

# Nobel Peace Laureate Project



HONORING AND INSPIRING PEACEMAKERS

## Barack Obama Awarded Nobel Peace Prize



The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided that the Nobel Peace Prize for 2009 is to be awarded to President Barack Obama for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples. The Committee has attached special importance to Obama's vision of and work for a world without nuclear weapons.

Obama has as President created a new climate in international politics. Multilateral diplomacy has regained a central position, with emphasis on the role that the United Nations and other international institutions can play. Dialogue and negotiations are

preferred as instruments for resolving even the most difficult international conflicts. The vision of a world free from nuclear arms has powerfully stimulated disarmament and arms control negotiations. Thanks to Obama's initiative, the USA is now playing a more constructive role in meeting the great climatic challenges the world is confronting. Democracy and human rights are to be strengthened.

Only very rarely has a person to the same extent as Obama captured the world's attention and given its people hope for a better future. His diplomacy is founded in the

concept that those who are to lead the world must do so on the basis of values and attitudes that are shared by the majority of the world's population.

For 108 years, the Norwegian Nobel Committee has sought to stimulate precisely that international policy and those attitudes for which Obama is now the world's leading spokesman. The Committee endorses Obama's appeal that "Now is the time for all of us to take our share of responsibility for a global response to global challenges."

## Schools Using NPLP Curricula

The use of the on-line American Peace Laureate Project curriculum is continuing to influence students' studies in peace. For example, during the past two years at Shasta Middle School in the Bethel District, Dr. Lura Pierce and her students thoroughly researched each of the American Laureates which effectively established a climate of discussing peacemaking issues, history, and current events. Sixth grade students further used the inspiration from the U.S. Nobel heroes to create individual visions-of-peace for a better world. They derived their own ways of improving their worlds, their everyday lives, and sometimes quite immediate needs. The Nobel laureates would be pleased, for they may have started dreaming of making a

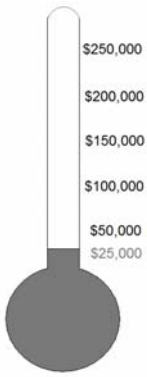
difference at an early age too. At least, that's what Lura suggested... "Middle Schoolers ask the question, 'Who am I?' Heroes are not born. They ask questions too."

These middle schoolers put their own visions of peace into action by teaching others to derive their special ways of making a difference. Kids teaching others ... quite, quite effective. These eager learners were the subjects of three YouTube videos, took a trip to the developing Nobel Peace Park in Eugene to set foot on the ground where they would one day take their children to talk peace, and taught all ages (numbering in the thousands) about the chance for people to DO something positive for the world. As Dr. Pierce often enthusiastically states, "For the



first time in my 30 years of teaching both children and adults, it was possible to teach the honoring of differences with authenticity." As one vision of peace collected by a middle schooler from an adult said, "My vision of peace is that ...Accepting Diversity Promotes Peace."

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## Funding Status

To date, the Nobel Peace Laureate Project has raised over \$65,000 from 180 individuals and agencies. Funds have been used to pay for curricula, the peace park design competition, Website production, materials and fund raising activities. \$25,000 has been set aside for Peace Park construction, and \$5,000 is on hand for fund raising and other expenses.

Our goal is to raise another \$250,000 for the peace park. A comprehensive information package is available for potential sponsors.

**Help us to raise the peacemakers esteem by contributing to the Nobel Peace Laureate Project. We are a 501 (c) 3 public corporation and a qualifying non-profit partner of the Oregon Cultural Trust [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org). Your contributions will be fully tax deductible.**

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## Give a Peace Rock

*Give a real gift of peace!*

Looking for the unique gift this holiday season? Consider giving a Peace Rock. Just \$24, a dollar for each American Nobel Peace Laureate, will purchase a rock in the serpentine wall along the Peace Path with pillars honoring these American heroes.

A certificate of giving and a project brochure will be sent to you or your intended recipient. This is a gift that will really help bring peace, one person, one stone at a time.

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## Teaching Peace

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Other schools are finding the educational arm of the Laureate Project quite helpful. At Hamlin Middle School in Springfield, Oregon, 8th-grade teacher Joanne Allen is effectively implementing portions of the on-line curriculum; it neatly dovetails with the school's emphasis on peace this year. She is quite excited to see how various American Laureates supplement and deepen the study of U.S. History. For example, the influence of the Quakers in early colonization was duly noted and became extended learning as the connection was made to one of the 24 U.S. Laureates to be honored in the two-acre site at Alton Baker in Eugene. Lura and Joanne are working together to



*Lura Pierce and Joanne Allen in front of peace quilt*

find the right emphasis for these students from the quite adaptable curriculum provided by the Project. "The beauty of the curriculum piece is taking the portions that apply to different school settings to promote peacemaking education," says, Lura Pierce. "People have called for a course in school called PEACE 101. This could be it."



*My Vision of Peace is that everyone can have education*

*The Nobel Peace Laureate Project curriculum is available at [www.nobelpeace laureates.org](http://www.nobelpeace laureates.org).*

*Also, visit Lura's blog "A Zillion Visions of Peace" and learn more about the peace quilt and the students' Zillion Visions of Peace.*

*For your continued generosity ...*

*We thank you!*

We would like to thank the following companies that have donated time or product to the Nobel Peace Laureate Project this year

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## Web Stats

In September we began to track the hits on the Nobel Peace Laureate Website. In September and October, 1,600 Elementary School lesson plans were downloaded, 500 middle school curricula were downloaded, and 250 high school lesson plans were downloaded.

Students will now have a chance to learn about the American winners of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Spread the word, tell a teacher.

Give the Peacemakers the Esteem they have Earned

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