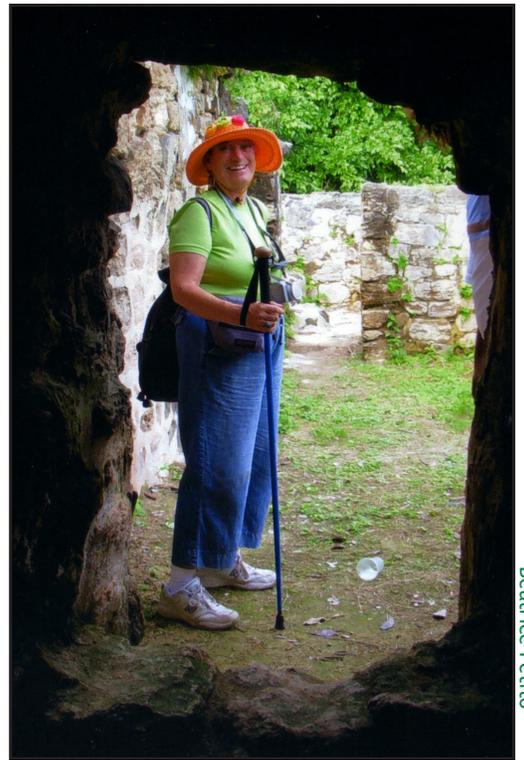




Merry Christmas from Belize
(Cerros, Corozal District, Belize)



Beatrice Petito

Dear Friends and Family,

I hope this finds you well and happily navigating the changes in our economic conditions. Prosperity without growth!

I started 2010 with an exploration of northern Belize with my friend, Bea. And I finished it with four Quakers, one from the U.S. and three from Bolivia, in Cancun, Mexico, at the Climate Change Summit, COP-16. In between I spent three months in the U.S. visiting grandchildren and helping with my sister Becky Schmitz' unsuccessful re-election campaign. She got caught in the national mood against Democrats and incumbents.

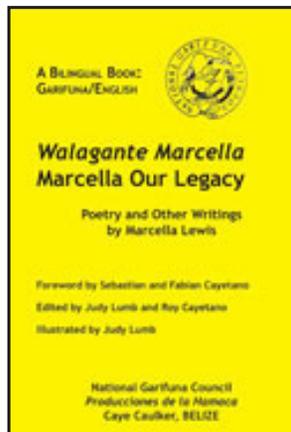
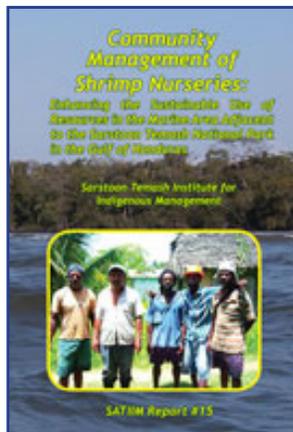
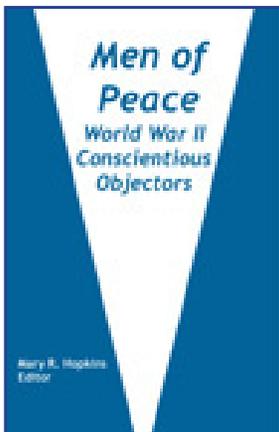
COP-16 was an amazing experience and very important for the entire world. It is a pity that the U.S. media did not cover it except for Amy Goodman at Democracy Now. The rest of the world did. There were cameras everywhere. We all got interviewed for various media in other countries. I was interviewed for Japanese television. I wrote of my experiences each day and have posted that blog, photos, and videos <judylumb.com/cop-16/cop-16.html>.

The previous COP-15 in Copenhagen last year was filled with secret meetings and backroom deals, which created such ill

will, that I was told it took all year just to get people talking to each other again. Patricia Espinosa, the Foreign Minister of Mexico and President of COP-16, did an incredible job of leading an open, inclusive and transparent conference, which restored the faith of the world in the multilateral process. I expect to see her as the first female Secretary General of the United Nations.

While all countries commented that the agreement was not perfect, it was a good one and put the process on a good footing for a legally binding agreement to be signed in Durban, South Africa next year at COP-17. The only country dissenting was Bolivia, all of whose concerns were totally legitimate and important. They were concerned about long-term and political implications of this agreement and held out for the ideal agreement. Despite their well-stated concerns the feeling of global unity in that room was palpable and uplifting. I hope to go to Durban for COP-17.

My family is all well and my grandchildren are growing up. All six are wonderful, each in their unique ways: Ray (15), Dean (11), Frankie (9), Billy (6), Ollie (4) and Arlo (2). I love you all!



As always, I have enjoyed my publishing work. During 2010 I published three new books: *Men of Peace: World War II conscientious Objectors*, *Community Management of Shrimp Nurseries*, *Walagante Marcella: Marcella Our Legacy*. All are available from Amazon.com.

All the best for 2011!

Love, Judy

