

SUMMERTIME

PARTY FOR GREENSPACE

Summer is here with its fog-bound mornings and sunny afternoons, which means that Greenspace's annual *Art & Adventure Dinner & Auction* is just around the corner. On *Saturday, July 23rd*, we will gather at the Creekside Reserve (2264 Center Street in Cambria) for wine, fruit and cheese at 5 p.m. and then walk over to Robin's Restaurant for dinner at 6. A lively auction of art and adventures will follow.

This year, the auction features a media mix of new works by locally and nationally known artists, including Lana Cochrun, Art Van Rhyne, Carol Jean Attoe, Fox and Lois Garney, Tim Cotterill, Bill Matthies, Sue Johnson, Julie Coogan and June Carey. In addition, we're offering some favorite adventures, including Uncruise's Columbia River



Lana Cochrun, "Piedras Blancas Morning"

Wine Cruise, a stay at Turtlehead Farm on Orcas Island, seven nights at the Donatello in San Francisco and Dave Bidwell's Big Sur Wilderness Hike, along with new events, including Take Flight: Condor and Flight Simulator Adventure, a Central Coast Guided Fishing Trip with Jim Webb, a gourmet Pizza Party at a beautiful Edna Valley home, and two-nights at Santa Barbara's historic Upham Hotel.

You are cordially invited to join old friends and meet new ones, and to support Greenspace in our major fundraising event of the year. Tickets are \$100 each. Please call 805-927-2866 to reserve (we usually sell out well in advance, so don't delay). Proceeds from the event help to fund Greenspace's crucial land purchases and conservation projects, along with our growing community education programs.

SUMMER READING FOR THE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONCERNED

I have a summer vision—warm afternoons in a hammock, book in hand, lemonade glass at the ready. It's not a dream I get to pursue very often these days. Reading, along with many other slow activities—baking bread, an evening of Scrabble with friends, building a fence for my garden—seem to always be on the back burner. I scroll through email and Facebook for longer than I like to think I do, but for reading, that old-fashioned armchair adventure, where did the time go?

Maybe (oh, heresy!), as with so much in our "more is better" society, so many books make it too difficult to settle on and sink into one. The task of finding the good reads seems daunting. It's easier to flip through short articles and Facebook re-posts (and ripostes). But summer is the traditional time for reading lists, so I offer the following, somewhat random, one to Greenspace members.

I haven't read all these books—it's my summer list, too. I have read reviews of most of them, so I trust that they have quality content and at least decent writing. Several are classics. Some are new within the last few years. They explore many dimensions of the environment, ecosystems and their protection, and the critical issues of climate change, water quality and availability, regenerative agriculture and building resilient communities. Happy reading!

Edward Abbey, *Desert Solitaire*. *“Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit, and as vital to our lives as water and good bread.”*

Wendell Berry, *The Art of the Commonplace*. *“Healing is impossible in loneliness; it is the opposite of loneliness. Conviviality is healing. To be healed we must come with all other creatures to the feast of Creation.”*

Greg Cajete, *A People’s Ecology*. *“The contributors [to this book] challenge us to reclaim our collective heritage of caring for our ‘home fires’, a metaphor for the traditional Indigenous sense...of connections among people, plants, animals and natural forces.”*

Rachel Carson, *Under the Sea Wind*. *“To stand at the edge of the sea, to sense the ebb and flow of the tides, to feel the breath of a mist moving over a great salt marsh, to watch the flight of shore birds that have swept up and down the surf lines of the continents for untold thousands of years...is to have knowledge of things that are as nearly eternal as any earthly life can be.”*

Jared Diamond, *The World until Yesterday: What can we learn from traditional societies?* *“Most of our understanding of human psychology is based on subjects who may be described by the acronym WEIRD: from Western, educated, industrialized, rich, and democratic societies.”*

John Francis, *Planetwalker*. *“I realize that I have taken a stand that challenges a way of life, a way of seeing things..... Even more difficult for me to understand is the burgeoning feeling of something spiritual and sacred in the ordinary act of walking.”*

David George Haskell, *The Forest Unseen: A Year’s Watch in Nature*. *“I examine life at all scales, from microbes to mastodons, and explore how the life of forests can help us understand our own relationship to the natural world.”*

Naomi Klein, *This Changes Everything*. *“So we are left with a stark choice: allow climate disruption to change everything about our world, or change pretty much everything about our economy to avoid that fate. But we need to be very clear: because of our decades of collective denial, no gradual, incremental options are now available to us.”*

Elizabeth Kolbert, *The Sixth Extinction*. *“Right now, we are deciding, without quite meaning to, which evolutionary pathways will remain open and which will forever be closed. ...it will, unfortunately, be our most enduring legacy.”*

Richard Louv, *Last Child in the Woods*. *“An environment-based education movement--at all levels of education--will help students realize that school isn't supposed to be a polite form of incarceration, but a portal to the wider world.”*

Wangari Maathi, *Unbowed*. *“Education, if it means anything, should not take people away from the land, but instill in them even more respect for it, because educated people are in a position to understand what is being lost.”*

Bill McKibben, *Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Doable Future*. *“Last year, the USDA said for the first time in 150 years that there were more farms in America instead of fewer. I think that's the single most hopeful statistic I know.”*

Kathryn Dean Moore and Michael Nelson, *Moral Ground*. *“We must live according to the principle of a land ethic. The alternative is that we shall not live at all.”*

John Muir, *My First Summer in the Sierra*. *“Every morning, arising from sleep, the happy plants and all our fellow animal creatures great and small, and even the rocks, seemed to be shouting, "Awake, awake, rejoice, rejoice, come love us and join in our song. Come! Come!”*

Janisse Ray, *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*. *“The land itself has been the victim of social dilemmas, racial injustice, lack of education, and dire poverty. ... and when getting by meant using the land, we used it.”*

Joel Salatin, *Everything I Want to Do Is Illegal*. *“A farm includes the passion of the farmer's heart, the interest of the farm's customers, the biological activity in the soil, the pleasantness of the air about the farm -- it's everything touching, emanating from, and supplying that piece of landscape. A farm is virtually a living organism.”*

Terry Tempest Williams, *The Hour of Land*. *“The call of the wild is not what you hear but what you follow. Wilderness is the source of what we can imagine and what we cannot — the taproot of consciousness.”*

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