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**Traprock Peace Center's - 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration -  
"Disarming Realities, Lessons Learned"**

**7PM Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003**

**Frontier Regional School, 113 North Main Street, Deerfield, MA**

Members and supporters will celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Traprock Peace Center's founding in 1979 with gatherings in Deerfield on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

The public is invited to the auditorium of Frontier Regional School. 113 N. Main Street, South Deerfield to consider "Disarming Realities, Lessons Learned" combining views from a former US Marine, an organic farmer and a Nuclear Freeze organizer.



The keynote speaker will be **Scott Ritter**, former UN weapons inspector in Iraq and US Marine Intelligence Officer, sharing crucial insights and lessons that could save lives in the years ahead.



The public program begins at 7 pm. **Randy Kehler & Juanita Nelson** will offer introductory remarks on the theme of disarmament. Traprock's first director, Randy

Kehler, looks back and looks forward, reflecting on the continuing importance of social disarmament.

Juanita Nelson of Deerfield proposes simple living & the challenge of personal, economic disarmament as an alternative to the tragedies of war. She is a co-founder of Peacemakers (1948), the Pioneer Valley Community Land Trust, the Greenfield Farmers Market, and Pioneer Valley War Tax Resisters.

In the past year, Traprock staff and supporters have collaborated with colleagues organizing educational forums on alternatives to war in ten cities and towns from Boston to Baltimore, and from Gloucester to Indianapolis. Ritter's inside analysis reveals the process of disarmament as a painstaking but workable alternative to the chaos and tragedy of protracted wars. Through an international press conference call conducted at Traprock on July 9, tens of thousands heard Ritter's comments in mainstream media, alternative press and at [www.traprockpeace.org](http://www.traprockpeace.org).

**A Fund-raising Reception supporting Traprock's national, regional and local work will be held from 5:15-6:15 PM Tuesday, Oct. 7, for individual donors of \$50 or more. R.s.v.p. at 413 773-7427 for details on Deerfield location.**

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