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NEW BOOK *IRON BUTTERFLIES* FEATURES PEACE X PEACE FOUNDER

Patricia Smith Melton remembers pain and triumph

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Washington, DC, May 3, 2010. *Iron Butterflies*, a new book by Birute Regine about women transforming themselves and subsequently the world, features a very personal story about Peace X Peace founder Patricia Smith Melton.

Though artist and social innovator Smith Melton is often profiled for her work as Peace X Peace founder and editor of *Sixty Years, Sixty Voices: Israeli and Palestinian Women* (<http://www.60voices.org>), she rarely discusses her less recent past. Here in two anecdotes, both painful and ultimately triumphant, she reveals little-known facts of her life. Her telling is intimate and profound.

In addition to Smith Melton's stories, the author also includes content about three members of the Peace X Peace Advisory Council: Jean Shinoda Bolen, MD, Dr. Azizah al-Hibri, and Dr. Riane Eisler.

About her own book, Regine says, "What began as a potentially fascinating book project has morphed into something of a personal mission and a calling for me." *Iron Butterflies* was mentioned recently in a *Huffington Post* article by Russ Wellen, who says "*Iron Butterflies* is especially essential reading for young women who often fail to appreciate just how hard-won are the opportunities they enjoy today."

Peace X Peace (pronounced Peace by Peace, <http://www.peacexpeace.org>) is a global network of women with women-focused e-media, fresh analysis, and from-the-frontlines perspectives. It engages, connects, and amplifies women's voices as the most direct and powerful ways to create cultures of peace around the world.

To learn more about *Iron Butterflies* and to order your copy, visit <http://www.ironbutterflies.com>. For more information about Peace X Peace founder Patricia Smith Melton and to request copies of *Sixty Years, Sixty Voices* or the documentary *Peace by Peace, Women on the Frontlines*, go to <http://www.peacexpeace.org>.

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