

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

Dear Anna,

In this Issue

Welcome Sam Paladini. Depleted Uranium in Ukraine. Salem Peace Lecture.
And More.



Introducing Sam Paladini

Oregon PSR is excited to introduce our new Quaker Voluntary Services Fellow Sam Paladini (she/her)! Sam will be working as a program assistant at Oregon PSR for the next year. We are thrilled to have her on our team. [You can learn more about Sam by visiting our website!](#)



I'm sorry... What is the US sending to Ukraine?

The Biden Administration announced that they would be sending weaponized depleted uranium to Ukraine. Does that sound concerning to you? It did to us! So I spent some time breaking down what depleted uranium is and why it's dangerous, so that we can figure out how to best advocate against it.

[Read our blog post on depleted uranium to learn more!](#)



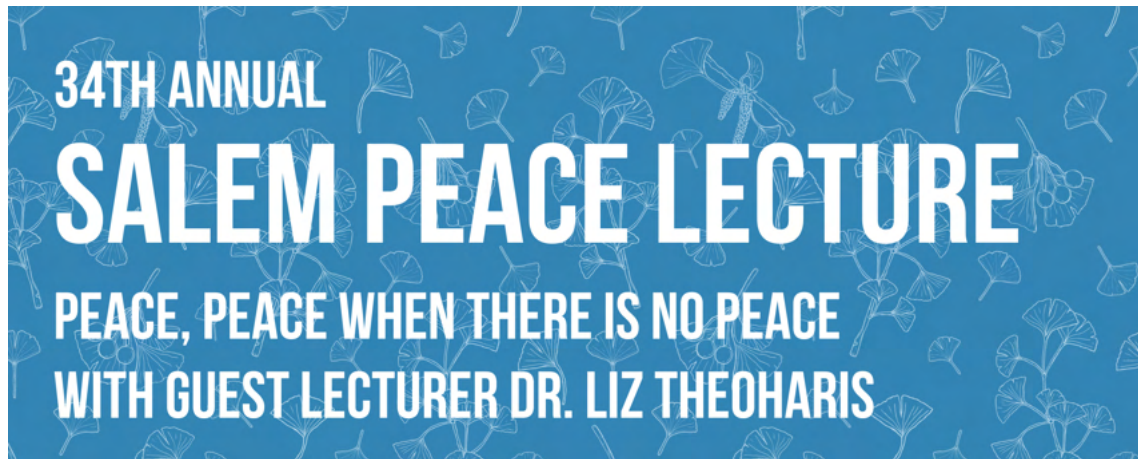
Tell Multnomah County to Protect All Portlanders from the Health Harms of Gas Stoves!

This sign on is for **health professionals only**. If you are not a health professional, please visit our [website](#) for other ways to take actions.

Tell Chair Vega Pederson and Multnomah County Commissioners to increase public awareness of the health harms of gas stoves, make funds available to

enable low-income and BIPOC residents to transition away from gas, and to explore the counties authority to regulate gas stoves.

You can read the full letter [here](#)



34th Annual Salem Peace Lecture: October 18, 2023 at 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Join us for the 34th annual Salem Peace Lecture with Guest Lecturer Dr. Liz Theoharis. This years lecture will be *Peace, Peace When There Is No Peace: Addressing Poverty, Racism and Militarism from the Bottom Up*.

Ron Steiner and Frank Thompson will receive the 2023 Peacemaker of the Year Award for their efforts to repeal the death penalty locally and nationally.



Electrify Portland! Home Electrification Fair - October 7th

The [Electrify Portland! Home Electrification Fair](#) is a free, all-ages, festive event for homeowners and renters curious about transitioning their homes from gas (or old electric) to efficient electric.

On **Saturday, Oct. 7th from 11am-3pm**, The Redd's main hall, kitchen and parking lot will be filled with product demonstrations, contractor introductions, kid activities, and free tasty treats. Gather practical tips on how to electrify your home, get a free one-on-one consultation with an electrification expert, and learn about the incentives that can help cover the cost of electrifying. Walk away with everything you need to start electrifying your home!

