

The Journey of a Sacred Fire – Update 2015

Here are just a few of the travels of the Peace Fire Coal Bundles

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- * **Appalachian Trail** –Jeremy Roche, at 66 years young, carried the coal bundles from March 27 to August 19, 2012, on his 14 state, 145 day, 2,184 mile journey while hiking the entire Appalachian Trail. He left coal bundles at Springer Mountain - at the beginning; Clinger Dome - the highest spot on the trail; Harper's Ferry – the midway point; and Katahdin Mountain, at the end of the trail. His wife Sheri and the "trail angels" were vital to his successful adventure.
- * **California, White Mountains** – KV Johnson and JA Johnson are photographers who have been capturing the beauty of the National Parks for 30 years. They accepted Fire coal bundles on March 29, 2015 in Sedona, Arizona, to place at the Bristol Cone Pine Grove in the White Mountains. The Bristle Cone Pine trees in the Methuselah Grove are up to 4,800 years old, the oldest trees on the planet. "We went last year for the first time and it was magical. It is now our favorite spot in the whole world, and we will be honored to leave this Peace Fire coal with the grandfathers."
- * **Chicago / Greenland** – On October 15, 2015 Angaangaq Angakkorsuag, an Elder, Teacher, Healer and Shaman, (his name means the man who looks like his Uncle) returned to Northeastern and lit the Sacred Fire using the traditions from his Eskimo-Kalaallit people of Greenland. Angaangaq was "called" by his people to bring home the Sacred Fire to Greenland. On July 17, 2009 elders and spiritual leaders from all over the world made their way to an ancient sacred site on the Top of the World, fulfilling a prophecy so old that no one knows the time. Jane Goodall stood next to Uncle as he lit the Fire. They both placed Fire bundles from our Northeastern Fire into that Sacred Fire.
- * **Chicago to Portland, Oregon** – Fire coal bundles were accepted and carried from June 20 to August 17, 2015 on a 3,000 mile bicycle journey entitled *Crossing the Great Divide*. The coal bundles and sacred water were carried the entire distance and left in over 15 sites on the eight-week journey in places that had experienced great trauma over history. You can read about the complete journey at www.crossingthegreatdivide.net You can read of all the placements of the Fire Coal bundles by clicking this PDF on the www.neiupacefire.weebly.net web site.
- * **Columbia, Europe and India** – In the spring and fall of 2015, Chief Steve McCullough, Intercessor, of the Salt Creek Sundance, was invited to Europe, Columbia, and India to conduct peace and healing ceremonies. He carried the Fire coals on all his journeys and traveled to Belgium, England, France, Germany, Holland, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain. In Columbia, he visited Bogota and Pasto. In India, he visited Ashrams and temples. Chief McCullough shared the Fire coals on his travels gifting them to elders and using them in ceremony.
- * **France, Normandy Beach** – On October 3, 2013, Kathy Creely left Fire coal bundles on the beach and in the English Channel at Normandy – Arromances, Omaha Beach, and La Pointe Du Hoc. These were the landing sites and harbors for the American troops on D-Day June 6, 1944.
- * **Germany** – From May 31 to June 13, 2015 Fire coal bundles were left all over Germany on a 14-day journey to experience and feel the history, people, and culture of Germany. Coals were left to heal the scars of war at resistance memorials, the Berlin Wall, Hitler's bunker, the Holocaust Memorial, Nuremburg, Dachau, Obersalzburg, Eagle's Nest, the very top of Mt. Zugspitze, and, of course, the "Sound of Music" tour in Salzburg, Austria.
- * **India** – On June 29, 2015 Fire coal bundles were given in Chicago, to Sir Ajit Telang from India. Sir travels the world teaching about the sacred Agnihotra Fire Ceremony and Reiki. Ajit will use these Fire coals in his Ashram in India.
- * **India / Illinois, Elburn** – On July 1, 2015 Fire coal bundles were given to Amma's swami who now oversees her new center in Elburn. Swami traveled with Amma for years on all her world tours and now is in charge of organizing her new center west of Chicago. Google AMMA and read of her worldwide humanitarian and Peace initiatives.
- * **Indiana, Roachdale** – A Fire Coal was put into the Sacred Fire that burned from July 4-10, 2015 at the Sacred Nations Sundance. At the end of the 2015 Sundance, as everyone was leaving, dark green twisting storm clouds moved into the area. It turned into a tornado that touched down, came in the east gate, went around the tree without doing any damage, exited the west gate and then picked up the kitchen enclosure and tossed it 50 yards.
- * **Italy, Rome** – Fire coal bundles were left all over Rome between Sept. 16 & Sept. 21, 2015 by Kathy Creely. She left them at: the Colosseum, the Forum, Plaza de Popolo, the Tiber River, Palantino Hill, Pompeii, and Ostica Antica.

