# Children's Global Arts Exchanges and Initiatives Updated September 17, 2006

## Past, Present, & Ongoing

Kabul, Afghanistan (2003 & 2005 artwork) with Gordon Head Elementary, Victoria, B.C.; St. Joseph's Elementary, Victoria, B.C.; and Sundance Elementary School, Victoria, B.C. Transportation Facilitators: Langford Fire Dept. & Canadian Military

Kurdistan, Iraq (2003 & 2005 artwork) with Reynolds High School, Victoria, B.C. and Erin Woods Elementary, Calgary, Alberta

Exchange Facilitators: Zhiyan, Kurdistan Save the Children; Heather Coey, Victoria

Jambiani School, Zanzibar/Tanzania with Braefoot Elementary School, Victoria, B.C. Exchange Facilitators: Debbie Linnell, Victoria; Pat Elias, Hands Across Borders, Zanzibar

Deenabandhu, India with Erin Woods Elementary, Calgary, Alberta Exchange Facilitators: Gita John, Power of Hope; Cheryl Zelmer, Calgary

Guguletu, Cape Town, South Africa with Frank Hobbs Elementary, Victoria, B.C. and Erin Woods Elementary, Calgary, Alberta

Exchange Facilitator: Cecil & Ruth Hershler, Education Without Borders; Susan Underwood

Punta Gorda, Belize with Erin Woods Elementary, Calgary (Kim Miner - flag/banner) Exchange Facilitators: Janice, Teachers For a Better Belize; Kim Miner, Calgary

Pichelemu, Chile (artwork) with School Based Prevention & Health Promotion, Duncan Exchange Facilitators: Jamie Covey: School Based Prevention; Patricio Vergara

Zambia with Oak and Orca, Victoria; Kelowna school; Yukon school; and Nelson school Facilitators: Elizabeth Wallace, Victoria International Development Agency (VIDEA)

Erin Woods Elementary School, Calgary (Jana Sharon) and Delhi, India (Roselyn Verwoord) - "We are All Related" project exchange is underway

Reynolds High School, Victoria (Heather Coey) and Shahid Jabbar English Exemplary School, Iraq (Munira Hassan-grade 8/9) global arts exchange has been initiated

Cowichan Lake Community Services (Darlene Tully-family counsellor) with Vietnam Friendship Village (Dang Vu Dung, Brigette Miller, Carol Stewart, Michelle Mason) is underway. An exchange with Israeli and Palestinian children also an interest. Afghanistan, Iraq, and Lake Cowichan display to be established in Cowichan Bay for November 2006.

Susan Ruzic from *Port Moody school district* and *War Toys for Peace* has organized global arts presentations for the Peace & Global Education conference - October 20

King David High School, Vancouver (Joe Karmel) is facilitating a global arts initiative as part of a newly created year-long course entitled "Community, Culture, and Environment". Plans to establish an art exchange with a school with both Israeli Arab and Jewish students in *Jerusalem*, *Israel* is underway.

#### Other Global Arts Contributions To Date:

Tehran, Iran (artwork)
Delta State, Nigeria (artwork)
Korea (artwork) - Grassroots Holistic Healing
Sam Sharrat School, Milton, Ontario (artwork) - Scott Pattinson
UVic (ESL artwork) - Laura Nimmon
Erin Woods Elementary School (Social Justice Films) - Andrew Cowie
Jillian Scarrow (UVic student teacher) - global arts in practicum

#### **Future Interest in Global Arts Projects/Initiatives:**

Strawberry Vale Elementary School, Victoria, B.C. (2006/2007 school year)

Erin Woods Elementary School, Calgary (Andrew Cowie) with Malawi? - Author Deborah Ellis possible link to Malawi

Monterey Park Elementary School, Calgary (Theresa Lewis)

Glendale Elementary School, Calgary (Keri Rodger - The One World Drum Co.) with Bali?

