“This is kind of a seasonal ceremony, Bioneers. If we were migrating birds, this would be our staging ground, where we come and talk about what we hatched this year and what breeding was like.”

— Janine Benyus at Bioneers 2005
BIONEERS
DECLARATIONS OF INTERDEPENDENCE

JOIN US FOR OUR 17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
THE ANNUAL BIONEERS CONFERENCE IS A HUB OF PRACTICAL
solutions for restoring the Earth — and people. It’s a thriving network of visionary
innovators who are working with nature to heal nature. The bioneers draw from
four billion years of evolutionary intelligence and apply nature’s operating instruc-
tions in practical ways to serve human ends harmoniously. We herald a dawning age
of interdependence founded in nature’s principles of diversity, kinship, community,
cooporation and reciprocity.

The good news is that for
the most part the solutions
to our problems are already
present. The models perco-
late up from the deep wis-
dom of the natural world.
Extraordinary human cre-
ativity focused on problem
solving is exploding the
mythology of despair. The
bioneers focus equally on
the creative social strategies
that can help us realize
these solutions by restoring
community, justice and
democracy. Over and over, it’s the story of how one individual can make a
difference. The solutions residing in nature consistently surpass our conception
of what’s possible.

Bioneers offers pragmatic solutions that honor the web of life as the most fertile
source of inspiration and models. IT’S ALL ALIVE.

One of the beauties of biology is that its facts can become our metaphors. These
underlying codes serve as inspiring parables for how we can organize a more just,
human and authentically sustainable society. IT’S ALL INTELLIGENT.

Interdependence also teaches us that there are no single issues. To address the
whole we must bring together all the parts. Bioneers gathers people at the
crossroads of ecological restoration, human health, social justice and the sacred.
IT’S ALL CONNECTED.

The bioneers span all fields, cultures, ages and walks of life. The work ranges from
science to the sacred — local to global — academic to grassroots — farm to city —
business to public service — art to engineering. We celebrate the gift of life in
all its diversity and mystery, conjuring a change of heart to renew our empathic
connection with the web of life and the Earth, our home. IT’S ALL RELATIVES.

Join us for the 17th annual celebration of the Bioneers Conference. Take part
in this vibrant network, rich with inspiring ideas, models, tools, and resources —
and powerful connections. Join us in improving the environment by changing
the world.

THE BIONEERS EXPERIENCE
WHAT’S IT LIKE TO ATTEND THE BIONEERS CONFERENCE?
How does it all unfold? How do I participate?

The Bioneers Conference is an experience. As such, it’s hard to describe. Many people say
it’s a life-changing and profoundly moving experience that enlarges both heart and
mind. An electrifying journey into a social landscape of hope, where “human ingenuity is wed-
ded to the wisdom of the wild,” in John Todd’s phrase. Over the course of three days
with thousands of kindred spirits, some kinds of natural magic enters the space we create
together, conjuring the beauty of what a restored world feels and looks like. The arc of
days is like a symphony, a resonant tapestry of breakthrough ideas, joyful celebration
and intimate connection.

Each morning from 9 am to 1 pm we gather for five riveting plenaries with the whole
assembly. The presentations are woven with song, poetry, dance and performance.
From 1 pm to 2:45 pm, we break for lunch. You can also visit the many fascinating
exhibitors’ booths and the top-notch bookstores. You can network to your heart’s content,
move your body around, or go check out music and other events rolling inside the site.

Each afternoon from 2:45 pm to 4:30 pm, there are two successive slots of panels, work-
shops. Moving Image Festival screenings and interactive sessions including Conversation
Cafés. Yes, it’s a wealth to choose from! If it seems like too much, just follow your intuition and you’ll find your spot!

At 6 pm each evening, you can linger over the organic
community dinner and network with old and new
friends and other bioneers (see page 29 for info on
buying meal tickets). Or visit some of the networking
receptions sponsored by folks from the Bioneers
Community Network. Maybe take in a movie with
the filmmaker there to speak. Or participate in the rich
menus of interactive and performance special
events. Kick out the jams at the Saturday night dance
organized by the Bioneers Youth Initiative.

So, take a moment to scan these pages — the Bioneers Conference is an oasis.
We’ll see you there!

The possibilities are endless, but don’t despair!
All sessions are recorded and available on CD. All
plenaries on CD and DVD.
www.bioneers.org

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PRE & POST CONFERENCE INTENSIVES

ECOLOGY IS THE FINE ART OF RELATIONSHIPS, THE VASTLY INTRICATE tapestry of interdependence and mutual aid. But just as the fabric of the natural world is in tatters, so is our social fabric. At Bioneers, we’ve become increasingly committed to advancing a hand-picked selection of social technologies that restore relationships and community as the foundation for creating successful progressive social change. Our conference intensive programming is designed to give members of the Bioneers community an opportunity to enhance your skills and be inspired in your work. Check out what is happening pre- and post-Bioneers this year!

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ROCKWOOD LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
Presented by Rockwood Leadership Program

SINCE 2000, THE NONPROFIT ROCKWOOD LEADERSHIP PROGRAM has trained more than 1,500 nonprofit leaders in the skills associated with effective and powerful leadership. Rockwood’s three-day workshops are designed to create breakthroughs in the ability of senior advocates and veteran organizers to inspire and align their teams and their allies toward common goals. This one-day workshop will introduce you to Rockwood’s curriculum, and give you a taste of the practices and perspectives that are bringing power and deep partnership to the social change movement. Be prepared to work and have fun with as many as 100 Bioneers in an intimate setting.

“Rockwood’s training is the single most effective effort I have seen for helping more social change agents find a frame of mind in which they are ready and willing to work together for the larger goal. They set a powerful ethical and political framework for collaboration, and then provide the specific tools needed to make those collaborations work. I can think of no better investment in any social change arena than to have key leaders in key areas participate in this work.”