* **Kuwait** - On November 5, 2014, Ed Savage, stationed in Kuwait, at 4:02 pm began a Peace Fire ceremony. The Air Force Wing Commander placed the coal bundle into the Sacred Fire. The military Guidon flags representing each separate squadron flew proudly during the ceremony. "Funny how this many years later a proud Northeastern grad gets to take the Peace Fire to Kuwait, a place of chaos and disaster, and the white buffalo is smiling."

* **Mankato, Minnesota** – Fire coal bundles were carried by Matt & Lynny Prince Cordes on the 330-mile horse back *Dakota 38 + 2 Ride for Reconciliation* that ended in Mankato, Minnesota on December 26, 2014. Temperatures dropped to -20 degrees at times during the ride. Thirty-eight (38) Native Americans were hung there on December 26, 1862. This was the largest mass hanging in the history of the United States.

* **Nebraska, Gibbon – Crane Capitol of the World** - On March 18, 2014, the Fire coal bundles were presented to the directors at the Iain Nicholson, Audubon Center, at Rowe Sanctuary. In March, over 500,000 cranes converge at the Platte, as they have for millions of years, to fuel up before continuing on. The Crane is the International Bird of Peace.

* **Northern Ireland, Fermanagh - The G-8 Summit**– On June 2, 2013, the Fire coal bundles were used in a clearing ceremony at the headwaters of the River Shannon. The coal bundles were then carried to the Lough Erne Resort in Fermanagh, Northern Ireland and placed into the burning fire place, in the hotel lobby, where the 39th G-8 Summit would be held on June 17 -18, 2013. The summit, for world leaders, creates protests and controversy.

* **Netherlands, Hague** – Fire Keepers Duane Kinnart and Van Archiquette joined in ceremony with elders from all over the world at a 10-day peace gathering in The Hague. On Summer Solstice, June 21, 2015, they left a Fire coal bundle inside The Peace Palace as part of a special ceremony with all the other elders.

* **Oklahoma, Prague** – On March 19, 2015 at the Fox-Sac Cultural Center coal bundles were handed to Chief George Thurman a direct descendent of Black Hawk. Ten miles down the road coal bundles were left at the National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague which has a history that goes back 400 years. Go to www.shrineofinfantjesus.com.

* **Selma, Alabama** – March 8, 2015 was the 50th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday at the Pettus Bridge. On July 14, 2010 Fire coal bundles were left at the bridge. After the coals were placed during the 54-mile ride to Montgomery, the exact route of the walkers, a rainbow appeared across the road. On July 18, 2015 the coal bundles were given to President Jimmy Carter in Plains, Georgia, after his Sunday school lesson at Marantha Baptist church.

* **South Dakota, St. Francis** - On July 24, 2015 Andre Way gifted the Peace Fire coal bundles to Albert White Hat Jr., intercessor, and Hollow Horn Bear, elder, at their Sundance. Andre was the pipe maker for Jim Gillihan. Frank Fool's Crow asked Jim Gillihan to be the 4th Keeper of Sitting Bull's pipe and Jim did that with honor for 25 years.

* **Texas, Lytle** – Rick Cantu accepted coal bundles to use in work for the people. Rick is a Chiricahua Apache, and the great, great, grandson of Geronimo. Rick is a Viet Nam veteran, elder, and Sundancer.

* **Utah, Salt Lake City – World Parliament of Religions** - The Fire coal bundles were carried and shared by Matt & Lynny Prince Cordes at the World Parliament of Religions from October 15 - 19, 2015. A Sacred Fire was lit at sunrise to open the gathering at the Salt Palace and it burned the entire time. The Fire was the heart of the conference that involved 10,000 people, 80 nations, and 50 faiths. The theme was "Reclaiming the Heart of Our Humanity."

* **Washington, D.C.** – On October 28 & 29, 2014, Fire coal bundles were left in the East Room of the White House, at the Lady of Liberty Statue in the US Capitol building, the Holocaust Museum, and in the National Cathedral. The Fire coals were also handed to the Executive Assistant at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.

* **Wisconsin, Battle Island, Black Hawk Park, Vernon County Wisconsin** – On July 31 & August 1, 2015, a peace ceremony was done and a Fire coal bundle was left and at each of the eight "End of the Trail" markers for Black Hawk. Dr. C.V. Porter, the local historian, erected the trail markers in 1930. The Black Hawk Trail Markers tell the real story of what happened to Black Hawk. After trying to surrender a third time with a white flag hundreds of men, women, and children were caught in a cross fire for eight hours trying to cross the Mississippi River at the head of Battle Island. Water turned red from their blood and this massacre ended what was known as the *Black Hawk War*.

In the last 20 years, over 20,000 thousand coal bundles have been carried around the world and used by good-hearted people

You can read about the history and details of the entire Fire story at: www.neiupacefire.weebly.com

