



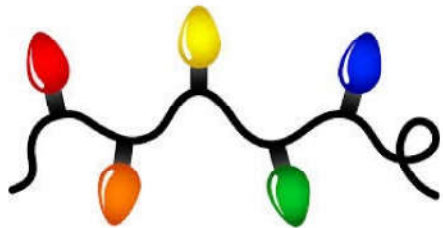
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**December
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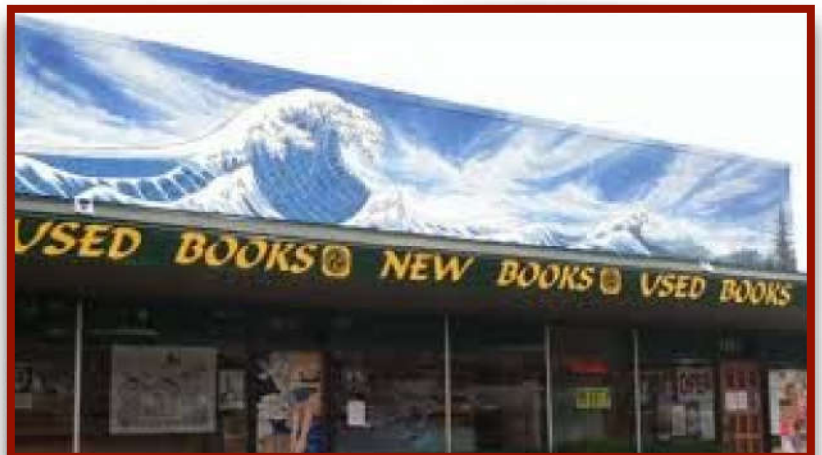
**Upcoming
Events**

Don't miss RPCV STORY SLAM

Sunday, December 4th, 2016, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

This year's theme is "Memorable Holiday Moments during Peace Corps." Storytellers will have 5-7 minutes to share their Peace Corps stories with the audience. Stories can be funny or poignant, and gifts will be given for best stories. If you are interested in being a storyteller, please get in touch with Juliet Bender at 936-520-3923 or at julietbender@aol.com.

Venue is Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette Street, Eugene.



2018 Calendar Photos

Submitted by Denise Silfee

Three of Denise Silfee's photos of her time in the Peace Corps in Thailand and as a Fellow for the State Department have been chosen to be part of the Peace Corps International Calendar for 2018. Below are the stories and details for each. We can't wait for next year's calendars!

Denise Silfee, Peace Corps Thailand 2011-2013, Teacher Collaboration and Community Outreach Volunteer & English Language Fellow in Sudan, 2015-2016

Description of the photo of the Thai student (his name is Bank): Every year students at Si Thep School in Central Thailand take a break from classes to participate in rice planting on the school grounds. Students and staff roll up their pant legs and work side-by-side in the flooded fields to plant rice that will be harvested for the school. When asked, teachers said the activity helps students remember the culture of rice farming that is so important to the community's economic stability. This 11th grade student was all smiles all day despite the heat and muddy feet.

Photo taken in June/July 2011.



Story Slam Potluck Event

**WHEN: December 4,
2016 from 3-5 PM**

**WHERE: Tsunami
Books, 2585 Willamette
St. Eugene**

**Please bring an appetizer
or beverage to share.**



STORYSLAM
FOR THOSE WHO APPRECIATE
HEARING & TELLING GREAT STORIES



RPCV Pub Night

December 15th 2016

6PM

777 W. 6th Ave
Eugene 97402



**Food for Lane County
will be closed on
December 26th and so
WCPCA will not be
volunteering this year.**

Description of the photo of the Sudanese men looking at a camel:
Rumored to be the largest livestock market in the world, the Al-Moheli Souk camel market on the outskirts of Omdurman is where camels are brought from all the corners of Sudan to be sold and traded. Camels are sold in groups and men negotiate prices based on the type of camel and the work it is intended for. Walking amongst the camels and other livestock spread out over acres of empty desert, friendly traders are eager to show off their animals despite knowing that a visitor from abroad won't be making any purchases.

Photo taken in January 2016.



