

New Mexico's "Nuclear Disarmament Summer" - Partial Schedule (as of 6/21)

For more info on these coordinated events and others not shown see www.lasg.org or call the Study Group at 505-265-1200

July

Wed. 13th - Talk (5:30 pm) and film "Fat Man, Little Boy" (7 pm), Upaya Zen Center, 1404 Cerro Gordo Rd, Santa Fe. For more information see: www.upaya.org.

Fri. 15th - "From Beneath the Mushroom Cloud," counterdemonstration, National Atomic Museum, 1905 Mountain Rd NW, Albuquerque, noon (especially) - 9 pm.

Fri. 15th - "Mightier Than the Sword: Writers Address the Nuclear Age", James A. Little Theater, 1060 Cerrillos Rd, Santa Fe, 7 - 9 pm. Featuring: John Bradley, Judyth Hill, Karen Jones Meadows, Elaine Maria Upton, & William Witherup - Mary Oishi will emcee. Includes silent auction & "round robin" poetry open mike. Tickets: \$10 and may be purchased in advance at the following Santa Fe businesses: Collected Works, 208-B W San Francisco St and Nicholas Potter Bookseller, 211 E Palace Ave; or on-line at www.lasg.org. Tickets will also be available at the door, but seating is limited!

Sat. 16th - "Mightier Than the Sword: Writers Address the Nuclear Age," Lobo Theater, 3013 Central Ave SW, Albuquerque, 7 - 9 pm. Featuring: Maisha Baton, John Bradley, Karen Jones Meadows, Mary Oishi, & William Witherup. Tickets: \$10 and may be purchased in advance at the following Albuquerque businesses: Bookworks, 4022 Rio Grande Blvd, NW; Page One Books, 11018 Montgomery Blvd NE; & The Book Stop, 3410 Central Ave SE; or on-line at www.lasg.org. Tickets will also be available at the door, but seating is limited!

Fri. 29th - Sun. 31st - "Remembering Our Humanity: Law, Public Conscience, and Nuclear Weapons," seminar on nuclear weapons law and policy, University of New Mexico Law School, Room 2405, Albuquerque. For activists, lawyers, journalists, and laboratory personnel. With Dr. John Burroughs, Director, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy; Jackie Cabasso, Director, Western States Legal Foundation; Greg Mello, Director, Los Alamos Study Group, and Dr. Lawrence Wittner, award-winning historian of the nuclear disarmament movement and Professor, SUNY Albany. Modest tuition.

August

Mon. 1st - "Remembering Our Humanity: Law, Public Conscience, and Nuclear Weapons," panel discussion with the participants listed above, Cloud Cliff Bakery, Café, and Artspace, 1805 2nd St, Santa Fe, 7 pm.

Fri. 5th - Nonviolence training and Mass for the Feast of Transfiguration, Santa Maria de la Paz Catholic Church, Richards Ave, Santa Fe (opposite Community College), 4 - 6 pm, training; 7:30 pm, mass. For details see www.paxchristinewmexico.org.

Fri. 5th - Tues. 9th - Interfaith "Bearing Witness" Retreat, Upaya Zen Center, 1404 Cerro Gordo Rd, Santa Fe, and Los Alamos. For more information see: www.upaya.org.

Sat. 6th - Tues. 9th - "Days of Bearing Witness," Kannon Zendo, 35 Barranca Rd, Los Alamos, 7 am - meditation and memorial service; 6:30 pm - documentary videos; 8 pm evening meditation. Days vary slightly - for more information see www.kannonzendo.org.

Sat. 6th - "Sackcloth and Ashes Witness for Peace," Ashley Pond Park, Los Alamos, 8 - 10 am. Walk to witness at Lab entrance, closing prayer. For more information see: www.paxchristinewmexico.org.

Sat. 6th - Hiroshima 60 Years: "It started here - let's stop it here!" More than 130 endorsers invite you to Ashley Pond Park and nearby public buildings, Los Alamos, 10 am - 9 pm. Massive joint commemoration, teach-in, workshops, tabling, and more. For more information see: www.lasg.org.

Sun. 7th or Mon. 8th - Talk (5:30 pm) and film "Atomic Café" (7 pm), Upaya Zen Center, 1404 Cerro Gordo Rd., Santa Fe. For more information see: www.upaya.org.

How to Get More Involved

Call 505-265-1200, or come to one of the organizing meetings held weekly in Santa Fe and Albuquerque (call for details). Help is needed with outreach, art, logistics, homestays for visiting activists and more. Work can be done from any NM location; our aim is to strengthen all participating groups and unite across issues to demand disarmament.

Why?

Almost one-half of U.S. nuclear weapons spending occurs in NM; NM's two nuclear labs (Los Alamos and Sandia) are the largest in the world in dollar terms. Nuclear weapons are the biggest NM industry (in dollars) except for oil and gas extraction. NM also stores more nuclear weapons than anywhere else in the world. NM arguably has the most influential (Pete Domenici) and the most enthusiastic (Heather Wilson) proponents of nuclear weapons in Congress.

For all these reasons, NM is without question the world capital for nuclear weapons. Nuclear weapons institutions heavily influence NM's politics, where support for nuclear weapons makes certain the failure of NM's political leadership to address issues of development, poverty, justice, and the environment.

Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is the only place in the U.S. capable of manufacturing plutonium bomb cores ("pits"), and is now being charged by Congress to do so on an ever-larger scale, even as LANL's management is being changed to a corporate defense-contractor-led model involving either Lockheed or Bechtel.

Not coincidentally, LANL has the largest active nuclear disposal site in NM (and also TX, AZ & CO; only UT has a bigger dump). Millions of drums of nuclear waste are to be permanently disposed in the coming decades. There is no permit involved or external regulation of any kind and certainly no commitment to ever remove any of this waste.

Yet NM is a small state, and each person's voice speaks loudly here, if we speak up! NM citizens have defeated proposed pit production (twice) and proposed nuclear dumps (also twice) at LANL.

It started here, let's stop it here!