— Mark Gerzon is president of Mediators Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to resolving conflict and promoting cross-cultural and cross-ideological understanding. He is a nationally recognized trainer and consultant, author of five books, and designed and facilitated the 1994 Bipartisan Congressional Retreats.

The workshop will be led by senior trainers from the Rockwood Leadership Program. For more information about their program go to www.rockwoodleadership.org.

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel, San Rafael, California, 9 am – 5 pm.
Lunch will be provided for all participants.

Cost per person: $105

* * * * * WHICH STORY? WHICH FUTURE?
Vision and Strategy for the Next Generation
For Young Activists (18 to 30 year-olds)

STORIES SHAPE THE WAY WE UNDERSTAND THE WORLD AROUND US. Not only our own personal stories but also the stories of the dominant culture — the stories told by the politicians, the media and the history books. But there are other stories too — the stories of frontline communities, engaged youth and visionaries working for a better world. Which stories will shape the future? How do we transform the stories that justify racism, greed, environmental destruction and wars? How to spread the stories that support work for a just and ecologically sane world?

These are some of the questions we’ll be exploring in this day long intensive workshop with trainers from the smartMeme Strategy and Training Project’s STORY program (Strategy Training and Organizing Resources for Youth). STORY works with youth activists to apply a narrative analysis of power and to design story-based strategies for change. We will use these innovative frameworks to examine the stories that shape popular culture and explore how we can change the story to create a more just future.

Through an interactive, multi-media training format, young bioneers will get a chance to hone their media literacy skills, consider new strategy concepts and learn how to integrate effective storytelling into grassroots campaigns. We will examine on-the-ground victories and explore strategies for reclaiming popular culture with our generation’s stories of hope and change. Join us to become a more effective storyteller, strategist and change agent.

The workshop will be led by trainers from the smartMeme/STORY program: Doyle Canning, Kate Joaquín and Patrick Petr董事长. For more information about their program go to www.smartmeme.com/STORY.

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel, San Rafael, California, 9 am – 5 pm.
Lunch will be provided for all participants.

Cost per person: $55, no discounts apply.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS
2:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Nature’s Operating Instructions: True Biotecnologies
Three brilliant leading-edge inventors and engineers join on clean tech, with mycologist and mycotecnology entrepreneur Paul Stamets, natural treatment systems engineer Michael Ogden, founder of Natural Systems International, and inventor-entrepreneur Jay Harman, founder of PAX Scientific. (A1)

The Legacy of Love Canal: Birthing a Movement
Love Canal helped spawn widespread resistance against industrial pollutants and environmental injustice. With legendary Love Canalgrassroots activist Lois Gibbs and former Montague, one of the most respected pollution fighters in the U.S., editor of the indispensable Radical’s Environment & Health News, Pat Hopkins, and Reinhalsburg of smartmail, which specializes in story-based strategies and precautionary principle activism and executive director of the Science and Environmental Health Network, Carolyn Raffensperger. Moderated by Charlotte Beseau, executive director of ConcernsWorld. (A2)

Women Farmers: Cultivating the Web of Nourishment
Women play a vital role in ecological agriculture as leaders, summavers, and innovators. With Dru Rivers, a founding member of Full Belly Farm in the Capay Valley, CA; Linda Holley, farm manager for the Center for Urban Agriculture at Fairview Gardens, Gainesville, FL; and Jehovah Cole, organic farmer, mycobiologist and member of the Native American Farmers’ Cooperative, a Midwestern African American organic farmers collective. (A3)

Looking for an Interactive Learning Experience? See sessions marked with a !

Want to listen in on a jam session among our presenters? Watch for the Kitchen Table Conversation symbol.

Leveraging Giving to Accelerate Change: Philanthropic Innovations
Artful innovations are propelling philanthropic giving. Moderated by Donna Hall, executive director of the Women Donors Network, with philanthropist and co-founder of Play Big, Carol Novell, legendary philanthropist and social entrepreneur Joshua Mailman, and Cheryl King Fischer of the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund. (A4)

Internet Interventions and Cyberspace Strategies
Progressive cyberactivists are radically restructuring the worlds of news, politics and social relationships with innovative social-change cyberstrategies. Hosted by Independent Media Institute Executive Director Don Hazen; with K ezno Lab, systems design engineer and "open source" exponent; Brad Friedman, advocacy blogger (Brudplug) and investigator; and John Lawrence, architect of the Tech Commons program at ConquercWatch. (A5)

Municipal Mojo: Toward Sustainable Cities
Some of the Bay Area’s city governments are leading-edge publishers in innovative urban sustainable management initiatives, creating models the rest of the country can draw from. With Berkeley’s Nayar Toves Bates, who has a long record of highly effective progressive environmental and social initiatives in local and state government; Randy Hayen, Oakland’s former director of sustainability and current executive director of the International Forum on Globalization; Arlene Rodriguez, program officer for the environment at the San Francisco Foundation and commissioner for the environment for the City/County of San Francisco; and Money Sudbury, deputy mayor for energy and environment in Los Angeles. (A6)

Different Strokes: Cross-Cultural Land Management
Come hear about an array of highly sophisticated approaches to land management and restoration, drawn from both indigenous practices and contemporary innovations. Hosted by conservation activist Peter Warshall, with Miguel Santodomingo of the New Mexico Arapahoe Association, a permaculturist who works with the Traditional Native American Farmers Association; George Beyer, of Luiseño-ChicanóCherokee descent, land manager for Mountain Wolf Ranch in Occidental, CA; and Lani Mailmanberg, a former rancher who used 1,200 grazing goats for ecological restoration in ten Western states. (A7)

Diversity: What Is It, and How Do We Get It?
An open conversation about diversity in which participants create a common language and develop strategies to create diversity in their own work. Facilitated by Los Angeles community activist Neela Sharma, whose work helps remove inequalities and systemic barriers to sustainable communities; and LaDonna Redmond, director of an urban farming and local food distribution project in Chicago. (A8)

