

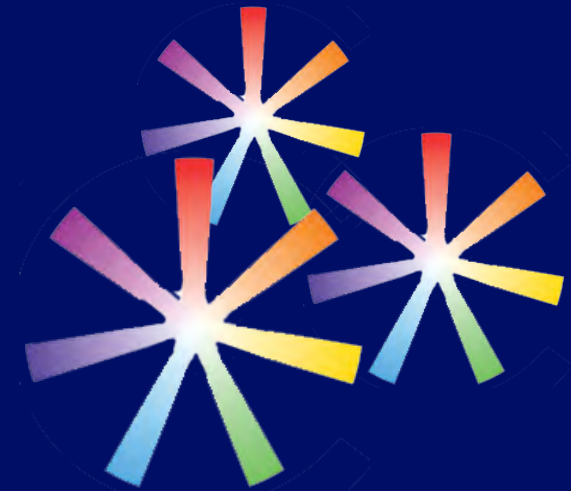
Subud International Cultural Association
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Enriching and
Enlivening the
Human Spirit



The Challenge:

Educating and inspiring our brothers and sisters to act on Bapak's and Ibu's guidance — and modeling ways in which this is do-able.



POEMS FOR PEACE

Peace
Day



Sep. 21
2013

*Many Voices
One Heart*

SICA

Subud International Cultural Association



In 2012
 SICA joined a
 coalition of
 NGOs working
 with UK's
PEACE ONE DAY
 and the UN
 to celebrate
PEACE DAY with
POEMS for PEACE

Subud International Cultural Association Hosts POEMS FOR PEACE Today, 9/21

Austin-based Subud International Cultural Association (SICA) invites everyone – poetry groups, poetry teachers, poetry lovers, singers, dancers, artists, actors, pipers, players and friends - to share in a special lunchtime performance/poetry reading **POEMS FOR PEACE** in honor of Peace Day, today, September 21, 2012 at Noon at the Rollins [Studio Theatre](#) (701 West Riverside Drive).

Poems will be read by veteran Austin performers, Robert Faires and Barbara Chisholm. The event is free of charge to the public and guests are welcome to bring their own lunch.

SICA is part of a global coalition of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working with UK's Peace One Day to organize activities celebrating peace and nonviolence that kicks off in London with a concert by [Elton John](#).

Austin's own and former Executive Director of the Austin Creative Alliance, [Latifah Taormina](#), is spearheading the Poems for Peace global initiative. There is also a poetry competition being held with the grand prize being \$500. It is open to everyone and submission details may be found on the website, [www.poems-for-peace.org](#).

Participation in Poems for Peace does not have to be in the form of a formal event. People can recite, write, sing and create poetry through flash mobs, poetry readings, parties, slams, performances, workshops, exhibits, classes, concerts, games and love-notes in honor of Peace Day. Poetry can be found even in a child's scribbling their favorite rhyme on the sidewalk with chalk. Participants are encouraged to document and share their efforts on the Poems for Peace website ([www.poems-for-peace.org](#)) or Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/PoemsForPeaceOneDay](#).

"This is about actively sharing one's love of peace through poetry," says [Latifah Taormina](#), SICA's Board President. "Poems live in our music, our holy books and in our hearts. Poems for Peace is an invitation to connect to that place inside us all and share your favorite poems – wherever you are - on Peace Day."

[Click Here to Visit the Austin Home Page for More Stories!](#)

POEMS for PEACE were performed in a variety of venues — indoors and outdoors — all around the world.

1,000,000 people were touched by SICA'S POEMS for PEACE



SICA's Poems for Peace initiative — and Bapak's reply to Varindra's question below — inspired the theme for Zone 4's Gathering this year.