Located at 831 SE Salmon St in Portland, this public event kicks off Sustainable Building Week, which will conclude with Solar Oregon's October 14th home tour.

[Get your free ticket here!](#) Visit ElectrifyPortland.org for more information.

FUND PEOPLE'S NEEDS NOT NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Join the Strike September 26th

[Washington Against Nuclear Weapons Statewide](#)
[Pickets: Vancouver, WA - 1053 Officers Row Vancouver](#)

Join the [Washington Against Nuclear Weapons Coalition](#) on September 26 for pickets at Congressional offices across Washington State calling on elected leaders to take action to reduce the risk of nuclear war and reduce the waste of nuclear weapons investments.

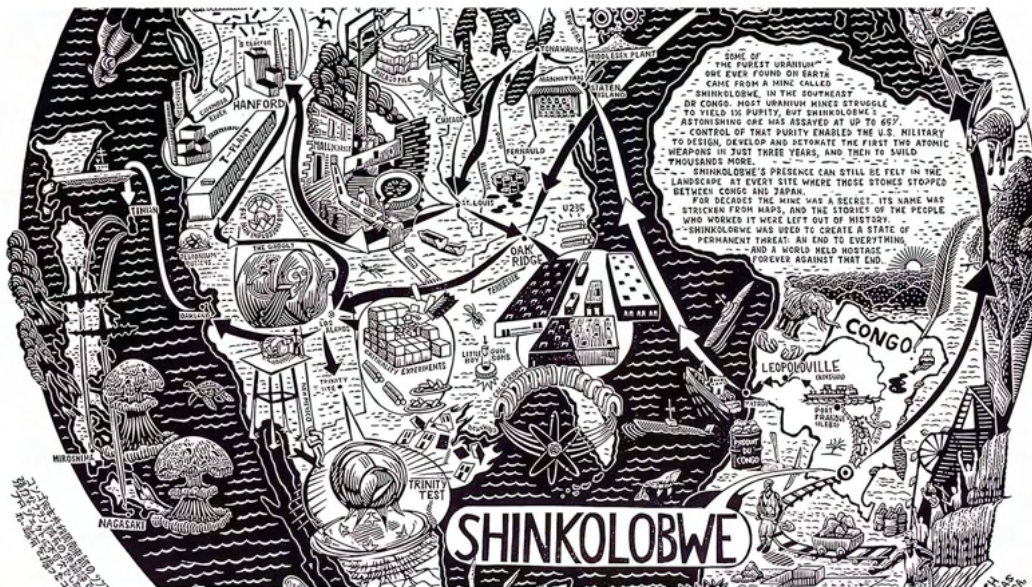
[Read the full platform here](#) and [download signs to print for your picket here](#).

[Join us at these locations on September 26](#)

Join Activists in Vancouver, WA to tell Marie Gluskamp-Perez, Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell: Fund People's Needs, Not More Nukes!

dig up the sun

history and identity at a nuclear scale



An art exhibit by Roger Peet

October 6-31 2023

Opening October 6th 5-8pm
Artist talk October 14th 2-3pm
souvenirartspdx.com

Souvenir Gallery
1233 NE Alberta Street
Portland, Oregon 97211

Dig Up The Sun by Roger Peet

Dig Up The Sun is an exhibit by Portland, Oregon artist Roger Peet. The exhibit is centered around a linoleum blockprint map which traces the route of the Congolese uranium used to develop the first atomic weapons through the nascent infrastructure of the Manhattan Project. It expands to include contemporary investigations into the legacy of the mine which produced that uranium ore, called Shinkolobwe, in the landscape of both DR Congo and the United States.

Through print, paper-folding, installation, photography, wall-painting and projection, Dig Up The Sun also investigates a deeply personal history of the artists' father; a British pilot working as a contractor for the CIA in America's project to dominate Congo in the decades after the war, following the use of its uranium to achieve global nuclear hegemony. The manufacture of identity, the colonial control of minerals, and the power to destroy the future reveal a mystery at the heart of the story of the bomb: that the world has already ended, but the blast is not yet here.