SourceWatch: A Hands-on Workshop in Citizen Journalism (Part 1)
Join author/activists John Stauber, founder of the Center for Media and Democracy, as he and the staff of the center demonstrate how you can use SourceWatch, a powerful free tool for web-based investigative reporting. SourceWatch enables activists and citizen journalists worldwide to collaborate in creating and updating articles on the people, organizations and issues shaping the public agenda. Note: This is a double session. (A9)

Herb Walk: Get outdoors with Kami McBrine, a teacher of herbal medicine since 1988 including at the UC Nursing School and Stanford Hospital. Kami teaches herology as a relationship with the Earth and a way of life. (A10)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Thinking Like Cathedral Builders: The Future of Food
Against the backdrop of a long-term project of discovering groundbreaking approaches to building and rebuilding buildings, justice and community. With John Abrams, co-founder and CEO of South Mountain Company, a thirty-year-old employee-owned green design and building company on Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts. (B1)

The Globaloral Food Movement: Act Globally, Eat Locally
People around the country and world are reconnecting food to place, community, health and justice. With renowned author and investigative journalist Michael Pollan; Brian Halwill, senior researcher at the Worldwatch Institute and author of Eat Here; and Neera Housanein, professor of Environmental Studies at the University of Hawaii, community organizer and author of Changing the Way American Farms. (B3)
Shamanic Plants and the Fate of the Earth
Shamanic botanical traditions and modern reinventions propose that certain plants may offer people a direct line to a profound ecological intelligence. Hosted by Bioneers Associate Producer J.P. Harpignies, author of Shamanic Plants and the Fate of the Earth with ethnobotanist, artist, and place-person extraordinaire Kaz Harrison, COOPDRYK co-founder, and board member of the Drug Policy Alliance, Jodie Evans; and Erick Davis, editor-at-large of Skunk magazine and author of The Visionary State: A Journey Through California's Spiritual Landscape. (B3)

Restoring Family Values: Empowering Working Mothers and Rejecting the Failure-to-Communcate Model of Reproduction Moderated by Mothering magazine's Peggy O'Mara, with Joan Bladen, co-founder of Ride the Chang and the new organization MomsRising.org, and co-author of the new Motherhood Manifesto; and Gary Ruskin, executive director and co-founder of Commercial Alert, a leader in raising the effects of advertising on children and public health. (B4)

CARRY THE VOICES that Carry You.
Load your iPod with Bioneers podcasts of interviews, plenary sessions, and radio programs. www.bioneers.org

New Tools for Conservation Biology and Environmental Justice (E)
Conservation biologists are joining with technologists, indigenous peoples and EQ advocates to map integrated solutions in the places where we live, work, learn, and play. Hosted by Jon Christensen, research fellow at the Center for Environmental Science and Policy at Stanford with Google Earth software developer and forest activist Rebecca Moore; Erika Zavaleta, landscape ecologist specialists for the global No-Nukes, conservationists, public servants, scientists and citizens around models of effective land management. (A12)

Building Bridges, Cultivating Coalitions, Busting Silos
Diverse constituencies are teaming up for more effective systemic, policy change. Beth Reid, senior advisor at the Field Foundation, leading its collaborative clean energy initiative; and Jean Calani, program officer with the National Parks Foundation, who is working with funders and NGOs to build and sustain long-term policy change on national and global water issues. (B6)

Mainstreaming Sustainability: Big Dogs Enter the Fray
What are the virtues and challenges of big players entering the clean energy and technology field? With Tom Van Dyk, founder of the Philanthropic & Social Investment Community of Practice; a major force in California's Hilltop Solar Rodeo success, James Gollin, board chairman of Rainforest Action Network, who successfully pressured Citibank, Home Depot and Goldman Sachs to "do the right thing"; and John Shprig, president of Powerlight, a solar energy company. (B7)

When Stories Change, the World Changes
A free-range discussion on changing the cultural stories that drive our society, with authors, psychologists and radio host, Thom Hartmann; and social critic Janis Hillman; and author and Air America Radio host Laura Flanders; and Michel Goldaber of Radcliffe Progress; and food activist and author Anna Lappé. (B8)

Speaking — and Listening — Across the divides
Red-blue, rich-poor: The issues all care about are dying on rhetorical battlefields in an on-going civil war of words. How can we speak our truth without polarizing? Learn ways to pose questions that open minds and hearts, turn down the heat when tempers flare, turn polarization into inquiry and more your message nonviolently, facilitated by Vicki Robin, visionary thinker and co-founder of Conversations Call and Let's Talk America. (B9)

SourceWatch: A Hands-on Workshop in Citizen Journalism (Part 2)
See Friday, 2:45, A9, for more info. (B10)

FRIDAY EVENING 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Young Bioneers Mixer Youth are invited to bring your dinner to the youth table for an evening gathering with peers. Come to connect and share stories and strategies.

FRIDAY EVENING 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm
BIONEERS MOVING IMAGE FESTIVAL
After a day of viewing with your fellow bioneers, come unwind before the big screen and discover the films and filmmakers who are making a better world.

OPENING RECEPTION Opening remarks from Kenny Ausbel, founder and co-producer of Bioneers. 9/17/04 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
ZEPHORAH BERMAN Corporate Campaigns and the New Environmentalism: Places, People and the Fate of our Last Great Forests The program director of ForestEthics portrays the innovative citizen-based strategies and broad coalitions including First Nations that are achieving huge successes to save some of the world's last great Boreal forests and ecosystems in Canada, often from destruction by giant U.S. corporations.

CLAYTON THOMAS-MÜLLER Stepping the Energy Colonization of Sacred Native Lands The brilliant young activist from the exemplary Indigenous Environmental Network, discusses how relentless organizing and alliances on the front lines of resistance are stemming industrial society's insatiable appetite to exploit unnamable, renewable energy extraction from Native homelands and sacred lands of Turtle Island.


