

April 2021 Newsletter

GiveBIG, Birds, and More Spring Events!

As we approach the final month of spring, we hope you join us for one, or more, of the virtual events mentioned in this newsletter! As an important part of the PeaceTrees community, we encourage you to keep an eye out for upcoming emails so that you don't miss any important event details!



Birds of Vietnam

GiveBIG is a statewide fundraising campaign that gives individuals and

May 4th-5th: Join PeaceTrees for GiveBIG

organizations an opportunity to come together, and support causes that matter. During this 48-hour giving event, we invite you to renew your support to PeaceTrees by making a contribution, big or small, to help with our life-saving work! This year, GiveBIG is May 4-5, but why wait to make your tax-deductible donation? **Donate Now!**

PeaceTrees is hosting an event on Thursday, May 6th at 6pm PST on

May 6th: PeaceTrees Presents-

the birds of Vietnam. Renowned birder, Susan Myers, who has led over 30 birding tours to Vietnam, will be speaking about avian life in Vietnam and our friends at **Seattle** <u>Audubon</u> will be providing a local perspective on bird conservation. Midway through the event, Mixaphoria will be demonstrating

how to make a specialty cocktail,

wildlife and civilian life in Vietnam today.



The Lost Bird! We hope you join us to learn more about birds and how the legacy of war impacts

Register for FREE here!

This spring, local authorities and residents expressed their appreciation and admiration for

Updates from Vietnam

PeaceTrees' rapid response to clearance requests so that flood-impacted farmers could safely begin

Clearing Land for Local Farmers

to cultivate crops this season. Our teams located and safely removed 26 explosive remnants of war and cleared over 153,000 square meters of land meant for growing cassava, bananas, coffee, and other important crops. Safely clearing land for farming is an important part of our work and helps communities secure economic opportunities for themselves and their families!



With our more recent expansion to Quang Binh Province, PeaceTrees EOD technicians have been



conditions. Continued on-the-job training in Quang Binh is being led by PeaceTrees team leaders

from who are highly certified and experienced in their demining training! Earlier this spring, 22 field medics and field staff received a refresher of their emergency and first aid training.

regularly participating in important trainings. On a rotating basis, Quảng Bình project technicians join

our Quang Tri teams to learn from experienced technicians and better understand working



Donating a Vehicle to PeaceTrees

Making a Charitable Donation from your IRA



With Tax Day extended to May 17th this year, we want to make sure you know all the ways that you can support our important work! Did you know that donating from your IRA could lower your taxable income? If you are 70.5 years of age or older, you are eligible to make a QCD (qualified charitable

from taxable income (unlike regular IRA withdrawals). We invite you to speak with your financial advisor about giving to PeaceTrees from your retirement account!

this month we might highlight a different kind of testimonial! Bob Stokes, a lifelong friend, and supporter of PeaceTrees, recently donated a car to support our work and got a tax deduction out of it! Read his story to learn how quick and easy the experience was: "We donated a car to PeaceTrees this spring and it was a terrific experience! The extra vehicle was taking up space, and it was costing us money to license and insure it. I had dreaded the hassle of advertising the car for sale or bargaining with a dealer but when I realized I could donate it to PeaceTrees I found it an incredibly easy and rewarding solution!

exchanged two short emails, the car was picked up by two friendly people, and they sold it and sent me the tax deduction forms. After waving goodbye to the car, I realized the whole thing took only a week and about 30 minutes of my own time. I unloaded the car, it was auctioned for far more than I could have realized,

It was a snap! I clicked on the PeaceTrees website link about car donations, received a phone call,

PeaceTrees got a very nice gift and I got a tax deduction and the feeling of doing something

worthwhile supporting PeaceTrees humanitarian mission. What's not to like?"

Put It In The Rearview.

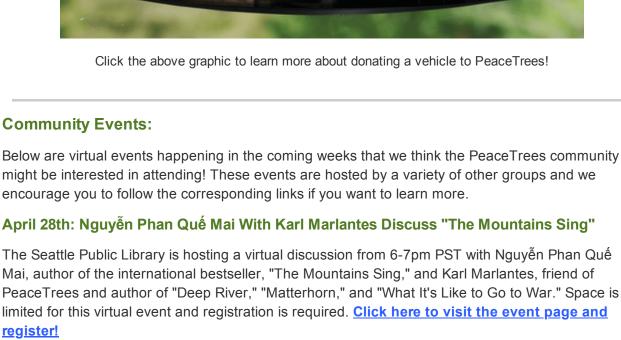
Donate Your Vehicle.

Give Today

We will resume our PeaceTrees travel stories next newsletter, but on the topic of Tax Day we thought

distribution)! Not only will you be supporting PeaceTrees, but the QCD excludes the amount donated

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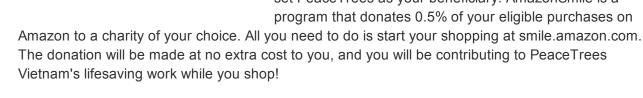
Join author Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai again for an online event at 5:30 pm PST with Thuy Bui, author of

May 8th: SUVSA's 16th Annual Xuân Festival Seattle University's Vietnamese Student Association is hosting their 16th annual culture festival, Xuân Này Con Không Về (This Spring I Won't Be Home), on May 8th at 3pm. This year's theme honors Mother's Day and centers the resilience of Vietnamese mothers, especially in the face of a global pandemic. This event is free, virtual, and open to the public. Click here to visit the Facebook event page to learn more!

Vietnam from home?

May 1st: 46 Years After the End of the Vietnam War: A Conversation About Empathy and

"The Best We Could Do." These two writers will join Phillip Nguyen, President of the Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations, for a lively conversation centered on healing. This event is free and you can learn more by visiting the Oakland Asian Cultural Center website.



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