

2012 Highlights

US Women & Cuba Collaboration

1. Co-sponsored and addressed the Opening Reception for Cuban Five Hero Antonio Guerrero's Art Exhibit, "Antonio Guerrero: From My Altitude," at the M. Rosetta Hunter Art Gallery at Seattle Central Community College. (January 12, 2012)
2. Held a Strategic Planning Retreat of the Collaboration's National Coordinating Committee to set goals and direction for next two years in Seattle, WA. (January 13-15, 2012)
3. Presented a sack lunch seminar, "Advancing Women's Rights: Views from Cuba," at Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana. (February 8, 2012)
4. Co-sponsored the Seattle International Women's Day event, at which Shan Ottey, one of our 2012 Women's Delegation participants, won the IWD annual award for life time achievement. (March 2012)
5. Organized and coordinated the Norma Vasallo 2012 US Speaking Tour during which Dra. Vasallo, Chair of Women Studies at the University of Havana, made presentations about advancing women's rights and gender equity in Cuba and had scholarly exchanges in five US cities: Columbus, Ohio, Baltimore, San Francisco, Edison, NJ, and New York. (April-May 2012)
6. Co-sponsored a Research Trip to Cuba for Collaboration Co-Chair Jan Strout to explore educational exchanges with MSU (Montana State University) and the University of Havana's Women and Gender Studies Department. Research on sustainability and community development for 2013 Delegation. Report backs about results of trip to MSU's Office of International Programs and Women's Center. (March-April 2012)
7. Collaborated on the 2012 US Film and Speaking Tour by Cuban social psychologist Norma Guillard and US filmmaker, Catherine Murphy, as they screened *Maestra (Teacher)*, Catherine Murphy's film about the 1961 Cuban Literacy Campaign which featured Norma Guillard reflecting on her experiences as a brigadista during the Campaign. (May 2012)
8. Presented and participated in the 2012 Annual Conference of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) in San Francisco, and had the pleasure of an introduction and conversation with Mariela Castro. (May 23-26, 2012)
9. Hosted an Oakland houseparty (at home of host, Julie Goodson-Lawes, member of our National Advisory Board) as a fundraising reception for the shared benefit of the *Maestra* project and the Collaboration. Special guests were Dra. Norma Vasallo, Chair of Women's Studies at the University of Havana, and Norma Guillard, social psychologist and leader in the struggle against homophobia in Cuba. Also Catherine Murphy, Director and Producer of *Maestra*, a film about the 1961 Cuban Literacy Campaign. (May 27, 2012)
10. Presented workshop at NOW (National Organization for Women) National Conference in Baltimore, MD: *Energize! Organize! Stop the War on Women*. Collaboration Coordinating Committee member Caridad Morales Nussa presented on "Federation of Cuban Women and

CEDAW (The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.”
(June 29-July 1, 2012)

11. Coordinated a Women’s Research Delegation to Cuba, “*Women Advancing Economic Justice and Human Rights*,” organized by Marazul Charters, Inc. in consultation with the Collaboration. Delegates visited Havana, Santa Clara, Camaguey, Bayamo, La Comandancia la Plata in the Sierra Maestra Mountains, and Santiago de Cuba. (September 1-12, 2012)
12. Co-sponsored Seattle visit of Daisy Rojas, the Program Coordinator of the International Relations Department of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center in Havana. (October 18-22, 2012)
13. Co-sponsored and organized Washington DC and Baltimore visit of renowned Cuban poet and author Nancy Morejón. Events at University of Maryland, Busboys and Poets, Coppin State University, Baltimore Hostelling International. (October 23-28, 2012)
14. Coordinated fundraising and donations for victims of Hurricane Sandy. (October-November 2012)
15. Organized and Co-Sponsored a December 10 Human Rights Day event for the World March of Women’s 24 Hours of Feminist Action. Showing of “Living Along the Fenceline,” a film about women who live alongside US military bases around the world and who are often subjected to violence against women. Guest speaker Michiko Hase, member of the International Women's Network Against Militarism. (December 10, 2012)
16. Launched 2012 Annual End of Year Fundraising Campaign with support of a benefactor who matched all funds raised. (December 2012)
17. Montana: Informational presentations at MSU and in the Bozeman community. House Party to plan for the 2013 Women’s Research Delegation. (December 2012)
18. Seattle: Reading and study group meetings.
19. Communications: Facebook, YouTube, 2012 Calls to Action, Postcard distribution
20. Fundraising: Awarded RESIST grant