CARE ANTHONY The Earth, the City and the Hidden Narrative of Race This seminal figure in the environmental justice movement, who founded Earth Island's Urban Habitat program, describes his recent work with the Ford Foundation to bridge urban communities of color with environmental initiatives while revitalizing cultural environmental traditions.

AMY GOODMAN Scotic Government Liars, Media Cheerleaders and the People Who Fight Back "All Governments lie." If we haven't learned this, we need an independent media. Investigative journalist and commentator Democracy Now! calls out the liars and the media cheerleaders with inspiring stories of people who have fought back.

Saturdays Afternoon Sessions 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm
Just Say No — To Corporate Rule A local-control movement is equipping community leaders to challenge governance by corporate few. With attorney Thomas Luxon, co-founder of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund and co-producer of the national Democracy School. Alaskan indigenous rights and environmental activist Shawn M. Larson, a Democracy School teacher; and Fred L. Wallis, a retired Dakota country lawyer who has been a passionate local democracy advocate and organizer. (A11)

Restoration Ecology and Citizen Diplomacy: Protecting Land, Economy and Community Exemplary change agents are preserving critically important, stunningly beautiful, threatened ecosystems. Proclaimed by wildlife biologist and conservation activist Peter Warren, with Zephora Berman, program director for ForestEthics and Courtenay What, co-founder of the Quivira Coalition, exposed to building bridges among ranchers, conservationists, public servants, scientists and citizens around models of effective land management. (A12)
Breaking Stories and Strategies to Combat Metropolitans' Communities
Come hear remarkable stories that provide a compass for building alliances across race, class, and gender and for organizing inner city, suburban and rural communities into healthy and just neighborhoods. With Carl Anthony, deputy director of the Community and Resource Development Unit at the Ford Foundation and chair of the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development; Robert Langhans, Paloma Pais, co-founder of Strategic Communications for the Sustainable Metropolitans Communities Initiative (SMCI) at the Ford Foundation and others (A12).

Getting RadioActive:
Access for Change and Independent and alternative radio is informing and helping millions of listeners. Moderated by Joy Harris, publisher of Waster News; with investigative reporter and Democracy Now co-host Amy Goodman; an entrepreneur and radio broadcaster Thom Hartmann; and investigative reporter Prost Chatterjee. (A14)

Women's Leadership in Transitioning Cultures
A conversation hosted by leading social justice activist and co-founder of the Women's National Leadership Project, Akaya Windwood; with Sarah Crowell, executive director of Destiny Arts; Sally Kohl, co-founder of the Social Justice Infrastructure Funders group and director of the Movement Vision Project; the highly influential writer and social theorist Susan Griffin; professor of psychiatry at UCSF and best-selling author Jean Shinoda Bolen, M.D.; and emeritus professor of education and community Sofia Quintero (aka "Black Artemis"). (A15)

Making the Commons Common Sense
As corporations seek to privatize every aspect of modern life, defining and defending the Commons may be the single most important task of our era. Hosted by Christina Desir of the San Francisco Commission on the Environment, with Harriet Barlow, founder of the Blue Mountain Center and co-founder of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance; and Anil Naidoo, coordinator of the Blue Planet Project of the Council of Canadians. (A16)

Youth Leadership
Moderated by Shalini Kantayya, 28, Brooklyn-based engaged filmmaker, educator and activist; with Adrienne Maree Brown, 27, executive director of the Radics Society and co-founder of the League of Pixelated Youth Alliance; LaConstance Shajid, 18; and Evan Peter, 29, the youngest-ever chief of the Nez-azaar Gwich'in in his village in northeast Alaska, and co-founder and chair of Native Movement, an indigenous nonprofit. (A17)

Zero Waste: A New Vision
For her Monday talk, "zero waste" is an emerging movement to protect the environment and public health, create safe "green" jobs and build engaged communities. This interactive presentation looks at new community-based solutions. Hosted by Martin Bouanga, executive director of the Berkeley Ecology Center, and Annie Leonard, co-coordinator of Global Alliance for Human Alternatives (GAHA), an international movement dedicated to conserving resources and to fighting waste pollution in its many toxic manifestations. (A18)

Risk Your Significance:
Giving to the World Without Giving Yourself Away
This interactive session asks: How can I both be in the world and in myself? How do I create connections in such fragmented and difficult times? With a panel of funders; authors, including organizational specialist Donna Marlor; this "thinkerdoer" will help us explore the unique challenges each of us is facing when using non-hierarchical individual and small-group reflective practices. (A19)

In bringing forth a new emerging dream that combats indigenous values of Earth community with the brilliance of visionary technology, Hosted by the Pachamama Alliance, News This is a double session. (A20)

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Visionary Architecture and Community Building in Marin County
Marin County is making important strides to codify and enact green practices at the county level and to be a leader of sustainability education at the newly renovated College of Marin. With legendary green architect Slim Van der Ryn, now director of the Center for Regenerative Design at the College of Marin, Andrew Edwards, associate director of the center and author of The Sustainability Revolution, Portrait of a Paradigm Shift; Frances White, superintendent/resident of the Marin Community College District; and Marin County Supervisor and long-time business leader and eco-activist, Charles McGlashan. (B1)

Ecocentric Arts:
Making the Invisible Visible
Working in underserved communities, innovative ecocentric arts are producing participatory art projects to demonstrate green issues and strategies, nurture community dialogue and inspire action. Tricia Wells, chief curator of the Sonoma County Museum; moderates artists Susanne Cockerell and Ted Purves (Teneles Art MTestFixture), Donna Keiko Ozawa (Worlds Project), Amy Franceschini (Future Farmers and Flee, Soil), and Susan Leibovitz Steinman (The Blue Line Trail, Elkhornt', Clg, KT) (B12)

