

The Journey of a Sacred Fire - 2009 Update

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

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- * **Afghanistan** – Coal bundles were given to Reza Deghati on a visit to Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) on April 4, 2006. Reza has been awarded the Chevalier medal, France's highest civilian honorary decoration, Legion d'Honneur because of his attempts to develop free speech around the world, and help revive children's rights in Afghanistan.
- * **Arizona, Flagstaff (Kendrick Park)** – Coal bundles were left at Spirit Mountain Ranch, located at the base of the San Francisco Peaks, on March 21, 2009. Spirit Mountain Ranch is the home, at this time, to nine (9) white buffalo.
- * **Arizona, Sedona** – A coal bundle was left at the Amitabha Stupa in the new Tibetan Peace Center on March 30, 2007. The 36-foot high Amitabha Stupa is completely filled with hundreds of millions of prayers for peace.
- * **Arkansas, Little Rock** – A coal bundle was handed to Minnijean Brown Trickey the keynote speaker at the 35th Annual Association for Experiential Education(AEE) International Conference. On September 25, 1957 Minnijean and eight other African American teenagers helped to desegregate Central High School, in Little Rock, a seminal event in American history.
- * **Costa Rica** – Coal bundles were sent to Grandmother Itzpapalot, Ana Carmona, for the Annual Moon Dance, from February 6 to 10, 2009. Ana reactivated the ancient ceremony, now in it's 10th year, attracts women from all over the world to dance and attend.
- * **Egypt** – In December, 2007, a coal bundle was placed in the Nile River and in Sham el Sheik at the southern tip of the Sinai, by Ann Wells, from Chicago. Sham el Sheik is the land involved in the war between Egypt and Israel.
- * **Greenland** – Coal bundles were sent to be used in The Aasivik Fire and Ice Ceremony, July 17 – 19, 2009. It is part of the fulfillment of ancient prophecy "where when the world needs it most the Sacred Fire will return home to Greenland."
- * **Hawaii, Kauai** – Coal bundles were handed to Catherine and Allan Reitow on July 29, 2006. Allan is the Director of the Nature Conservancy on Kauai. "Our job is to save the land for future generations."
- * **Holland** – Martin and Tinike Evans accepted Fire Coal Bundles on July 19, 2007 after a breakfast meeting in Avemore, Scotland. They said, "We will leave the coal bundle in The Florence Nightingale Center in Holland. "
- * **Illinois, Chicago** – Lech Walesa, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, visited Northeastern Illinois University on June 29, 2009 for a ceremony to dedicate a hall on campus in his name. He was presented with the Fire Coal bundles and an 18" Peace Pole. His visit also happened to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the fall of communism in Poland.
- * **Illinois, Chicago** – World renowned yoga Master Swami Adhyatmanadaji visited NEIU on June 29, 2006. He lit the sacred Fire on the 6th strike. "His chants were mesmerizing. It was a good moment at the Fire with a world master."
- * **Illinois, Chicago** – On June 6, 2009, the sacred Fire was lit for the 5th year at NEIU for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Northeastern is the 13.1 mile rest stop and over 15,000 walkers have visited the Fire in the last five years.
- * **Illinois, Chicago** – Coal bundles were given to James Twyman on April 12, 2006 by Patty Mangano. James travels the world as an ambassador for peace. He is guided to do Peace Ceremonies that change the energy in areas.
- * **Illinois, Chicago** –A Fire Coal was given to keynote speaker Barbara Victor at NEIU on April 4, 2007, at the 12th Annual Asian American Heritage Conference to honor 1991 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi,. Ms. Victor was asked to present the Fire coals to Suu Kyi, who is under house arrest, when she visits her in Burma.
- * **Illinois, Chicago** – Yasmine Renney, of NEIU, handed the coal bundles to Al Gore on his visit to Chicago, on June 6, 2007. He was in Chicago to discuss his book and his documentary "An Inconvenient Truth."
- * **Illinois, Chicago (Skokie)** – Fire coals were handed to Rajmohan Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, on September 11, 2006, at Niles North High School. It was the 100th Anniversary of when his grandfather Mahatma Gandhi formed a society in India based on nonviolence. It was also the five year anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center.
- * **Illinois, Chicago** – Khamba Lama Dr. Natsagdorj was given the coal bundles on June 21, 2007. Khamba Lama traveled to NEIU for a Water Conference on June 21, 2007, and to perform an ancient Mongolian water blessing for Lake Michigan. Khamba Lama is from the eighth Buddha tradition. To the people of Mongolia, he is their Dalai Lama.

* **Ireland, Carrowmore** – A Coal Bundle was left at the Corrowmore Megalithic Cemetery on July 7, 2007. Carrowmore is one of the oldest and largest of the four megalithic cemeteries with over 30 passage-tombs in an area of one square mile. Excavations suggest this site was occupied around 4000 BC. Carrowmore pre-dates New Grange by nearly 1000 years.

