

# PEACE FELT 2011

## TXMD 2180 – Textiles I

MTSU Textiles, Merchandising and Design students participated in Peace Felt 2011 with guidance from Nancy Oxford, Assistant Professor in the Human Sciences department. Each student felted individual pieces that were combined together to form a wall hanging symbolizing peace in other countries. Each student chose a letter of the words **“Peace Be With You.”**





Peace Felt is an organization that creates connections among people around the world by promoting love and peace through textile art. Peace Felt 2011 is a project to create a work of art using handmade felt which symbolizes peace or unconditional love to give and receive from partners across the world. The mission is to promote peace and connectivity among nations, loving kindness among individuals, gratitude in our hearts and in our consciousness---knowing that WE create our world through our thoughts, words, and actions.

Peace Felt 2011 was created to celebrate the International Day of Peace recognized by the United Nations. The International Day of peace was first established in 1981. It is one day out of the year, September 21<sup>st</sup> that is dedicated to non-violence and a cease-fire among warring nations. Unlike other events that focus on a theme Peace Felt's only requirement is for textile artists to share their own interpretation of peace. Peace Felt 2011 was created to promote awareness of the ancient art of felt making for its qualities of being earth friendly, extremely versatile, and easy to learn.



Each participant was partnered with a Giving Partner and a Receiving Partner. This method was conceived to create a continuous circle that has no beginning and no end, but is a continuous circle of peace and brotherhood. It permitted the students the feeling of giving freely, without expectation of a return and the blessing of receiving without expectation and without obligation. Students were encouraged to open their hearts and mind and to know that no matter what the Peace Felt they received looked like, it was created in the spirit of love, connection and peace. The Textiles, Merchandising and Design student's receiving partner, who the project was sent to, was a fiber guild group, Foothills Fiber, located in Nevada City, CA. The receiving partner whom the students will receive a Peace Felt from, is an eclectic group of women (as self-described) from Dubai, The United Arab Emirates.





**Student Involved in the 2011 project:**

Calvin Rose, Elizabeth Beasley, Alycia Gillaspie, Mikel Nguyen, Daylin, Taylor, Drew Hulse, Jillian McDonald, Taylore Massa, Leslie Stephens, Erica Gaudin, Courtney Williams, Rakia Johnson and Ms. Nancy Oxford (instructor).





United Arab Emirates Peace Felt 2011 received from Dubai