Revisiting School Lunches:
Linking Food, Culture, Health and the Environment
Learn about an innovative curriculum and food service initiative that is using a whole-systems approach to address the health and wellness of students and their education for a sustainable world. With Zenechis Barlow, Janet Brown and Margo Crabtree from the Center for Ecological/ Pasty Bonenickis, director of education at the Chicago Botanic Garden; and Professor

Pamela Koch from the Linking Food and Health Secretariat, Department of Health and Behavior Studies, Teachers College, Columbia. (B13)

Women and Money: How Women Are Redefining Economic Power
Women are starting to model healthy, effective ways of relating to and using money. With Maria Helton, executive director of the Women Donors Network; Kathie LeMay, founder of Raising Change, LLC, which helps organizations raise capital to advance progressive social change agendas worldwide; and Marion Weber, founder of the Flow Fund Circle and of www.earthalls.org. (B14)

Watershed Literacy and Rainwater Harvesting
Learn how to think like a watershed, understand vital hydrodynamic and harvest rainwater to turn scarcity into abundance. With Brad Lanenaker, a dry-body permaculture specialist and author of Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands, who personally harvests over 100,000 gallons of rainwater per year on one-eighth of an acre; and Brock Dolman, Occidental Arts and Ecology Center's permaculture, wildlands and watershed wizard. (B15)

Nature, God and String Theory:
What is the Nature of Natural?
The universe composed of intelligent spirit or matter? How is it that the laws of nature are so finely balanced to make Earth perfect for life? Journalists and theologians John Barrow, Louise A. Rice and Christopher Robinett grapple some great minds to ponder fundamental questions about the nature of the universe and human consciousness. With Brian Swemme, professor of Cosmology at C.U.S. and author of several books, including The Universe Story; Mary Evelyn Tucker, co-founder of the Forum on Religion and Ecology and the resulting book series; and Leonard Susskind, Stanford-based theoretical physicist and author of Cosmic Landscape. (B16)

Race, Class and Power
A probing conversation going where few dare to go, with author and co-founder of the Paul Hawken; environmentalist and human rights activist Adrienne Sherrill; organizational consultant and social justice advocate Akaya Windwood; and historian and Seneca elder John Mohawk. (B17)
The Perils and Promise of “Edge” Technologies

New genetic technologies, nanotechnology and robotics will radically alter the natural world and our lives. Are their potential risks being sufficiently considered? Hosted by Bioneers Associate Producer, J.P. Goheen; with Patricia Berene, project director on Race, Disability and Dignity at the Center for Genetics and Society; long-time activist and journalist Geoff Dayanaim, formerly with the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition and Project Underground; and design engineer and world-famous “techno-artist” Natasha Jeremić, whose award-winning digital, interactive systems explore our complex relationships to technology. (B22)

Herbs, Seeds, Biodiversity and Health

How does a truly holistic, biodynamic form open up? With emerald-thumb herbaist, author of Making Plant Medicine and founder of Horizon Herbs, Richie Cech, who collects seeds from approximately 700 plant species on his five-acre farm in Oregon and offers a botanical medicine chest to the public through his catalogue. (B23)

Creating Local Living Economies and Human-Scale Green Businesses

Local living economies are thriving with the proliferation of human-scale green businesses that walk their talk, with Merritan Fuller, former managing director of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALIE); Bu Ngyuen, co-founder of woman-owned and operated Veritable-Vegetable, the oldest distributor of organic fresh fruits and vegetables in the nation; and Benita Burls, founder of Maggie’s Organics. (B24)

Standing Wave: Saving Our Seas

The world’s oceans are in dire straits, but a global movement is emerging to turn the tide. Hosted by Saxford’s Michael Stocker, an acerbic, acoustical, naturalist and environmentalist; with David Helvick, author and leading ocean protection activist as president of the Blue Frontier Campaign; and Anne Rawley, chair of the Ocean Council of Oceania, the world’s largest ocean protection organization. (B25)

Citizen Action

A hands-on training for activists and concerned citizens. Come learn new, easy methods to measure toxic chemicals in your food, your body and the environment. With Tamara Bohlen of Natural CHECK, LLC; Michael Green of the Center for Environmental Health and Lindsey Model of the Sierra Club. (B26)

Anti-Oppression Training: Interactive Workshop Intensive (Part 2)

(See Sunday, 2:45–3:30 for more info) (B27)

Re-Visioning the Planetary Environmentalism

Why have we failed to convey effectively to the world’s people the gravity of the planetary environmental crisis and how it can be remedied? How can we develop new, more effective ways of communicating? With David Abram, a cultural ecologist, philosopher of science and author of The Spell of the Sensuous; and renowned, award-winning author of Woman and Nature and winner on culture, ecology and gender, Susan Griffin; and others. (B28)

FUNDRAISING FROM THE HEART

Presented by Lynne Twist

MONEY IS LIKE WATER. WHEN WATER IS MOVING AND FLOWING, it cleanses, and purifies, it nourishes and it creates growth. When water slows down or is still, it can become stagnant and toxic. These things are true of money as well. Because money carries energy with it wherever it goes, we must understand the power of our relationship with money, and use it for positive impact in our own lives and in the world. Some people think fundraising is a burden, and they will try to avoid it whenever they can. Indeed, if fundraising is drudgery to you, it will drag you down. However, if you endow your fundraising efforts with your most nourishing energy and your purest self, you will inspire others with your work so that it creates a cycle that uplifts and energizes you.

This workshop is designed to empower you in your responsibility for fundraising so that you raise money with joy, ease and confidence. Executive directors, development directors, organization volunteers, members of the Board of Directors and Trustees as well as major donors who may be invited to fundraising from others will benefit in the process of exploring more effective and more authentic ways to raise money. We will examine the sacred art and science of fundraising from individuals and open the door to your ability and capacity to raise funds from and for the heart of your mission.