Savoury Elementary School, Langford (Katie Spencelagh (student teacher) and Cheryl Beaberitch-grade 1)

Marigold School, Victoria (Elaine McVie)

Leslie and Alexandre Wicks (Gita connections) are interested in generating an exchange with children from *Mexico* (Alex) and *Costa Rica* (Leslie), with children from Victoria

*Dr. Carmen Rodriguez* (UVic) is pursuing Global Arts connections with colleagues in *Mexico* - connections may be made with Alexandre Wicks (see above)

Sparks Academy in Kabul (Roshan/Sheila Jiwan) interested in artwork exchange

Art Holbrook plans to pursue the creation of a National Film of the Globals Arts project

*Christina (Nina) Morgan* will pursue connections with schools/children in *Uganda* when she visits there in January 2007 (as part of her Master's thesis)

*Christina Hill* (Milwaukee, WI) is identifying a Global Arts related - Peace Education thesis question and also interested in involving schools in her area

Lisa Scalapino (Project Coordinator for Understanding the Early Years) in Campbell River interested in incorporating Global Arts initiatives to help raise awareness and mobilize her schools and community to support healthy development for children 0-6 years. Also interested in the Art Gallery in Campbell River hosting parallel exhibit of children's artwork

Morgane Roux (UVic) interested in incorporating a Global Arts connection with her travels and interests in East Africa and Canada

#### Interest from BCTF (British Columbia Teacher Federation) Conference, Vancouver, June 2006

Sandy Drummond from *BCTF* (*Vancouver*) will distribute Global Arts DVD through BCTF Lesson Aids Service

Carroll Airey plans to coordinate a global arts exchange with school children in *Houston*, *B.C.*, with children in *Santa Rosa del Penon*, *Nicaragua* 

Greg Cormier from West Vancouver (*school district 45*) plans to pursue a global arts exchange with grade 11 and grade 12 students

Tina Anderson is planning to include the global arts initiative in her ever-evolving "Primary Peace Curriculum"

Ghislaine Varin from Vancouver will correspond with a group of students (French if possible) and pursue classroom projects

Donald Wilson will promote Global Arts through *B.C. Teachers Peace and Global Education* Association (PAGE)

### Interest & Contributions from World Peace Forum, Vancouver, June 2006

Dr. Thomas Mark Turay (*St Francis Xavier*) is our newest Children's Global Arts Foundation board member who plans to build networks in *Africa and Nova Scotia* 

Helene Leneveu from Brooklyn, USA will be visiting schools in *Central and South America* and she has offered to collect artwork - her speciality and main interest is peace education

Navnit Dosanjh from *Surrey School District* is open to become involved in many ways involving her peace club might be her first initiative

Joan Ezra from Cascade Heights in Burnaby would like to involve her Kindergarten class

Louise Dewdney would like to engage members from *People Loving People Organization* - an organization who delivers clothing and goods to other countries

Jiva Manske from *New Mexico* would like to incorporate Global Arts (peace education) in public art - particularly graffiti and slam poetry - also drama and music.... Jiva is looking for peace education and art links

Victoria Scott from *Peace Foundation, New Zealand* is interested in getting New Zealand schools involved.... also interested in organizing a children's artwork exhibition in New Zealand

Caroline Bouchard from *Montreal Quebec* will pass along information to art teacher in her school (McGill?)

Natasha Mallal at *UVic* is working on her Master's in Dispute Resolution in the area of "arts for conflict resolution" - she is interested in helping with artwork exchanges in Victoria

James Medynski from *Glimmer Films* may use footage from Global Arts DVD for World Peace Forum documentary entitled "Think Peace"

Jack Greenwell a ProD chair for *Greater Victoria Teacher's Association* (GVTA-local 61) has invited us to present the Children's Global Arts project to the tri-district ProD day on Feb. 16, 2007 - he will promote this with Locals 62 (Sooke) and 63 (Saanich)

Josh Bloch from *ARCfest in Toronto, Ontario*, "Art for Real Change" would like to exhibit children's artwork in their Festival (Oct. 23-29, 2006)

Don Wright from *Amnesty International* is interested in collobarting with the CGAF in coordinating a "Human Rights" conference at UBC, UVic, and perhaps other locations

Deborah Ellis (children's author of The Breadwinner, Parvana's Journey, etc.) may be able to connect us with children in countries such as Malawi (and others)

Janice Eisehauer from *Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan - Calgary-based* - is interested in coordinating a children's artwork display in Calgary - a connection with Theresa Lewis and Cheryl Zelmer may work well