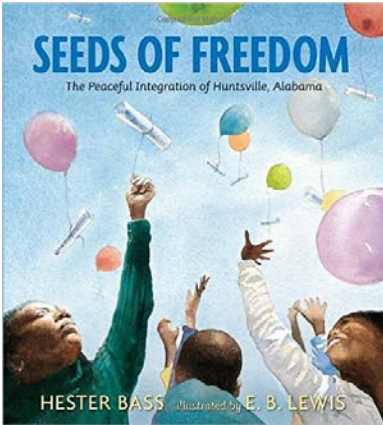


International Day of Peace Celebration
“Planting Seeds”
Keeling-Puri Peace Plaza
Friday, September 18, 2015 from 9:00am to 1:00pm

OUR PROGRAM FOR THE DAY:



Author Hester Bass will relate the story of her engaging book, *Seeds of Freedom – the Peaceful Integration of Huntsville, Alabama*. For the citizens of Huntsville, creativity, courage, and cooperation were the keys to working together to integrate their city and schools in peace. Celebrating this lesser-known chapter in American and African-American history, author Hester Bass and illustrator E. B. Lewis show children how racial discrimination, bullying, and unfairness can be faced successfully with perseverance and ingenuity.

Each class attending the International Day of Peace will receive a copy of *Seeds of Freedom* for their classroom. Curriculum guides are provided for teachers.

Dorothy Paige Turner – award-winning, well-known and highly respected artist and music educator will help students understand how each of us can plant our own seeds of freedom and justice through music and interactive interpretation of the featured story.



David Causey - History comes to life as veteran actor **David Causey** portrays Frederick Douglass, an advocate for the rights of all people.

Suzanne Crandall - will portray local legends in peace-making history, Jane Addams and Julia Lathrop. *Ms. Addams* graduated from Rockford College in 1881, and founded and sustained the world famous social settlement Hull-House. *Julia Lathrop*, born in Rockford, can be credited for social reform among many groups of people such as the protection of children from neglect and abuse; working closely with Jane Addams at Hull House.

Megan Wells - renowned storyteller presenting a series of folktales and sing-a-long stories about the power of planting our own *seeds*.

Machesney Fine Arts Puppets with a Purpose – perform inspiring songs of peace

Interactive peace-making activities include:

Rockford Arts Council - Walk the Chalk! – messages of peace on the bike path at the Peace Plaza

Yoga for Everyone – stretch your body as well as your mind with Tami Bogardt

Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department - get to know our Keepers of the Peace

Rockford’s Sister Cities will share their language, stories and customs

Students can also: “Take the Peace Pledge”, have their passports stamped, do rubbings of the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” from the Peace Poles, create a banner of prayer flags and more!

To register your students for this free event contact, space is limited: Karen.Bieschke@aol.com