20/20 Visions of Peace: International Paint Pals Collaborative Exhibit

In 1995, Linden Longino started a children’s art initiative that would later become International Paint Pals. Coming out of the Carter Center’s Atlanta Project, International Paint Pals is a grassroots realization of one of former President Jimmy Carter’s initiatives, waging peace. Under founding Director Linden Longino, this community building project has grown to have a global impact while remaining rooted in the city of Atlanta.

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of International Paint Pals, the Carter Library will host “20/20 Visions of Peace,” an exhibition showcasing over 1000 works of art created by children from around the world.

While the exhibition opening is postponed, The Carter Library invites you to take part in this international art project by creating your own version of peace and sharing it through social media.

Tag @CarterLibrary39 on Instagram or Jimmy Carter Presidential Library on Facebook. Use the hashtag #2020VisionsOfPeace and include the peace pledge in your caption: “For the rest of my life I promise to do everything I can to bring peace into the world.” If you don’t have a social media account, email us a picture of your art which we will only post with your permission.

If you post a video reciting the peace pledge, please tag us! @CarterLibrary39 #PeacePledge: “For the rest of my life I promise to do everything I can to bring peace into our world.”
Over the next ten weeks, we will offer a different theme each week.

What do you envision in a peaceful world? Who are your heroes? Help us paint the vision of a better tomorrow. #InternationalPaintPals #CarterLibrary #PresidentialLibrary #JimmyCarter #Peace

Schedule of Themes

Week 1: May 13-19- Doves of Peace
Recognized the world over as a symbol of peace, the spiritual messenger soothes and calms our worried and troubled minds. Paint a picture and include a dove to show your commitment to living a peaceful life with purpose.

Week 2: May 20-26, Globes / Maps- We are in a unique situation caused by the current health crisis and fighting a global pandemic with the rest of the world. We are all one. We are not alone.

Week 3: May 27-June 2, Animals- Whether your pets became your coworkers or you watched the birds from your window, animals are some of the world’s greatest gifts. Share your love of animals with a drawing or painting.

Week 4: June 3-9, Nature- While most of the world was sheltering in place, one of the things we did to raise our spirits was to go on walks in our neighborhoods, in our yards, or in the woods-- 6 feet apart of course. What did you notice? Share your favorite places with us, even if they were just in your mind.

Week 5: June 10-16, Olympics and Sports- Something we have taken for granted and are all now missing: Organized sports and the Olympic Games. Soon, we will be able to gather together to celebrate and support our favorite teams and athletes. What do sports mean to you?

Week 6: June 17-23, Culture and Traditions- Share a piece of your culture and favorite traditions with the rest of the world.

Week 7: June 24-30, Family- Never has the tie that binds us been stronger than it is now. What does family mean to you? What kind of world do you wish for your family?

Week 8: July 1- July 7, Neighborhoods- Community has never been so important to us and many of our neighborhoods endured the impact of the global health crisis. How did your neighborhood pull together? Show us what your community means to you.

Week 9: July 8-14, Emotions- Use this outlet to show us how you feel. What does peace, or the fight for peace, look like in your eyes and in your heart?

Week 10: July 15-21, Abstract / free draw- Use your creativity and individuality to demonstrate your vision of peace and a better world.
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