



SPC continued to educate and inspire through its monthly *Peace Newsletter*. May 2009's "All Street NOT Wall Street" cover image featured the above dandelion breaking through the pavement and remaking the New York Stock Exchange.

*PNL Graphic: Karen Kerney*

In January and February, SPC worked closely with the Islamic Society of CNY and others to organize local protests against the Israeli government's (supported by US government funding) assault on the people of Gaza. Local efforts continue through the CNY Working Group for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel.

*Photos: Andy Mager (top),*



SPC's Peace Outreach is once again attracting the attention of thousands of visitors at the Saturday morning Regional Market. Join regulars like Peter Sinatra (above) from 9-10 am this summer, or join our weekday outreach on Tuesdays from 4:45-5:30 pm (check SPC's website or the *Peace Newsletter* for changing weekly locations).

*Photo: Ann Tiffany*

Over 60 local peace activists marched through downtown Syracuse on March 19 to demand a peace economy - the date marking six years of US war and occupation in Iraq. Speakers at symbolic downtown locations highlighted community needs that are going unmet as our government continues to prioritize military funding and corporate bailouts.

*Photo: Karen Kerney*

SPC's annual Strike for Peace Bowlathon continues to be a family-friendly event that's fun for all ages – SPC activists Julie Gozan and Tom Keck formed a team with their children. This year almost 40 teams made SPC's first fundraiser of the year a great success.

*Photo: Caragh Frye*



The 2008 Plowshares Craftsair & Peace Festival – SPC's largest annual fundraiser and festival – set another attendance record this year, with over 3,000 people pouring into Nottingham High School to enjoy a local marketplace and live entertainment. Equally enjoyed by shoppers and crafts people (stone carver Tom Huff – inset – is a regular at Plowshares). Mark your calendars for December 5-6, 2009. Applications for craftspeople and community groups will soon be available.

*Photo: Katherine Hughes (top center), Andy Mager (top right)*



Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation and other community members once again circled for peace and hope on the shores of Onondaga Lake on Thanksgiving morning. In March 2009, NOON activists shared a meal with citizens of the Onondaga Nation to celebrate and discuss our work. The cake featured the Two Row Wampum demonstrating the separate (though interconnected) and sovereign paths of our two communities.

*Photos: Andy Mager*



Core SPC activists, including Steering Committee members, staff and members of active project committees, gathered in early February at a local bed and breakfast for a weekend retreat. In addition to evaluating SPC's work and planning for the future, it gave us a chance to connect with each other. Having found an affordable and welcoming location close to the city, SPC hopes this will become an annual tradition.

*Photo: Andy Mager*