

The Journey of a Sacred Fire – 2012 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 Legion d'Honneur medal, France's highest civilian honor, because of his work to develop free speech around the world, and help revive children's right 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 was the home, at that 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** – On November 9, 2007 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. It was a seminal event in American history and was the catalyst for school desegregation in the United States.
- * **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.
- * **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.
- * **France, Paris** – Between September 26 and October 6, 2013 Kathy Creely left fire coal bundles in several locations in and around Paris. Sites included; the garden of Notre Dame Cathedral, the River Seine, the Louvre, Chez Leon, Rouen, and Musee D'Orsay.
- * **Greenland** – Angaangaq, uncle, and Jane Goodall placed Fire coal bundles into the sacred Fire lit in Greenland on July 17, 2009. It was the first time in thousands of years their own trees were used in the Fire ceremony. You can read of Angaangaq's work around the world at *Icewisdom.com*.
- * **Hawaii, Kauai** – Coal bundles were handed to Catherine and Allan Reitaw 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 Tinke 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** – On June 5, 2010, the sacred Fire was lit for the 6th year at NEIU for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Northeastern is the 13.1 mile rest stop and over 20,000 walkers have visited the Fire in the last six years.
- * **Illinois, Chicago** – On 09-09-09, September 9, 2009, a sacred Fire was lit in Ireland by the Women of Ireland. People lit peace Fires at sunrise in each time zone for the next 24-hours around the world. Twenty-six people from Ireland flew to Northeastern and placed their Fires coals in the Northeastern Fire at 7:00pm on 09-09-09. "Lighting this sacred Fire today is the most important thing we will do in our life time, and the most important thing in Ireland for peace in 1000 years." You can view the ceremony on u-tube at "*Northeastern 09-09-09 Peace Fire*."
- * **Illinois, Chicago** – Lech Walesa, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, visited NEIU on June 29, 2009, for a ceremony to dedicate a hall on campus in his name. It also happened to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the fall of communism in Poland. Mr. Walesa was presented with the Fire Coal bundles and an 18" Peace Pole.
- * **Illinois, Chicago** – On July 5, 2008 Amma, considered a living saint in India, on her first Darshan to the Chicago area was gifted the Fire coal bundles, an 18" Peace Pole, and a Northeastern blanket by President Sharon Hahs and a group of Northeastern peace keepers. Amma has also received the distinguished Gandhi-King Award in 2002.

- * **Illinois, Chicago** – On April 4, 2007 Fire coals and an 18” peace Pole were given to keynote speaker Barbara Victor at NEIU on to honor 1991 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, at the 12th Annual Asian American Heritage Conference. Ms. Victor was asked to present the gifts to Suu Kyi when she visits her in Miramar (Burma).
- * **Illinois, Chicago** – Khamba Lama Dr. Natsagdorj was given the Fire coal bundles on June 21, 2007. He traveled to Chicago for a Water Conference at NEIU, and to also perform an ancient Mongolian water blessing for Lake Michigan. Khamba Lama is from the eight medicines Buddha tradition, and to the people of Mongolia, is their Dalai Lama.
- * **Illinois, Chicago (Skokie)** – On September 11, 2006 Fire coals were handed to Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, at Niles North High School. It was the 100th anniversary of 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** – 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.
- * **Ireland, Carrowmore** – On July 7, 2007 a coal Bundle was left at the Corrowmore Megalithic Cemetery. It is one of the oldest and largest of the four megalithic cemeteries with over 30 passage-tombs in an area covering one square mile. Excavations suggest this site was occupied around 4000 B.C. and pre-dates New Grange by nearly 1000 years.
- * **Ireland, Leitrum** – On August 4, 2012 a coal bundle was given to Eugene O’Halloran at his home in Cloodrumman. The first sacred Fire was struck on his land with flint and steel. Three honor songs were sung on a sacred drum built, blessed, and sent by the Native Elders of the United States for his land, and his work with the children of Ireland.
- * **Maniwaki, Ontario, Canada** – on July 20, 2008, Grandfather Commanda was handed, at his home, the peace Fire coal bundles. Grandfather Commanda was the caretaker of the 700 year old Seven Fires Prophecy Belt, and traveled the world speaking of peace and unity for all people. Go to Grandfather Commanda ... “*Circle of all Nations.*”
- * **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 did a ceremony in the hole where the buildings stood.
- * **New York City, New York** – on May 19, 2009, over 2,000 delegates at the General Forum of the Indigenous Council at the United Nations, listened to the story of the sacred Fire at Northeastern, and the letter from the children at Dewey school entitled “*The Voices of the Children*” was read to these world leaders.
- * **New York, Gonondagan State Historic Site** – On August 18, 2007 a coal bundle was given to Ronnie Reiter, a Seneca cultural guide. Jikonsaseh, the “Mother of the Nations,” who is believed to be buried here, was the catalyst that helped the Peacemaker create the Great Law of Peace as the Constitution of the Haudenosaunee.
- * **Northern Ireland, Fermanagh - The G 8 Summit**– On June 2, 2013 the Fire coal bundles were used in a clearing ceremony at the head waters 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 lobby of the hotel where the 39th G-8 Summit would be held on June 17 -18, 2013. The summit is for all the world leaders and a bit controversial.
- * **Peru, Cusco** – Between October 29 & November 8, 2013 Chris & Betty Jo (Hardwick) Proehl left coal bundles at all of the sacred sites visited on a ten day cultural immersion guided by Dr Theo Paredes, of Cusco. Sites included... The Temple of the Falcon above Pisac, Machu Picchu, the archeology park of Raqchi, Los Uros – the floating islands on Lake Titikaka, Amantani Island on Lake Titikaka, Sillustani, Tarawasi, and Saywite.
- * **Scotland, Cairngorm Mountain** – The living mountain was completely fogged in on 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, 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, and it was weighted so it would drop straight to the bottom."

* **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. Turkey is flourishing economically while it seems the rest of the world struggles.

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

The story is over 30 pages long and you can read the details at www.neiu.edu/~team/archive