

EVENT PREVIEW

'Women Making Waves'

Celebrate International Women's Day

Joining in celebrations of International Women's Day to be held throughout the world on March 8, the Cape Cod branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will host a multimedia event, "Women Making Waves," to honor and inspire environmental activism. The program will be held at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod in South Yarmouth.

Performances of dance, music and poetry will present expressions of hope 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 and Margey Mahrtdt; 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 encourages 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..." said 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 own households' CO2 emissions, and everyone will receive a list of "Twenty Actions to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint - where you live, work, or travel."

Women who will be specially recognized are:

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About the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Established in 1915, 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 organization's U.S. section. 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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Lynne Cherry, Falmouth author, filmmaker and scholar; Ramona Peters, Wampanoag artist and historian; Sue Phelan, organic gardener and beekeeper; Sheila Place, Unitarian Universalist Church activist, and a leader of the Ban the Bag movement; and Francie Randolph, artist and educator, a co-founder of Sustainable Cape.