* **Ireland, Kilcar** – A coal bundle was given to Dennis Lyons of the Du'n Ulu'n House on July 6, 2007. Dennis is a local historian and teacher of the old Gaelic language. Dennis is going to place the coal bundles in the "Valley of the Warriors."

* **Ireland, Kilcar** – A coal bundle was left on the top of the 1900' Cliffs of Slieve Leig, and another was placed in the Atlantic ocean at the base of the cliffs. The highest cliffs in Ireland are a very special place where then Gulf Stream flows past and the whales and dolphins migrate.

* **Lombard, Illinois** – On July 5, 2008 Dr. Sharon Hahs, President of Northeastern Illinois University, and Northeastern faculty and staff presented Amma with a series of sacred objects. Among the objects were the peace fire bundles, an 18" peace pole, and The ceremony culminated with President Hahs reverently placing a woolen Northeastern blanket around Amma's shoulders.

* **Manwiaki, Ontario, Canada** – Coal bundles were handed to Grandfather William Commanda on July 29, 2008. Grandfather Commanda is the keeper of the 700 year old Seven Fires Prophecy Belt. His life and work is dedicated to peace. His annual *Circle of All Nations Gatherings* at his home, in late July, have attracted peace keepers from all over the world.

* **Millbrook, Nova Scotia** – Coal bundles were gifted to 87-year old Micmac chief Sandy Julien. A gentle and proud leader he displayed his pictures with world leaders on the walls of his meticulous home. "These will be taken to our long house."

* **New Mexico, Jemez Pueblo** – Coal bundles were given to Flo and Sal Yepa at their home on March 25, 2006. Flo and Sal are traditional potters and people travel from all over to visit. They were invited to New York a few days after the attack on the World Trade Center on 9-11-2001 and asked to do a ceremony in the hole where the buildings stood.

* **New York City, New York** – Bean Feasa Na hEireann Margaret Connolly, of Ireland, on May 19, 2009, addressed over 2,000 delegates at the General Forum of the Indigenous Council at the United Nations and shared the story of the sacred Fire at NEIU. She also discussed the 24- hour world peace Fire being lit at sunrise in Ireland on 09-09-09.

* **New York, Gonondagan State Historic Site** – A coal bundle was given to Ronnie Reiter, a Seneca cultural guide, on August 18, 2007. Jikonsaseh, the "Mother of the Nations", who is believed to be buried here, was the catalyst who helped the Peacemaker develop the Great Law of Peace as the Constitution of the Haudenosaunee.

* **Punta Gorta, Belize** – On July 4, 2005 coal bundles were given to Paul Nabor, spiritual elder and high priest of the Garifana People. Coal bundles were also given to Wil Mahia, director of the Toledo Institute for Development and Education (TIDE), a ten year old environmental organization, that has been honored for it's work by organizations around the world.

* **Scotland, Cairngorm Mountain** – The living mountain was completely fogged in July 16, 2007. It is the "Heart" of the National Park. Twenty five percent of all the threatened species in the UK live here in the park. A Fire Coal bundle was left at the top of the mountain, and within five minutes the fog cleared and the valley was visible for miles.

* **Scotland, Isle of Skye** – A coal bundle is given to John Pear at the Aros Environmental Center, on July 17, 2007. John is the "Keeper of the Eagles." John has been working for the last 25 years to restore Scotland's White Tail Sea Eagle. The sea eagle has a 9' wing span, dives at 60 mph, and can grab a 5 lb. salmon in its talons out of the water.

* **Scotland, Oban** – A coal bundle was left at the Scottish Sea Life Sanctuary, on July 15, 2007. "This center is the "working heart" to save the water creatures and the environment in all of Scotland. The bay connected to the centre is the last stronghold of the sea otter in Scotland" Opened in 1979 by John Mace...it was born from an idea in his mind and brought to reality by his family.

* **Scotland, Scarba** - In September, 2007, a coal bundle was dropped in the center of the Corryvreckan Whirlpool off Jura Island near Scarba. Corryvreckan is the most dangerous whirlpool in the world. It can produce 30' waves in a matter of seconds and swallows ships whole. "The sea was 'dead' calm on the day the coal bundle was dropped in the center."

* **Turkey** – In January, 2008, a coal bundle was presented to His All Holiness, Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople and New Rome, Ecumenical Patriarch, the 270th successor of the 2,000 year old Orthodox Christian Church. His All Holiness recognized as "the Pope" works to advance reconciliation and peace building among Christians, and Muslims.

* **Washington, Seattle (Bainbridge Island)** – On July 29, 2006, in the village of Chief Seattle, seventy-seven (77) thirty-foot (30) cedar dugout canoes made their way to "the slab" on the reservation near the Suquamish Museum as part of the 2006 Intertribal Canoe Journey. Coal bundles were used in a quiet ceremony at the waters edge to bless the paddlers and all the creatures of the sea.

*** In the last 13 years, thousands of coal bundles have been carried around the world and accepted by good-hearted people. ***
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