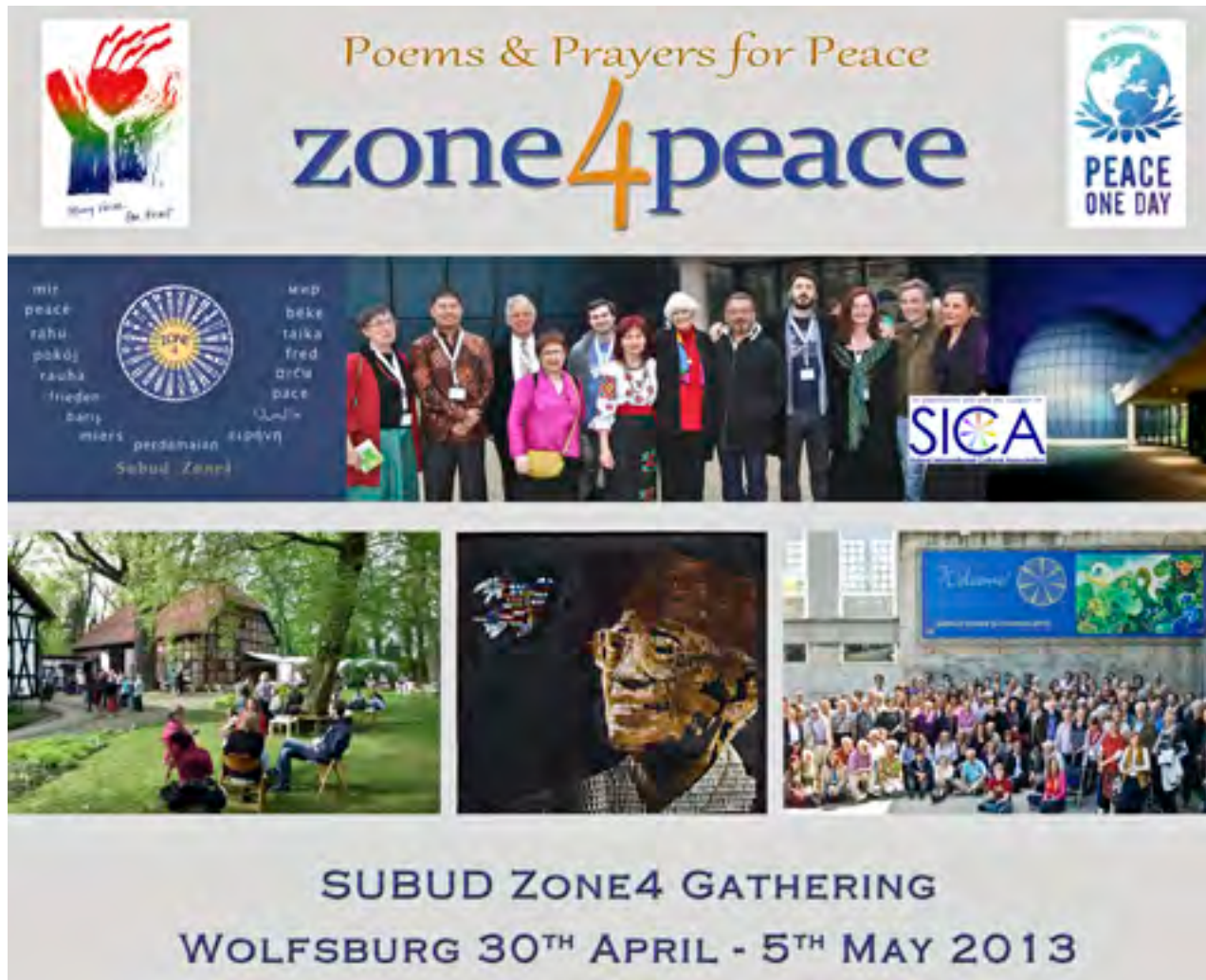


Why War?

Varindra Vittachi

Speaking at the Subud World Congress 1988:

When I next met Bapak I asked him, 'Bapak, why is there war?' Bapak said, '*Because there is war in yourself.*' And this is what we have been discovering in these Congress sessions. If we are honest enough to admit that, we begin with ourselves. That is why we are here in Subud — because we have already declared to ourselves that we are aware of the need to change and are willing to make an effort to change.



From the Zone 4 invitation to their gathering

If we are to develop into a truly human culture, peace and understanding must start within ourselves.

Our aim is to create a space and an atmosphere for encounter, interaction and dialogue. Peace in all its multifaceted aspects will be the theme: peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and our neighboring countries.

