

William Stafford Peace Festival: September 19-20, 2026

Sponsored by Root.ED Nature School with the Confluence Poets

*In commemoration of International Peace Day,
in celebration of the 10th anniversary of William Stafford poetry readings in the Methow Valley,
and in solidarity with actively waging peace throughout our community!*

Saturday, September 19

9-10:30 am: Peace Button-Making Workshop

Methow Arts
(Methow Arts)

10:30 am to Noon: Peace Writing Workshop

Twisp Park (Webb Shelter)
(Subhaga Crystal Bacon)

Noon to 1 pm: Peaceful Protest

Near the corner of Highway 20 and Glover Street)
(Stand With Us—Isabelle Spohn)

1:30-2:30 pm: Community Café—Conversation on Choosing Hope, Waging Peace (bring your lunch!)

Twisp Park (Webb Shelter)
(Methow Rising—Susan Speir and Byron Odion)

2:30-4 pm: Nature Walk and Storytelling for Children and Families

Methow Valley Native Garden
(Root.ED Nature School with Methow Natives—
Liz Blackman and Imelda Cervantes Barnard with
Rob Crandall)

4:30-5:30 pm: Intergenerational Peace Flag- Making Workshop

TwispWorks Performing Arts Pavilion
(The Confluence: Art in Twisp with Root.ED Nature
School and Methow At Home)

4:30-5:30 pm: Peace Song Sing-Along

TwispWorks Performing Arts Pavilion
(Avery Young & Friends)

Sunday, September 20

10-11 am: Talk on Pledging Peace—William Stafford's Pacifism and BioEarth's Peace Pledge

Methow Valley Community Center
(Methow Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship—
Lois Caswell)
Speakers: Cindy Williams Gutiérrez and
Liz Blackman)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Deep-dive Discussion of William Stafford's Meditative Poetry

WellSpring (at Methow Valley Community Center)
(Confluence Poets—Teresa Williams)

1:30-2:30 pm: Meditation on Equanimity and Lovingkindness

WellSpring (at Methow Valley Community Center)
(Sharon Cohen)

3-5 pm: William Stafford Poetry Celebration

The Confluence: Art in Twisp
(Confluence Poets—Cindy Williams Gutiérrez with
Sam Owen)

- Keynote Speaker: Sheela McLean
- Featured Readers: Confluence Poets
- Guest Readers: Students
- Musical Guests: Lynette Westendorf
Ken Bevis