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**ALWAYS A MEMORABLE EVENING:**

**LANTERNS FOR PEACE AT GOV. DODGE PARK**

**Fri., Aug. 6**

**PLUS: Immigration Reform Group now forming**

Fri., Aug. 6., 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) LANTERNS FOR PEACE Part of an international movement against nuclear weapons, this annual event at the Twin Valley Lake Shelter at Governor Dodge State Park, includes lantern-making, information sharing, story telling and singing. Bring the kids and grandkids for this wonderful intergenerational activity. At dusk the unique and beautiful floating of the Lanterns will take place on Twin Valley Lake. Please bring finger food to share. Juice and water will be provided. A day pass or park sticker will be required. Contact Jane Kavaloski at [kavaloski@countryspeed.com](mailto:kavaloski@countryspeed.com) for more info. Sponsored by Grassroots Citizens for Peace.

NEW GRASSROOTS IMMIGRATION ISSUE GROUP TO MEET Please consider joining the new Grassroots Immigration Issue Group, which is now being formed as a follow up to the Immigration Summit held in Dodgeville last year. Several initiatives for the group have already been identified -- 1) English Language Literacy -- a volunteer mentoring program for those eager to learn English; 2) A local Immigrant Information Resources and Support Center; 3) Many Voices - One Community -- a community-based diversity training model and 4) an Immigration Policy Reform Study Group.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR IMMIGRATION GROUP: <http://www.grassrootswi.org/immigration/>**

Tues., July 27, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (Mineral Point) KIDS CREATING A PEACE

MURAL Grassroots Citizens for Peace is sponsoring a "Creating a Peace Mural" event for kids Grades K through 6 at Shake Rag Alley in Mineral Point as part of Shake Rag's Summer Enrichment Program (\$10) What would a world of peace look like? We will explore this vision through stories and our imagination. Then we will create a peace mural that reflects our ideas.

This mural will be displayed at the annual "Lanterns for Peace" event held at Governor Dodge Park on Friday evening, August. 6. Call (608) 987-3292 to register. (Code: 10K185)

Instructors: Diane Sterba & Jane Kavaloski

Thurs., July 29, 7 p.m. (Lancaster) THE WISCONSIN WAY: A BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE

This "Blueprint for Change" presentation, to be held in the Youth and Ag Building on the Grant County Fairgrounds in Lancaster, is an extraordinary opportunity for anyone interested in Wisconsin's future. The presenter will be Jim Wood of the Wood Communication Group which has held over 10,000 conversations across the state to find that Wisconsites want good jobs, great schools and universities, affordable and fair taxes, a strong infrastructure, and a thriving economy. As a follow-on to this exhaustive study, the Wood Group has come up with alternatives to "business as usual" -- ways to reform and modernize our tax system so that it is fairer, more appropriate, affordable, and effective, and ways to encourage accessible, accountable, and efficient government. The challenges and realities we face make for grim reading, but they also illuminate where work is needed to begin. For further info go to <http://www.wisconsinway.org>

Thurs., Aug.12, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) BUILDING INTEGRATED CSP (Concentrating Solar Power) AND REUSE OF WIND BLADES Former University of Minnesota assistant architecture professor Joel Goodman will present his models and drawings at the Dodgeville Public Library, 139 S. Iowa Street.

GRASSROOTS GAZETTE IS STARTING A NEW FEATURE: GET TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

-- We will post here public opportunities to get to know local and statewide candidates who will be on the ballot in November. Anyone who knows of such local events is encouraged to send the info to [grassroots@merr.com](mailto:grassroots@merr.com).

THE GRASSROOTS GAZETTE IS THE VOICE OF THE GRASSROOTS CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN, an energetic group of over 1000 people in Iowa, Sauk, Crawford, Richland, Lafayette and Grant Counties who are interested in taking an active role in improving government and promoting rational discussions of local, state and national issues. For further information, or to add a friend to our mailing list, please contact: Shirley Barnes, Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin, 2473 Mt. Hope Road, Dodgeville, WI. 53533, 608-623-2109, e-mail: [grassroots@merr.com](mailto:grassroots@merr.com).

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