



Nova Scotia
Voice of Women for Peace

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Butterflies for Nuclear Disarmament

For Nova Scotia Voice of Women for Peace members, August began with a commemoration and renewed determination to ban all nuclear weapons. The poster display at Halifax City Hall included two film screenings - *The VOW from Hiroshima* (82 mins) and *Walking with Setsuko* (24 min) by Ann Verrall, a film that creatively incorporates a visit with hibakusha (survivor of atomic bombing) Setsuko Thurlow with the 2025 Peace Walk from Pugwash to Truro.



Halifax Councillor Laura White reads the Peace Day Proclamation.



Visitors at the Halifax City Hall poster display that included NSVoW's *Lifting Peace off the Ground* project.

We continue to accept cloth butterflies for our artwork *Lifting Peace off the Ground* by making a butterfly to be added to this banner, which was created by members of Nova Scotia Voice of Women for Peace, the Muslim Women's Study Group and the Halifax Raging Grannies. These textile butterflies (maximum size 8 cm x 8 cm) can be felted, embroidered, patch work, quilted, crocheted, etc.



Please send your butterfly by post to
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We received a "kaleidoscope" of butterflies from Edmonton, Alberta, initiated by connections through the Mahatma Gandhi Canadian Foundation for World Peace.

Below are reflections shared by teacher Natasha Sakar from the Edmonton Inner High City School.

"The students at Inner City High were challenged when trying to connect to the

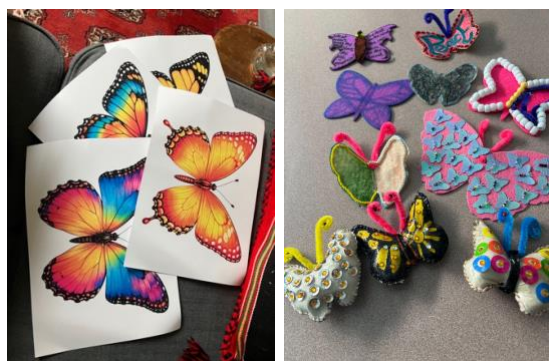
devastation and loss at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

When Roxanne, our Knowledge Keeper, and past participant at the 2025 Pedagogy of Ahimsa Conference, talked with them about the people they knew that had passed prematurely and unexpectedly, it offered them the opportunity to use the butterfly project to send wishes to the people that have passed in their own lives. Many of the butterflies then turned into memorials for their loved ones.

Students felt very lucky and blessed to be working on a project that engaged those who had already expressed creativity, but also a new group of students who had endeavoured to explore Kookum's Corner and spent time working to embellish butterflies with beads. Some used rawhide that was donated to us by Marilyn Brighteyes, one of the original founding students of the Inner City Youth Development Association.

Students from Inner City High School also travelled to Riverdale Elementary School with our Indigenous Programs Coordinator where they led a workshop to embellish butterflies that those Grade 5/6 students had made sharing their knowledge about beading.

The *Lifting Peace off the Ground Project* was a deeply moving project for both Roxanne and for our students who understand and connect with people whose stories have not been taught in traditional curriculum. They are deeply committed to ensuring that the memory of our loved ones, those who faced injustice, that their stories are forgotten no more."



We also received four lovely butterflies from a Servas Sri Lanka member, Sandhya J. who saw the request when it was shared through a Servas International (servas.org) WhatsApp group. Thank you Edmonton and Sandhya for putting a/n (inter)national flavour to our *Lifting Peace off the Ground* project!

Support:

Help us reach 1000 Women+ For Peace!

Please sign (by 20 Sept) and share our open #CareNotWarfare letter to Prime Minister Carney and Minister of Women and Gender Equality Rechie Valdez to cut military spending and invest in a green, peace care economy - <https://tinyurl.com/1000womenforpeace>

A rally to support this call will be held in Ottawa on the United Nation's International Day of Peace (21 Sept) from 4-5pm at 80 Wellington Street. This event is organized by the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (VoW), Women's International League for Peace & Freedom-Canada (WILPF) and Raging Grannies Ottawa.

Event: Peace Poppy Making

Fatima Cajee has graciously offered to do a Peace Poppy Making session this autumn for all NSVoW members interested in learning how make them. Time and place to be announced.

Membership Reminder

If you wish to join, renew, or donate, please visit [Join Us – NS Voice of Women](#) (PayPal) or mail a cheque to Nova Scotia Voice of Women for Peace 2898 Doug Smith Drive, Halifax B3L 3T7

Newsletter Contributions

Please send peace-related news/events from Atlantic Canada (especially any upcoming 21 Sept events) to me at jlc5440@gmail.com
Thank you, J. (Julie Cormack)