"Taking Lynne's workshop marked a pivotal turning point in both my understanding of how money works, and my professional development as a fundraiser. With this unique perspective, I was able to transform many of my own negative attitudes about raising money, which immediately impacted my effectiveness. This is a fundraising training like no other, a way which can actually help heal how we relate to money and the relationship between donor and grantee." - NINA SIMONS, BIONEERS CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lynne Twist is a lecturer, author, activist and successful fundraiser in her own right and a fundraising coach and consultants to nonprofits and individuals. She is the president of the Soul of Money Institute and is the author of The Soul of Money—Her symposium, Fundraising From The Heart, can be previewed on www.fundraisingfromtheheart.com.

Location: Ballrooms, Embassy Suites Hotel, San Rafael, California, 9 am–5 pm. Lunch will be provided for all participants.

Cost per person: $195

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BIONEERS MOVING IMAGE FESTIVAL

"Political film nirvana. The discussion after the screening of The Take was sophisticated, challenging, and incredibly smart. There's a sense of shared purpose that elevates and animates everything that happens at Bioneers."

-- AVI LEWIS, DIRECTOR, THE TAKE

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TREMENDOUS POWER OF FILM AND VIDEO to shape culture, the Bioneers Moving Image Festival (MIF) presents documentaries that educate; encourage dialogue; expand our sense of community; represent people and voices typically excluded from the public discourse; and catalyze progressive change.

The festival emphasizes compelling storytelling and highlights films that explore big picture issues by plumbing deep into the personal and the individual. The MIF also strives to visually expand upon the overall themes presented at the conference in any given year.

In 2005, the MIF offered ten programs and hosted more than 30 guests. Among them were leading documentary filmmakers, key thinkers and academics in the world of film and video, independent journalists at the cutting edge of grassroots media-making and emerging talent. This dynamic community comes together in dialogue with each other and with the Bioneers audience to explore some of the most vital issues of our day and the role film and video can play in making a better world.

Coming Attraction: Votegate

Don’t miss Votegate! This explosive exposé documents how partisan political operatives have teamed up with a few powerful corporations to privatize the act of voting, disenfranchise voters and undermine our democracy. Votegate reveals shocking truths about touch-screen voting systems that are highly vulnerable to hacking, and how these systems are being implemented across the country without the proper checks and balances to ensure accuracy and accountability. Executive Producer Earl Katz will be present.

The Moving Image Festival is programmed over the summer. Please check our Web site in September for festival offerings and times.

BIONEERS YOUTH INITIATIVE

"The 2005 Bioneers Conference renewed my faith in the people at the forefronts and frontlines of the movement."

-- RACHEL AJURANI, 13, STUDENT

THE BIONEERS YOUTH INITIATIVE IS A GRASSROOTS EFFORT THAT recognizes and supports the essential contributions of young people and educators in creating positive social and environmental change. Our vision is a democratic, restorative and just planet that respects the voices and participation of all ages and communities. We aim to:

EMPOWER YOUTH FOR LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZING.

SUPPORT INNOVATIVE AND INSPIRING SOLUTIONS BY YOUTH PEOPLE.

CIRCULATE RESOURCES AND TOOLS FOR ACTION.

BUILD ALLIANCES BETWEEN GENERATIONS, MOVEMENTS AND COMMUNITIES.

PROVIDE A STIMULATING EDUCATIONAL AND CREATIVE FORUM.

The Bioneers youth network represents the many faces of youth culture in North America, and increasingly beyond. Through activism, art, education, politics and other venues, young people are making their concerns known and taking a stand for health, restoration and justice. Youth are at the forefront of embracing the crossroads of environmental and social change, and the Bioneers Youth Initiative reflects these diverse perspectives.

The Bioneers Youth Initiative invites any young person passionate about a healthy and just planet to attend the 2006 Bioneers Conference in Salinas, CA or any of our regional Bioneers conferences. The Bioneers Youth Initiative is collaborating with multiple organizations and individuals to create a dynamic program for young conference attendees. Please join us in the youth tent for a weekend of community building, inspiration, reflection and action.

REGISTRATION

If you need assistance covering conference fees, you can apply for:

- A student/activist partial scholarship (see page 20)
- A Work Exchange position (for an application, e-mail workexchange@bioneers.org).
- A full scholarship – a limited number are available to youth between the ages of 13-25, youth educators under 30, and youth groups. You can download an application from youth.bioneers.org or request one by e-mailing youth@bioneers.org.

For additional information about the 2006 Bioneers Conference youth program or to know more about the Youth Initiative, check our Web site: youth.bioneers.org.

To support the Bioneers Youth Initiative or to donate scholarships to youth, please contact youth@bioneers.org.

Gratitude goes out to all of the supporters and partners of the Bioneers Youth Initiative.
NEARLY 8,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE 17 SATELLITE CONFERENCES IN 2005, OUTNUMBERING THE 3,400 attendees at main conference in San Rafael.

Since its inception, Beaming Bioneers has fielded hundreds of inquiries from individuals and organizations around the world, eager to bring Bioneers to their community. Please see the Bioneers Community Network on page 18 for more information on how you can seed Bioneers in your community.

