



June 2024 Newsletter

Save the Date for PeaceTrees 29th Anniversary Luncheon!



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024



Join us on **October 31st, 2024**, as PeaceTrees Vietnam hosts our 29th Anniversary Luncheon. We are excited to return to the Four Seasons Hotel in Seattle for this meaningful annual event. It will be a wonderful opportunity to gather in- person, celebrate our achievements, and support our ongoing mission of addressing the legacy of war and promoting peace in Vietnam.

Stay tuned for a formal invitation with more details. We look forward to sharing this memorable day with you!

Updates from Vietnam

Beach Cleanup and Mine Risk Education in Cửa Việt

In celebration of Action Month for the Environment, PeaceTrees Vietnam recently organized a beach cleanup at Cửa Việt Beach in Quảng Trị province. More than 60 enthusiastic staff members joined forces with the Cửa Việt Town Youth Union for a rewarding day of cleaning up the beach. In addition to the cleanup, PeaceTrees provided an explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) was provided for Youth Union members and volunteers. This information is crucial, especially in an area like Quảng Trị with high levels of unexploded ordnance (UXO) contamination, as it equips participants with the knowledge to stay safe around UXO.



PeaceTrees Vietnam's staff and Youth Union volunteers participating in a beach cleanup in Quảng Trị province



PeaceTrees Vietnam staff conducting an EORE session for attendees in Quảng Trị province

Special Gratitude to PeaceTrees Medic Lê Quang Ánh

Earlier this year, Mr. Lê Quang Ánh, a medic for PeaceTrees Vietnam, rescued two middle school students who had been swept away by waves at Nhật Tân Beach. Mr. Ánh had been at the beach with his family when he and local fishermen responded to cries for help. The students were taken to a local hospital after Mr. Ánh provided first aid.

Please join us in sharing our gratitude to Mr. Ánh for his bravery and service - not only as a member of EOD Team No.2 with PeaceTrees Vietnam but also as an active and responsive community member. Thank you for your dedication and compassion, Mr. Ánh!



Calling all Vietnamese in Seattle!



Calling all Vietnamese in Seattle! PeaceTrees Vietnam invites you to join us in our mission address the legacy of war and build a safer and greener future for Vietnam. Whether you are a refugee, an immigrant, or a second or third-generation Vietnamese-American, your involvement is vital and can make a lasting impact on our efforts.

Get involved with PeaceTrees by participating in a community event, going on a Citizen Diplomacy Trip, or being part of a space to honor and explore your identity. Together, we can make a significant difference and strengthen our community ties.

For more information on how you can participate, please reach out to Kimberly Hoàng, our Citizen Diplomacy Manager, at info@peacetreesvietnam.org

Travel to Vietnam with PeaceTrees this September!



Registration is open now for PeaceTrees Vietnam's Autumn 2024 Citizen Diplomacy Trip from **September 20 to October 4!** This unique travel experience is an incredible way to experience Vietnam by:

- Engaging in the work of PeaceTrees Vietnam
- Meeting U.S. Embassy staff and learning about diplomatic priorities
- Visiting Hanoi, Ninh Bình, Quảng Bình, Quảng Trị Province, and Saigon
- Immersion in Vietnamese culture and history

Learn more about traveling with PeaceTrees and apply for Autumn 2024 [HERE](#).

What We're...

Looking Forward To: ["Vietgone" presented by Pork Filled Productions and SIS Productions](#)

Throughout August, Theatre Off Jackson will host "Vietgone," a play by Qui Nguyen with original music by Shane Rettig. Set in 1975, the story follows two young survivors who meet in a Vietnamese refugee camp in Arkansas and navigate a strange new world. Look out for exciting news in our next newsletter about PeaceTrees' involvement with this dynamic production! Get your tickets [HERE](#).



Listening To: ["I Was Born In A Refugee Camp." An Interview with StoryCorps](#)

Sisters Mai Lo Lee and Beth Lo grew up in a large Hmong family on a ginseng farm in Wisconsin, but their story dates back to the U.S.-Vietnam War in Vietnam. At StoryCorps, the sisters reflected on their family's struggles and survival, their Hmong heritage, and how a rice steamer became a family legend. Listen [HERE](#).



Drinking: [Creative Vietnamese Coffee & More at Drip Drip Coffeehouse](#)

355 15th Ave, Seattle

Newly opened Drip Drip Coffeehouse is a women-owned and minority-operated Vietnamese coffee shop located in the heart of Seattle's Cherry Hill neighborhood. This cozy café sources Robusta and Arabica beans from Lâm Đồng, Vietnam, to offer delicious drinks like salted cream coffees, coconut ube coffees, and tiramisu lattes. The menu includes matcha and non-caffeinated beverages as well. Enjoy a fun brew and be sure to take your picture in front of the hand painted mural!



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