

Eugene Friends Meeting Earthcare Support Group Newsletter

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SOLVE
Taking Care of Oregon

River Clean Up at Alton Baker Park:

Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. As part of SOLVE's statewide Beach and Riverside Cleanup, Nearby Nature is once again hosting a cleanup of Alton Baker Park and the Whilamut Natural Area. [Sign up here](#). Meet on the lawn by the yurt at Nearby Nature's site in Alton Baker Park. This event will focus on the extensive waterways and riparian areas found in the park, protecting the creatures that live here and enhancing natural beauty. Join neighbors, community organizations, and local businesses in picking up litter and helping to ensure the space is clean and safe for everyone – all while enjoying a stroll in the park. Nearby Nature will provide gloves, tools, and small snacks. Bring a water bottle, and dress for the weather in closed-toe shoes and clothes they don't mind getting dirty. Due to potential safety concerns related to kids and picking up trash, they ask that all participants are 10 years of age or older. (I'll be there!- Cynthia)



Worship for Unity with Nature: The Earthcare Support Group invites everyone who wishes to join us for a Meeting for Worship outdoors at the Eugene Friends Meeting House, in the labyrinth area, on Sunday, **September 18**, at 11 a.m. (This will take the place of the indoor in-person worship.) We will have a circle of chairs (appropriately distanced), a brief introduction, and then settle into worship as usual. Join us! Cynthia Black, Linda Harding, and Carol Giantonio.

Reimagining National Security:

Please join us on **Sunday, September 18**, at 1 p.m. for a slideshow and discussion on zoom, presented by members of CALC especially for our Meeting. The presentation will cover the intersection of national security, racism, and climate change, and offer a vision of a future with a "true revolution of values." From Peace and Justice committee, and the Earthcare Support Group.



Why We Need Massive Forest Defense Right Now:

President Biden has ordered BLM and the Interior Department to inventory and plan to protect our mature and old growth forests. But we are running out of time. Only when forceful social movements demand change do politicians give us the broad and effective policies we need. **We must stop logging mature & old growth forests.** 350 Eugene is building a *direct action* movement across the forest & climate movements! This is where YOU come in:

Federal Forest Carbon Coalition Workshop:

Wednesday, September 21, at 11:30 am - *Setting the Stage: Distinguishing Science from Falsehoods, The truth about Carbon, Wildfire, and Biodiversity.* Join panelists Drs. Bev Law (professor emeritus, OSU), Chad Hanson, and Monica Bond for presentations on carbon capture and storage, the role of forests, and the real steps needed to reduce carbon emissions by 40% by 2030; the importance of wildfire and how best to protect communities; and an overview of post-fire habitat and biodiversity. [Webinar Registration Required](#)



"Dear Friends, We invite you to join us in supporting Earth Quaker Action Team's campaign (EQAT) to pressure Vanguard to stop investing in fossil fuels projects. Vanguard is the world's biggest investor in coal and one of the two biggest investors in gas and oil. We call on Vanguard to push the companies it currently invests in to do better on climate, offer climate-responsible funds as a default to its customers, and exit its investments in fossil fuels projects and companies. Please join us in this important work if you feel led. In peace and friendship, Shelley Tanenbaum, Hayley Hathaway & Emily Carroll, Quaker Earthcare Witness."

MOVE ON

From MoveOn, a progressive public policy advocacy group and political action committee: **Don't force Congress to choose between dirty energy and a government shutdown:** *"Right now, fossil fuel lobbyists are pushing hard to sneak harmful climate provisions into a must-pass bill to fund the government. Lumping these dirty policies into this critical vote forces members of Congress to choose between voting to fund the government or voting against a bill that takes us a step backward on climate action. ... What our country needs right now is to keep charging forward on saving our planet—not letting lobbyists turn us back. Will you call Sen. Merkley today? Dial 888-754-9086 and ask him to support a clean continuing resolution to fund the government and protect important climate progress."* (From Carol).

Next Earthcare Support Meeting: **Monday, October 3**, 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:

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.

Minute on reducing Plastic: As part of our mission to educate, we are working on a minute (an agreement with our Meeting) to reduce plastic use and production. If you want to help with research or writing of this minute, contact Cynthia or Linda.

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.

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