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Give Peace a Chance: PeaceQuest 2022 set for September

LANSING, Mich. – PeaceQuest, the Lansing-area’s annual celebration of peace and justice, will take place again this September. A wide range of events will be held during the month-long celebration, both in person and virtual.

PeaceQuest (PQ) is a community-wide celebration that happens every September. Its mission: To celebrate the United Nations’ International Day of Peace, which was declared by the UN General Assembly with a resolution passed unanimously on Sept. 21, 1981 - “a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.”

PeaceQuest Greater Lansing is coordinated by Greater Lansing United Nations Association (GL-UNA), one of more than 200 local chapters of UNA-USA, in partnership with local organizations and individuals.

Events are hosted by many local organizations that promote peace and justice, including the Peace Education Center, faith communities, NGO’s and others. All events are related to peace in some way.

This list of PeaceQuest events is long and diverse. Here are some examples:

- Peace Pole Pursuit. The pursuit challenges peacemakers in the Lansing area to seek out peace poles and have their pictures taken with them. Photos will then be posted on the PeaceQuest website.
- Art Challenge. Students from elementary through high school are invited to produce art based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The UDHR, a milestone document in the history of human rights, was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948 as a common standard of achievements for all peoples and nations. All artwork will be honored and displayed at the end of the month.
- Just Poetry: A Community Conversation About Isolation and Incarceration. Scheduled for 7 p.m., Sept. 8, at the Robin Theatre in Lansing. Hosted by the Lansing Poetry Club and Citizens for Prison Reform.
- Yoga and Hike for Peace. Scheduled for 1 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Fenner Nature Center in Lansing. Hosted by Shiloh Daum of Peoples Yoga.

- PeaceQuest Virtual Award Ceremony. Oct. 1 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The event will feature the PeaceQuest Art Challenge Award Ceremony, an interactive trivia on peace, and recognition of participants to Peace Pole Pursuit.
- Salaam Peace Festival. Scheduled for October 2 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Islamic Center of East Lansing. The event is a will be a fundraiser for programs supporting refugees from Afghanistan.

In addition, Culver's restaurants will host two fundraising events during PQ22. An event on Sept. 6 at the Culver's at 8848 West Saginaw in Lansing will raise funds for UNICEF. On Sept. 19 Culver's located at 5140 Times Square Place, Okemos, will host a fundraiser for the Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk. Both events are from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For a complete list of events, please visit
<https://peacequestgreaterlansing.org/events-schedule/>.

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