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## [From The Field - PCIA President's Newsletter](#)

By Jackie Spurlink

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"Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I will meet you there." Jalal ad-Din Rumi

August 2014

**Dear << Test First Name >>**

### ***Iran Today: Quest for New Narratives, Austin, TX, May 29-31, 2015***

#### **Peace Corps Iran Association's Third Biennial Conference**

As RPCVs, we know the current narrative about Iran in America is stereotypical and skewed. PCIA works to address this situation and help the dialogue become more informed and nuanced. To this end, plans are underway for our next conference and gathering to be held May 29-31, 2015 in Austin, TX.

*Iran Today* will explore narratives that recognize opportunities for peaceful relations between our two countries and their people. We are aiming for a diverse audience including the Peace Corps and Iranian communities, students, scholars, and the general public. Speakers, panels, workshops, and a cultural bazaar will fill the three day schedule on the UT campus.

We are currently seeking proposals from potential presenters. For information about presenting, please email us at: [Austin2015@peacecorpsiran.org](mailto:Austin2015@peacecorpsiran.org).

This is another big event for PCIA, and we're going to need lots of help! If you can help with planning or during the actual event, please email me at: [jackie@peacecorpsiran.org](mailto:jackie@peacecorpsiran.org).

#### **Election of Officers**

At our July business meeting, board officers were elected for the coming year (from July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015), as follows:

President - Jackie Spurlock  
Vice-president - Carolyn Yale  
Secretary - Jeanette Grayson Gottlieb  
Treasurer - Doug Schermer

Genna Wangsness was designated PCIA Historian.

John Krauskopf, John Salamck, and Mary Marks continue on the board as at-large members. We also have many PCIA members helping on committees and various projects. Let me know if you would like to get involved. We need you!

#### **Finding Friends**

## **Many Friends**

Last month I shared a note from Noel Siver in England who once traveled to Estahbanat, Fars province to meet a master ceramist who lived there. While there, she met the local Peace Corps volunteer, and would now like to share some photos of that visit with him, and reconnect. The PCV served in Estahbanat, now called Estahban, from 1969-71. Last month's story garnered a couple of new members for us who were not the right volunteer, but whom we are still pleased to welcome to PCIA! Once we find that RPCV (or at least his name), I'll share the whole story with you. If you can help, please email me at: [jackie@peacecorpsiran.org](mailto:jackie@peacecorpsiran.org).

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Peace Corps Iran Association  
Douglas Schermer, Treasurer  
1040 Dakota Ave  
Wayland, IA 52654

## **KhabarNameh**

**The next issue of KhabarNameh, PCIA's official newsletter, will be published in September. [Click here](#) to download the most recent issue, February 2014.**

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## **PCIA Mission Statement**

**The mission of PCIA is to preserve the legacy of Peace Corps Iran, foster a better understanding of Iran in the U.S., and build a climate of mutual understanding between Americans and Iranians.**

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## **PCIA Board Members**

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