

ROOTS & SHOOTS PEACE DAY

“Each Roots & Shoots project is a step towards a future in which humans can live in peace in an environmentally sustainable way.”

~Dr. Jane Goodall

www.rootsandshoots.org/peaceday

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What is a Peace Pole?

A Peace Pole is an international symbol and monument to peace. The pole is decorated and has the words “May Peace Prevail On Earth” in a different language on each side.

The Peace Pole Project was an initiative of The World Peace Prayer Society (<http://www.worldpeace.org>), an international non-profit organisation dedicated to uniting the hearts of humanity through the universal message of peace. The Peace Pole Project transcends race, religions and politics to spread the message of peace.

Roots & Shoots groups will be making and displaying Peace Poles this year for Dr Jane’s favorite day of the year: International Day of Peace on the 21st of September.

Places with Peace Poles

- Pyramids in Egypt
- Mt Everest in Nepal
- The US Pentagon
- The United Nations Headquarters

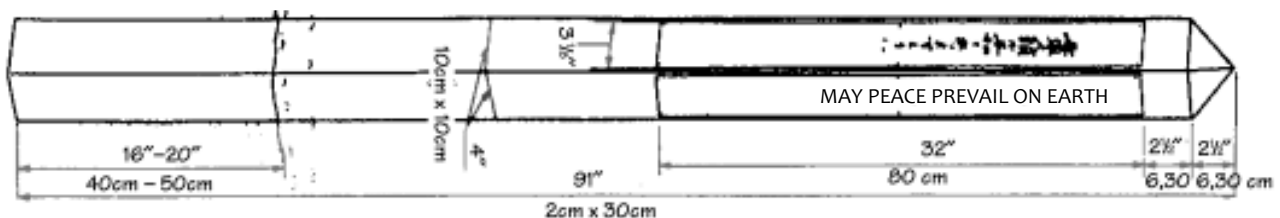


It is estimated there are more than 200 000 Peace Poles around the world.

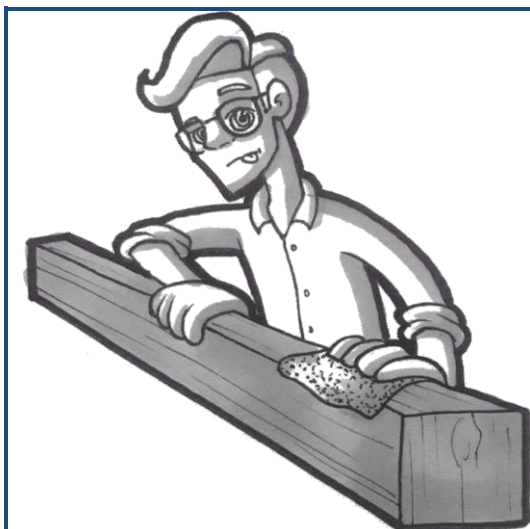
Making a Peace Pole

Materials Needed

- **A pole**
 - preferably four sided piece of cedar wood (contact your local hardware store for a donated piece of wood)
 - look for the straightest piece you can find
 - preferably 230cm long and each side wide enough to write “May Peace Prevail On Earth”
- **Acrylic paint** white and black
- **Roots & Shoots plaque**
 - email rootsandshoots@janegoodall.org.au if you’d like one
- **Sand paper**
 - 1 piece 80 grit and 1 piece 220 grit
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- **Sanding block**
- **Cloth**
- **Paintbrushes**
 - large ones to paint/decorate the pole and small one to write “May Peace Prevail On Earth”
- **Shovel**
 - to dig a hole to put your Peace Pole in
- **Get creative!**
 - anything else you would like to use to decorate your Peace Pole
- **Translations**
 - Research what 4 languages you would like displayed on your Peace Pole at www-peace.sakura.ne.jp



Instructions



Clean and Sand your Peace Pole

Starting with the 80 grit, sand the entire piece of wood until clean and smooth. Finish sanding with the 220 grit sand paper. Once sanded, use a cloth to remove all dust.



Painting

Paint your Peace Pole white and allow to dry overnight

**as an option, decorate your pole with paintings of natural scenes or animals, places that you feel at peace*

Illustrations by Jack Grayson

NOTE: Peace Poles can also be purchased through *The World Peace Prayer Society* <http://www.worldpeace.org>.



Message

On each side in black paint, write
“May Peace Prevail On Earth”
in your chosen languages

**optional use recycled materials to
decorate your Peace Pole*



Digging

Using a shovel dig a hole 75cm deep into
the ground. Place the Peace Pole upright
and fill around the hole with the dirt.

**if your pole is a different size, about 1/3
should go into the ground*



Celebrate

Your Peace Pole is ready to celebrate
Peace Day! Have a planting ceremony!

Share a photo on the Roots & Shoots
Peace Day Facebook Page:

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