Peace can be expressed in so many ways. We will focus on the poetry of words, music, and all creative expression.

Let us explore our talents, express our inter-connectedness, fostering peace and true harmony — a message to be taken home to our countries.

Peace is a daily, life-long quest — for all of us.

Members from countries often in the news for their conflicts were the first to register for the Zone4Peace Gathering.



The Zone 4 invitation also inspired Arifah Gebhardt to make this large, amazing wall hanging — sewn with rows of uniform circles of fabric in different colors.

She received a vision of how to do it three times, but rejected it as she did not think of herself as an artist.

And then, listening to Bapak's talks, she made it. She calls it her Peace Poem.

The dove is made of the different flags of the countries in Zone 4.



Yes, Bapak
has always
told us Peace
is important

WORSHIP GOD WITHOUT DELAY

We pray to Almighty God.
May we receive God's blessing,
May your latihan spread everywhere,
May it become the foundation of human character
And spread through the world.
For indeed such is the reality.
The duty of all mankind is to worship Almighty God,
So that their hearts and minds may be at peace,
So that in turn the world may become
Peaceful and calm for mankind.
Therefore worship Almighty God without delay.
Let it not happen that at the end of our lives
We find ourselves far from God's power,
For this is God's authority
Which can truly bring peace and serenity
To the life of man.

Host A Poems For Peace Event

Sept. 21, 2013

We'll provide:

- Flyer
- Toolkit
- Press Release
- Graphics
- Poem Starters

Share, Sing, Speak, Shout, Write
Recite, and Celebrate Aloud:

Poems for Peace

ON PEACE DAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013



An Invitation from SICA:


Join our worldwide initiative to spread LOVE and RESPECT by hosting a SICA POEMS FOR PEACE event for the public in your Subud center or your community on Peace Day, September 21, 2013.

Download a super how-to-do-it TOOLKIT from our website: www.subud-sica.org. Be amazed by how much fun you can have. Be grateful for how much this can touch others in a good way. Be creative!

POEMS FOR PEACE is SICA's contribution to a global coalition of NGOs working with the blessings of the UN and Peace One Day in the UK to make one day of peace really happen on Peace Day. YOU can do this! Let's break a record for sharing and caring!

With Love from All of us at SICA



www.subud-sica.org
 www.facebook.com/PoemsForPeaceOneDay
 [@Poems4peace](https://twitter.com/Poems4peace)
<http://www.poems-for-peace.org>

“... This is why Bapak made the decision to set up a Subud wing called the Subud International Cultural Association, or SICA. Bapak hoped that through SICA, Subud members who had a TALENT in a particular field



would *create* something truly new or different, something that would *touch other people* — meaning **people who are not in Subud, people outside Subud.**

So we hope that Subud will spread through SICA — *through activities that other people can see.*



Why?

**For the Development
of Human Values**



Love
Respect
Peace





ART

- Voluntary Exchange
- Virtual Gallery

PERFORMANCE

- Concerts, Bands
- Theater, Dance
- Mime
- Puppets, Clowns,
- Improvisation
- Comedy

FILM/MEDIA

ART OF HEALING SYMPOSIUM

POP UP EVENTS

MARQUEE FOR EVERYTHING

ART SPACE FOR MAKING AND DOING

CHILDREN'S PARADE

STED TALKS

GAMES, DIGITAL CREATIVITY, WRITING, CREATING, MAKING

SICA PROGRAMS & SERVICES



- SICA Prize
- Associate Memberships
- Poems for Peace
- Celebrate!
- SICA Update
- SICA Facebook fanpage
- Poems for Peace fanpage
- Seed Grants
- Fiscal Sponsorship
- Technical Support
- Online Training
- Marketing
- Advocacy
- Fundraising
- Project Support



SICA's Poems for Peace is a Capacity Building Program

How can Zone Trustees and Helpers help SICA build capacity in their zones and regions?



SICA has been mandated by *Spokane Congress* to have national SICAs that are its voting members — like SDIA. Many national committees don't support this. (A few do.)

How can Zone Trustees and Helpers help SICA educate the members to build support and help for SICA to grow in their zones and regions?



with love from

