

"Peace is a Dream Unfolding" Premier Performance for International Day of Peace

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Bass River: Dr. Karen Ewing feels compelled to try to encourage peace throughout the world and what better way then to start in her own community, where she has already been instrumental in the growth of a peaceful place of remembrance for those who have served our Country. On Sept. 21st, International Day of Peace, those who gathered at Veterans

Memorial Park had the wonderful opportunity to experience "Peace is a Dream Unfolding", written by Dr. Karen Ewing.

Students from West Colchester Consolidated School (WCCS) were puppeteers for the play, bringing colorful trees and giant peace doves to life as the story unfolded. The pattern for the doves were designed through the Jane Goodall Initiative in response to 911.

The story follows the dream of a young girl who visits a delightful peace garden with her grandfather. As the girl becomes an adult, war has broken out and no one remembers the beauty of peace.

Peace can only be returned once people come together and remember the dream. Many creation stories flow beautifully through the dialogue... many colours, one blood; many languages, one breath and ultimately one hope, one dream for world peace.

Mi'kmaq Elder Doug Knockwood performed a

traditional Smudging Ceremony during the International Day of Peace Service and prayers were delivered by Elder Knockwood, Rev. Florence Antle-Brison and Rabbi Ellis.

The Service was presented by the Veterans Memorial Park Committee, with funding from Nova Scotia Canada 150 Program. Special thanks to dedicated volunteers Michael, Sierra and Sebastian Patriquin, Carol McNutt, Noreen Richard, Marlee Leslie and Sherry Patriquin who helped to construct the giant doves and to sound technician Doug Hiltz.

Many who gathered for International Day of Peace were moved by the beautiful messages within "Peace is a Dream Unfolding" and offered their appreciation to Dr. Karen Ewing at a reception held at WCCS following the event.



Dr. Karen Ewing, author of "Peace is a Dream Unfolding" welcomes everyone to the special service recognizing the International Day of Peace.



Mr. Bartlett spoke on behalf of WCCS Principal Clint Oakley, who passed along his appreciation for school's involvement in the special service and the chance to share in the message of peace.



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A large crowd gathered on the gorgeous sunny day at Veterans Memorial Park for the very moving call for peace.



West Colchester Consolidated students were the puppeteers who brought the colourful trees and giant peace doves to life for Peace is a Dream Unfolding, written by Dr. Karen Ewing.



The peace garden was filled with trees of every colour. WCCS students did a wonderful job as puppeteers for Peace if a Dream Unfolding.



The Giant Peace Doves puppets were designed through the Jane Goodall Initiative in response to 911. Each of the four doves left the service in a different direction, spreading peace in all directions.



Reverend Florence Antle-Brison offered a Christian prayer as a call to peace.

Gospelettes to Appear in Five Islands

The Gospelettes (six) are all members of the Milford Lantz United Church. They were formed in 2004 and sing when they are invited at churches, coffee houses or wherever you would like to hear old gospel music.

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