2006 BEAMING BIONEERS CONFERENCES

1. Anchorage, AK
   - Web site: www.sustainalaska.org
   - Contact: Scott Waterman, Alaska Sustainability Network, ScottW@alaskainline.net, 907.677.9807

2. Atlanta, GA
   - Web site: www.inspiringfutures.org
   - Contact: Tisha Holloway, Inspiring Futures, tishay@inspiringfutures.org, 478.608.3438

3. Bloomington, IN
   - Web site: www.throwcast.org
   - Contact: Lucille Beruccio, beruccio@indiana.edu, 812.331.2726

4. Boulder, CO
   - Web site: www.colorado.edu/bioneer
   - Contact: CU Environmental Center, ecenter@colorado.edu, 303.492.2308

5. Boston, MA
   - Web site: www.bioneer.org
   - Contact: Sam Porter, Porterhouse Productions, info@porterhouseproductions.com, 406.506.3436

6. Carbondale, IL
   - Web site: www.scif.org
   - Contact: Kris Schachtsch, Southern Illinois University, schachtsc@siu.edu, 618.549.2787

7. Detroit, MI
   - Web site: www.sustainabledetroit.org
   - Contact: Gloria Rivers, g.rivers@globalnet.org, 313.840.0802

8. Eugene, OR
   - Web site: www.bridgingwork.org
   - Contact: Sherrill Agnew, Bridging Worlds NW, sherrill@bridgingworld.org, 541.346.6919

For more information please visit beamingbioneers.org, contact one of the local organizers listed above, call the Beaming Bioneers Program Director at 877.409.7222, or email beaming@bioneers.org.

We offer our sincere gratitude to the organizations, volunteers, funders, local presenters, artists and activists who make this unique program possible. If you are moved to help underwrite the program personally, please contact Peter Metzler at 877.BIONEER, ext. 116.

BEAMING BIONEERS: BUILDING REGIONAL NETWORKS

"The Bioneers philosophy and holistic approach to long-term planning in our communities represents one of the key concepts necessary to restore balance and justice. Everyone needs to share these ideas and positive solutions with as many people as possible...as soon and as creatively as possible."

— EDWARD McKNALEY, BEAMING ORGANIZER, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

AS THE BIONEERS CONFERENCE ENTERS ITS 17TH YEAR, THE SCENE IS FAMILIAR. A packed house in the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium is on its feet, cheering for a Bioneers speaker who has artfully shared his/her work. Thousands of people in community centers, colleges and universities across the country are also on their feet, feeling similar waves of emotion and excitement as they watch, listen and cheer along with the audience in San Rafael.

In 2002, Bioneers began broadcasting these plenary sessions to satellite partners, creating a network of conferences called Beaming Bioneers, grounded in local communities and regional solutions. 2006 marks the fifth anniversary of the program, and we are honored to partner with 16 schools and communities around North America who will produce satellite conferences.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

BEAMING BIONEERS PROVIDES WIDESPREAD AND AFFORDABLE ACCESS to the restorative solutions of the bioneers, while stimulating and enhancing local networking and organizing. Satellite partners receive a simultaneous broadcast of the conference plenary talks and project them onto a large screen in their local community center, college conference auditorium or other venue. Satellite partners offer additional programming, similar to the afternoon workshops at Bioneers, tailored to address the hot-button issues of their bio-regions. By integrating plenary themes with local concerns, the bumper sticker "Think Globally, Act Locally" can become a reality.
BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

JOIN THE GROWING BIONEERS COMMUNITY NETWORK

Biologists say the surest way to heal an ecosystem is to connect it to more of itself. Building community — getting connected around solutions — is one of the most important actions we can all do today. The Bioneers Community Network (BCN) supports your direct engagement in your own community by providing media tools you can use to learn, teach and organize.

SPREAD THE INSPIRATION THAT CATALYZES PEOPLE INTO ACTION

Bioneers inspires us all with the elegance of nature-based solutions and imagination of leading-edge visionaries who have devised brilliant social strategies to realize these solutions. Your involvement with BCN provides you with connections to other Bioneers in your community and/or doing related work.

COMMUNICATE

CONNECT

CATALYZE

- Converse a Bioneers study circle to apply Bioneers solutions locally
- Start a Bioneers book club or video salon in your community
- Host a local speaker series
- Post your stories and community events on www.bioneers.org
- Contact your local station about airing the Bioneers radio series — it’s free!
- Buy a set of DVDs for your local public access TV station to air
- Give memberships, books, CDs and DVDs to your relations and friends
- Invent new ways to bring Bioneers ideas into the world and your community!

PASS IT ON...

GIVE, AND GET RESULTS!

- Donate conference scholarships for educators and low-income youth
- Contribute scholarship funds for activists from your community
- Give gift registrations to the conference
- Buy Bioneers books, t-shirts and bags to give as gifts
- Donate a set of videotapes, DVDs or radio series CDs to your local library

Thank you for generously supporting Bioneers with your financial gifts! To learn how your support makes a difference, contact donate@bioneers.org or call 505.986.0366 ext. 116.

MEMBERSHIP — GROW THE WORK AND THE NETWORK

AS A MEMBER OF BIONEERS, YOU’RE HELPING SPREAD LIFE-SAVING solutions on behalf of all life — human and other-than-human — to millions of people. You’re connecting with the vibrant web of other bioneers in communities across the country and around the world. You’re catalyzing a cultural shift as you gain access to knowledge, effective tools and networks that can greatly enhance your own ability to make positive change in your community and beyond. Now is the time to move these solutions and strategies into the mainstream. As a Bioneers member, you are actively improving the environment by changing the world.

And there’s more! As a member, you will receive these benefits:

- A 10% discount on registration for the annual Bioneers Conference and Conference Intensives
- Award-Winning Bioneers Radio Series audio CD
- Bioneers Year Book
- Bioneers Buzz monthly e-newsletter
- And Coming Soon on the New Bioneers Web site
- Free Podcasts
- Members-only online chats with leading-edge thinkers and visionaries

When you join the Kinship, Ally, Organization or Friend categories, you’ll get even more benefits, beginning with an autographed copy of a Bioneers book and special invitations to Bioneers events.

JOIN BIONEERS TODAY!

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Annual Membership

$50 Individual

$100 Kinship

$500 Ally

$1000+ Friend

$250 Organization

$35 Student, Senior, Low Income

For international memberships, please add $10 to cover postage.
For more information, contact members@bioneers.org or call 505.986.0366.

