

13 Moon Walk 4 Peace, Engaging Communities Across America, Brings its Universal Message of Peace to Williamsport

The 13 Moon Walk 4 Peace will be in Williamsport August 1-7. State Representative Rick Mirabito introduced a resolution designating the first week of August as "Walk for Peace Week" in Pennsylvania to honor the peace walkers and the local residents that comprise the "Williamsport Peace Team." "It is an honor and a privilege to represent Williamsport as peace makers. We are so grateful to return home to celebrate with our family and friends who have been a continual support to the walk." said local residents Mary Woods and David DeFebo.

While in Williamsport, peace walkers in cooperation with the Campbell St. Community Center, will be planting a "Peace Pole" at The Center on Aug. 3rd at 1:30pm and the community is invited to attend. In addition, walkers will host a "Walk A Mile 4 Peace" at the Riverwalk on Saturday, Aug. 6th, beginning at the Water Tower Square Parking Lot, from 12 noon to 2:00pm. Additional activities include a water healing ceremony at the river during the walk. "We encourage communities to come out and join us as we show up for peace and healing in our communities."

The 13 Moon Walk 4 Peace will also give a free screening of the film, For the Next Seven Generations (a film about the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers) on Wednesday, Aug. 3rd at the Community Arts Center from 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Donations are welcome to support the 13 Moon Walk 4 Peace and the International Council of the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. The peace walkers will also have a vending table during the First Friday activities on Aug. 5th, as well as, sponsoring the artwork of Leonard Peltier at the Ankleroot Art Gallery at 38 W. 4th St. from Aug. 3 to Aug. 7.

The 13 Moon Walk 4 Peace is a people's walk and is scheduled in alignment with the lunar calendar, which is, according to ancient tradition, the calendar of cooperation. "The idea for the 13 Moon Walk for Peace," says Audri Scott Williams, VisionKeeper for the Trail of Dreams World Peace Walk, "came when we returned to the USA from our three and a half year global walk for PEACE. On our journey from New York back to Atlanta, GA, we were struck by the pockets of poverty and disenfranchised communities that appeared to be under the radar, invisible to the general population. We realized our work was not done, in many ways it was just beginning. We decided, before we even made it back home to Atlanta, that we would do a walk in the USA to be a catalyst for healing the heart of our communities here at home."

Walkers are from diverse cultures, ancestry, genders, and faiths. The 13 Moon Walk for Peace began in Atlanta, GA. on 10-10-10, where the Sacred Fire of Thunder, honoring the Great Law of Peace, from Six Nations was passed to the Walkers. Walkers engage with grassroots groups across the country (over 60 cities and reservations) to raise awareness of issues affecting our communities, and to highlight the groups and organizations that are making a difference in their communities. The 13 Moon Walk 4 Peace team invite peacemakers to join the walkers as they complete their 13 month walk on 11-11-11 in Atlanta. Closing ceremonies on 11-12-11 will formally recognize the Peacemakers Walk of Honor, as a tribute to unsung heroes across America, including several in the Williamsport community.

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