julia Lathrop (some open seats at 10:40 & 11:40)

In Tent #8 Machesney Elementary School “Puppets with a Purpose” (some open seats at 10:10)

*Students have been assigned to the above performances – there are open seats at some of the performances as indicated

On the Showmobile Stage

Dorothy Paige-Turner will bring the book to life with sound and song

Some open seats available for 9:30 and 10:30 performances

Open seating for the noon program of school choirs and interactive performance with Dorothy Paige Turner

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world”

Mahatma Gandhi

Showmobile Schedule

9:10 AM	Welcome
9:15 AM	Washington Academy sings
9:30 AM	Dorothy Paige Turner interactive program
10:00 AM	Rockford Lutheran Academy sings
10:30 AM	Dorothy Paige Turner interactive program
11:20 AM	Keith School sings
Noon	Bagpiper, minute of silence, pigeon release
	Kishwaukee School sings
	Introductions and thanks
	Washington Academy sings Machesney Fine Arts Academy sings Dorothy Paige Turner

Ongoing activities open to all:

Meet our Peacemakers (Winn County Sheriff’s Dept)

Peace Flags

Traveling Trunks (Midway Village)

Yoga for Kids

Walk the Chalk (Rockford Arts Council)

Learn about Rockford’s Sister Cities

Take the “Build the Peace Pledge”

Passport Stamping and Rubbings of the Peace Poles in the main plaza and Sister Cities Tent