DON’T MISS THE ANNUAL BIONEERS MEMBER BREAKFAST

Join Founder and Co-Executive Directors Kenny Ausubel and Nina Simon with Vicki Robin, author and founder of Conversation Cafés, for complimentary breakfast and stimulating dialogue with your fellow members.

Sunday October 22
7:30 am
HELPFUL INFORMATION
Visits: Our website for directions, transportation, lodging, local dining, updates and speaker biographies.
Foods: Organic coffee, tea, juice and baked goods will be available for purchase each morning. Organic lunches and dinners (including vegetarian and vegan) will be available for purchase each day. You may bring food to eat outside on the grounds, but food is not permitted inside the main auditorium. We encourage people to bring a reusable water bottle and coffee mug to help save paper and decrease waste.
Online Registration: Register for the conference online and save time, money and trees.
Full Scholarships
To Give — Help members of the Bioneers community from diverse backgrounds and income levels attend the conference. An average full scholarship costs $1,000. Any amount is welcomed and all donations to the Bioneers scholarship program are tax-deductible.
To Receive — A limited number of full scholarships are available. E-mail kate@bioneers.org, or for youth scholarship information e-mail youth@bioneers.org by August 1st to apply.
CEUs Available — Continuing Education Units will be available through a partnership with the College of Extended Learning at San Francisco State University. For more details, visit www.bioneers.org or e-mail educator@bioneers.org.
Student, Senior and Activist Partial Scholarships...Am I Eligible?
To support these important constituencies there will be a limited number of partial scholarships available on a first-come-first-served basis. A rate of $60 per day is offered to qualified applicants. Current membership status is required. Our 10% membership discount does not apply to scholarship recipients. Mail or fax requested documentation with the registration form and payment. Registrations that do not include the required documentation will be returned unprocessed. Important Note: Because we are not able to process partial scholarship registrations without the required documentation, students, seniors and activists cannot register online.
Student
• An individual who is enrolled in a full-time degree program at an accredited educational institution (12 credits or the equivalent)
• A copy of your current student ID and proof of student status (e.g., course schedule) must be submitted with payment and the completion of the conference registration form
Senior
• An individual age 55 and over
• A copy of your driver’s license or ID must be submitted with payment and the conference registration form. Previously submitted IDs are not kept on file
Activist
• An individual who is employed by, or volunteers for, a nonprofit organization
• Individuals must supply a brief letter on their organization’s letterhead, signed by a representative of the organization. The letter should describe your work and how your participation in the conference will benefit your community
TERRELL SHERRILLS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
A courageous young peace activist from Watts, Terrell lost his life to gang violence at the age of 18. The autumn before, he attended the Bioneers Conference on a youth scholarship, and experienced the power of connecting with the Bioneers youth network. Gift a young person with the life-changing experience of Bioneers (see registration form). An average full scholarship costs $1,000. Any amount is welcomed and all donations to the Bioneers scholarship program are tax-deductible.
REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS
• All registrations must be postmarked by Sept. 29. After Sept. 29, you must register on-site the day of the conference, IF THERE ARE TICKETS AVAILABLE.
• Bioneers has sold out for the last five years. Register EARLY to guarantee your seat!
• Please register using ONE METHOD ONLY (i.e., mail or fax your registration, DO NOT DO BOTH, or you will be charged twice).
• Please fill out a separate registration form for each person. (Photo copy form for each additional registrant.)
• All fees must be included with the registration form. Registrations which include incorrect fees, are incomplete, or lack the required documentation will be returned unprocessed.
• You can register with a credit card online, by phone or fax or you can mail us your completed registration form with a check or credit card information.
Mail: Bioneers Conference
6 Carr Circle
Laurel, NM 87540
Phone: 505.986.9366
Fax: 505.986.1644
Online: www.bioneers.org
Toll-free: 877.BIONEER (246.6337)
• Allow 4 weeks from date of registration to receive your confirmation and your badge. If you have not received your badge by Oct. 2, please contact us.
• On-site registration will take place outside the Veteran’s Memorial Auditorium beginning at 7:30 am on Fri. Oct. 20, and at 8:00 am Sat. Oct. 21 & Sun. Oct. 22.
• • • • JOIN BIONEERS AND RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT!
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES
Registration: Postmarked by: July 22 Aug 22 After Aug 22
Non-Member 3 Days $200 $370 $406
Registration 2 Days $230 $266 $292
1 Day $125 $145 $159
Bioneers Member 3 Days $288 $333 $365
Registration 2 Days $307 $340 $363
(Refund: 10% discount) 1 Day $112 $130 $142
TENT ACCESS (available after Sept. 15) $85 per day (non-member) $76 per day (member)
Senior, Student & Activist Partial Scholarships: A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Please see page 30 for description and eligibility requirements. Non-Senior, Students and Activists cannot register online.
Theatre Access: Attendees will view the morning plenary sessions in the Veteran’s Memorial Auditorium (VMA). Printed “tent access” tickets will be provided to view the morning plenary sessions in a tent adjacent to the VMA on a large rear-projection screen. Access to the afternoon sessions is restricted.
*Please note: Available only after September 15.
PRE- & POST-CONFERENCE INTENSIVES (For details see page 39)
Advance registration recommended.
Pre-Conference:
Rockwood Leadership Workshop: $139 $155 $175
Workshop, Which Future?: $55 $65 $75
Fundraising from the Heart: $175 $195 $215
Cancellations & Refund Policy:
• Cancellations received before July 22 — a $30 processing fee will be charged.
• Cancellations received after July 22 but before Sept. 22 — a $50 processing fee will be charged.
• After Sept. 22 — no refunds for cancellations.
• Bioneers reserves the right to refuse service.
• Membership and Meal Tickets are not refundable at any time, no exceptions.
• The above policies apply to both the conference and pre- and post-conference intensives.
Lost Badge Policy: Your badge, which will be sent to you with your confirmation, is your “ticket” into the conference. If you lose it before or during the conference, you will be responsible for a $25 replacement fee.