When:

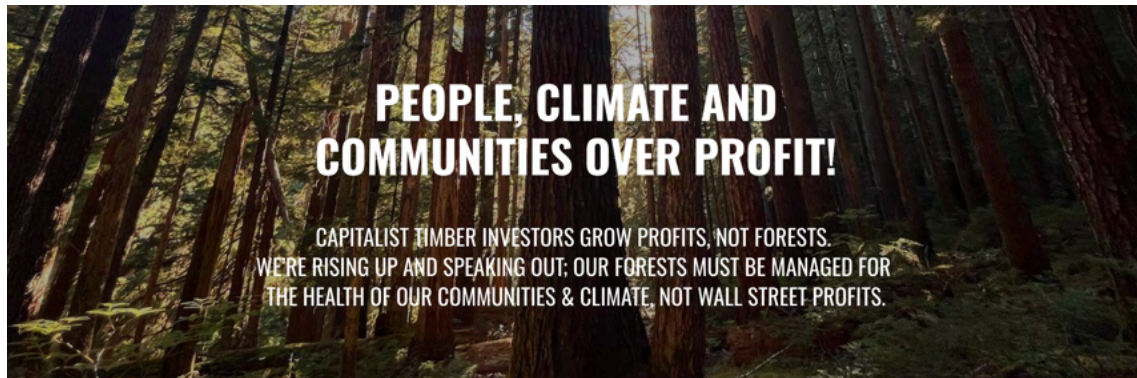
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[Learn More at Just Seeds](#)



[Forests Over Profits Rally and Conference- September 27th](#)

On September 26-28, Wall Street investors will join timber corporations, carbon offset & biomass companies in Portland for their annual **“Who Will Own the Forest?”** conference. This **“signature timberland investment conference”** brings together some of the biggest climate polluters, corporate forest clear-cutters, and false climate solutions peddlers.

Capitalist investors grow profits, not forests. But communities know our forests can be vital solutions to the climate emergency, if we protect & restore them instead of exploiting them. **We’re rising up and fighting back; we won’t let our forests, communities, and climate be sacrificed for the rich to get richer.**

[Join us at the Forests Over Profits Rally and Conference on September 27th!](#)

View the conference schedule and rally information [here](#).



Block Cop City National Tour - Portland

Join us on September 28th at 3:45pm at the [First Unitarian Church](#) in Portland for a presentation and call to action from Block Cop City!

Block Cop City comes out of the **Stop Cop City** movement in Atlanta, Georgia. Stop Cop City began organizing in response to The Atlanta Public Safety Training Center i.e. Cop City, which is a plan to build the largest police training facility in the United States. The proposed plan threatens 300 acres of the Weelaunee Forests (aka the South River Forest) which is surrounded by predominantly Black neighborhoods. While the training center is based in Atlanta, the repercussions of its creation will be felt around the nation. Cop City sets a dangerous precedent of prioritizing militarized police bureaus over the health and safety of communities. We must stop Cop City!

The tour will provide updates from ground zero, share strategic intelligence on the pivot towards mass action and invite folks to travel to Atlanta in November to #BlockCopCity.

Each presentation will contain a portion on the history of the land the city is attempting to build Cop City on, a history of the movement to Stop Cop City, an outline of the movement's next phase Block Cop City, and a short workshop to help interested participants form affinity groups and plan next steps. There will also be a Q+A portion.

We expect these presentations and discussions to feed into regional training days organized in hubs across the country, which will give people tools for affinity group organizing and decision-making, tactical and safety training, and the confidence to participate in mass direct action. Aside from bringing people to Atlanta, we hope to spread skills & creativity related to mass direct action and participatory, democratic mass organizing, strengthening the prospects for other, local struggles.

Learn more about the Block Cop City Tour [here](#).

In Gratitude,



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