

**“WOMEN MAKING WAVES -
Honoring Environmental Action”**
**Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
Celebrates International Women’s Day**
Wednesday, March 8, 2017 7 – 9 pm (doors open at 6:30)
Free – Refreshments served - at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod

(Cape Cod – Feb 17, 2017) Joining in celebrations of International Women’s Day held throughout the world, **the Cape Cod Branch of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF - CC)**, will entertain with an exciting multimedia event to honor and inspire actions to ameliorate environmental degradation.

Performances of dance, music and poetry will present hopes for the future and commitment to environmental action, including the music of **Tia and the Drumma Queens; Kathleen Healy and the Song Birds** and **Alycia Davis, Donna Pihl & Margey Mahrdt**; the dancing of **Rosanne Shapiro**; a story by **Michelle Pellitier**, and poetry by **Kahren Dowcett, Dianne Ashley, and Kristin Knowles**.

There will be visual art that stirs us to revere our planet, including **the sci-fi film “trailer” created by Rory Marcus, “Saving Gaia: The Seven Thunders,”** accompanied by an **exhibit of artwork inspired by the film script, curated by Susan Danton of Miller White Fine Arts**.

Event coordinator **Laurie Gates** said, “The Cape abounds with amazing women of talent, dedication and perseverance who are caring for our environment. We will honor them for leading changes that have already made a positive difference by reducing the use of pesticides, getting rid of plastic bags, growing good food for local consumption, preserving public space, and helping the voices of environmentally concerned young people to be heard.”

“This year’s Celebration fits in with WILPF’s overall focus on Environmental Justice: Climate Change, Women and Peace,” noted event planner **Jan Hively**. “Cape Cod is especially vulnerable to the sea level rise impact of climate change. Working with the recently formed Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative, we can embrace the goals of the Paris Accord in our daily lives, here in the special and fragile environment we call home. From the local to the global, action on climate change is urgent.”

Encouraging this action, WILPF will make it possible for attendees to learn how to measure their household's CO2 emissions by using the 5C's Carbon Footprint Calculator and receive a list of "Twenty Actions to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint – "where you live, work, or travel."

The women who will be recognized and receive special placards are:

Lynne Cherry – Falmouth author, filmmaker, and scholar has written books and has produced a film series titled "Young Voices for the Planet." She created a vehicle for young people to produce their own films and post them on her Young Voices on Climate Change website.

Ramona Peters, Wampanoag artist and historian has led an ongoing effort to save open space that preserves the essence of native history and sustains Cape Cod's unique beauty and fosters learning about First People's spirit and history. She has worked with Cape Cod Conservation Trusts to develop the Native Land Conservancy.

Sue Phelan, organic gardener and beekeeper, has grown GreenCAPE from a neighborhood effort to educate the public and reduce the indiscriminate use of pesticides in 1998 to a powerful community advocacy organization influencing policies Cape-wide.

Sheila Place, Unitarian Universalist Church activist, has combined her skills and experience in community leadership with her love of the outdoors and commitment to environmental issues through her leadership of the Ban the Bag movement. Currently, 11 of 15 Cape Cod towns have passed bans on the use of plastic bags made from fossil fuels.

Francie Randolph, Artist and Educator, combined her passions by co-founding Sustainable CAPE to grow and celebrate local food while teaching about the health of our bodies, communities, and environment – thereby creating a decidedly more delicious, healthy and sustainable world.

The Cultural Center is at 307 Old Main St. South Yarmouth, MA. Admission is free but donations to WILPF will be appreciated.

About WILPF:

Established in 1915, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is an international non-governmental organization that unites women from around the world to work for peace by non-violent means and to promote political, economic and social justice for all.

The Cape Cod Chapter is especially dynamic. Cape Cod is home to five past presidents of the U.S. section of WILPF. Its members have supported and organized around many activist issues including ending war, pursuing peace, economic fairness, racial and gender justice and environmental decisions.

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Attached is an image of members of the Cape Cod Chapter of WILPF