

Eugene Friends Meeting Earthcare Support Group Newsletter

April 15, 2022

April is Earth Month

Eugene Friends Meeting has several Earth Month events scheduled:

- **Nationwide Climate Prayer:** People of all faiths will join their voices together to pray for action on climate change on **Earth Day, April 22, at 12 noon local.** EFM will meet at noon on zoom for worship and prayer in the manner of Friends. [Join us here.](#)

[See this page to read a collection of interfaith climate prayers and blessings.](#)

- **"Youth v Gov":** At 7 p.m. on Earth Day we will host a free zoom viewing of this film, the story of the *Juliana v. The United States of America* constitutional lawsuit and the 21 American youth, ages 14 to 25, who are taking on the government. **(Please contact Cynthia if you want the link for the film.)**
- **Conversation with the filmmaker:** On Wednesday, [April 27](#), at 4:30 p.m. Interfaith Power & Light will host a webinar with the maker of the Youth v Gov film, and two young plaintiffs. [Register here.](#)
- **"Quakers and the Natural World":** Also on Wednesday, [April 27](#), 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom, the Adult Religious Education Committee will trace the evolution of Friends' attitudes toward nature, from the concept of stewardship, which implies ownership, to the present concept of unity with nature. Join us for a lively and worshipful discussion. [Zoom Link here.](#)



Women Working for the Earth - Restoring Our Relationship with Nature: April 21 - 24th. Speakers include 32 inspiring women who are changing paradigms and establishing new paths forward with the Earth. Winona La Duke will open this virtual Summit with her conversation **"What's Happening in the Green New Revolution"** speaking to possibilities for a greener future.



From the April issue of FCNL's Inside the Greenhouse: (by Rosalie Ruetz) *"President Joe Biden recently announced that he would use the Defense Production Act (DPA) to expand and accelerate the mining of critical minerals and materials needed to build a clean energy economy ... This action comes in part as a response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has sparked both a ban on imports of Russian oil, gas, and minerals, and a broader discussion on the national security risk of relying on imported energy supplies. While it is vital to speed up our transition to renewable energies, it cannot be done at the expense of communities and the environment. The foremost mining law still used today, the General Mining Act of 1872, does not impose royalties on mining companies and has lax environmental standards."* Read [why rare earth minerals pose challenges to clean energy transition.](#)

Lunch with a Lobbyist. Thursday, April 21, at 1:00 pm ET: Join FCNL for a conversation with Clarence Edwards and Rosalie Ruetz of FCNL's Environment and Energy program. [Here is the zoom link.](#)

What we all need to do is find the wellspring that keeps us going, that gives us the strength and patience to keep up this struggle for a long time.

Winona LaDuke



350 Eugene Climate Town Hall

#5: Plug in to a Clean Future - **Sunday, April 24, 2-4 pm** at the Campbell Community Center. There will be music, entertainment, teach-ins and opportunities to engage with our allies & community.

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Third Act: Bill McKibbin, founder of Third Act, says *"If you're at all like me, you're likely feeling things are quite dire right now, with Russia, a nuclear power, waging war against sovereign, independent Ukraine with atrocities against civilians mounting. And upon the release of the latest IPCC report, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in the starkest terms that "we are on a fast track to climate disaster." We know that fossil fuels are at the root of our problems: the root of despotisms in Russia and in Saudi Arabia ... Yet, we must not despair, we must act. Together. Spring - with Earth Month in April - offers renewed hope and energy to keep building our movement to protect our climate and our democracy."*

Here are links to the Third Act April Action items, including:

- [Third Act's monthly all-in event](#) with special guests, music, and movement highlights, April 27th, 5-6 p.m.
- [Banking on Our Future toolkit](#), to effectively pressure the Big 4 Banks to stop financing the climate crisis.
- Encourage President Biden to get behind a plan to [send clean energy to Europe](#).

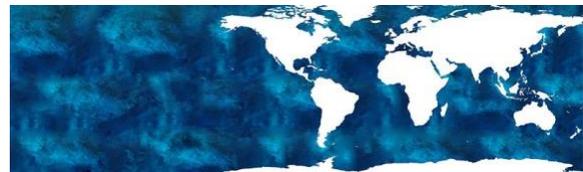
Next Earthcare Support Meeting: **Monday, May 2**, at 7 p.m. Please join us every month on the first Monday, by zoom, to share our ideas for creative actions and celebrate our successes. If you want the link, let me know! Cynthia Black (541-344-3082, cynblack55@gmail.com).

EFM Earthcare Mission: At our March 7th meeting the Earthcare Support Group adopted this statement:

Support: Share about our individual efforts for earth-care, offer encouragement, and celebrate our successes.

Education: Offer educational opportunities and suggestions for earth-care action, with each other and the Meeting.

Action: Plan and work together on earth-care actions as a community of Friends, under the care of the Peace and Justice Committee.



Eugene Friends Meeting Earthcare Support Group Newsletter is distributed monthly or bi-monthly, and will include:

1. Reports of positive Earthcare related steps we have taken or intend to take. These can be small or large, anything at all related to caring for the earth.
2. Information on topics of interest, such as plastics recycling and oceans. Send me any links or information you have researched, with the sources listed.
3. Links and dates for upcoming earthcare action events.

Next publication date: approximately May 22, 2022. Please send news and information that relates to earthcare to Cynthia Black, editor, cynblack55@gmail.com.