Description of photo of Sudanese kids:

Located some 400 km north of Khartoum, Jebel Barkal is a mountain in the town of Karima where archeological ruins, including pyramids and tombs, date back to the 3rd century BC. After climbing to the top of the mountain, these young boys helped show the way down the other side: Leap over the edge, into the sand, sliding and skating your way to the bottom, some 98 meters down.

Photo taken in December 2015.



International Calendars are here!

Calendars are sold at
WCPCA events or can
be ordered directly from
Gary Cornelius,
calendar chairman, at
garycorn@quixnet.net
by phone at
541-912-1518.

WCPCA Reading List for 2017

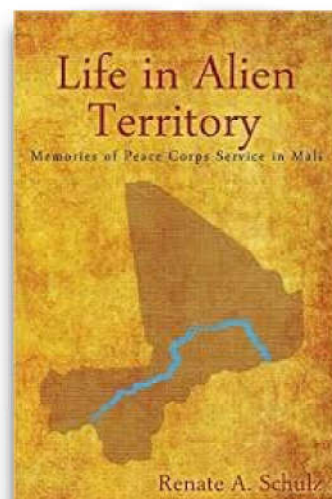
Submitted by Juliet Bender

January 12, 2017

Book: *Life in Alien Territory: Memories of Peace Corps Service in Mali*, by Renate A. Schulz

Host: Home of Josette Green

Where available: amazon.com (paperback and



March 23, 2017

Book: *História, História: Two Years in the Cape Verde Islands*, by Eleanor Stanford

Host: Home of Patty MacAfee

Where available: cclapcenter.com (free ebook) or Kindle store



WCPCA T-Shirts for Sale!

Picture yourself in our brand new West Cascades Peace Corps Association t-shirt.

You'll want to wear this comfortable and colorful shirt everywhere! They will be available at WCPCA events for \$20.

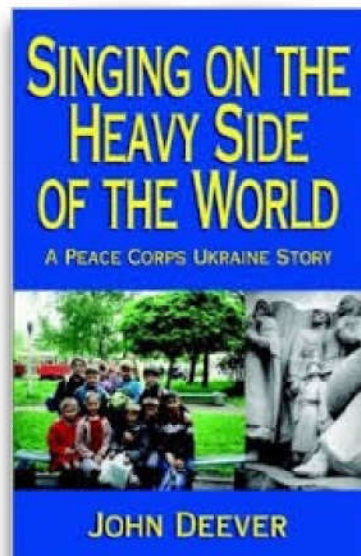


May 18, 2017

Book: *Singing on the Heavy Side of the World (Ukraine)*, by John P. Deever

Host: Home of Juliet Bender and Charles Goldsmith

Where available: amazon.com (paperback and Kindle)





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Tonga 1990-1993

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Mexico 2009-2012

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1969-1971

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South Africa 2012-2013

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Laurette Garner, Madagascar
2004-2006

Patty MacAfee, Cameroon
1989-1991

Please contact Board president
Julia for items to be brought to
the next Board Meeting:

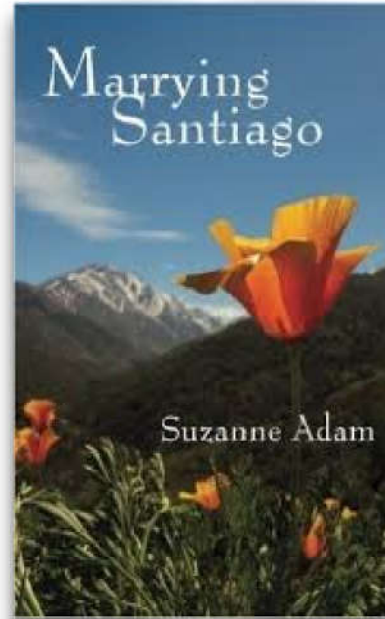
juliaannamarieharvey@gmail.com

September 14, 2017

Book: *Marrying Santiago*, by Suzanne Adam

Host: Home of Julia Harvey

Where available: amazon.com (paperback or Kindle) Book: *The Soft*



September 9, 2017

Book: *The Soft Exile (Mongolia)*, by Eric Kiefer

Host: Home of Virginia (Ginny) Donohue

Where available: Kindle store

