



Well folks, I have to say that back in October when I was planning this upcoming symposium, and before the events of November, I had it in my head that we, the members of the Windstar Foundation, were going to get this "Show On the Road"!

I'm thinking, "what is the single biggest need we, (the foundation) have?" To me it was blatantly clear that we needed "Press!" By press I mean attention, awareness, acknowledgement, to be noticed, etc. There is a small group of us, (our current membership) that knows we are alive, but on the whole, this "Whole Planet" that we are striving to help survive, doesn't know we still exist!

So I decided what I felt we needed to do, was to, "Get the Show on the Road, and get Press!" The time had come to "Walk Our Talk" as they say, and that meant start educating about the environment, and even though we were making great headway expanding our children's "EARTHcamps" (with the help of our Connections Program [which by the way is another great program that is constantly expanding now]) we needed to get further, faster! Too many people were complaining because we weren't moving fast enough to suit their needs.

A "Symposium" like we used to do, but with the use of the newer technology which we now had at our disposal, could reach out to more, faster, better. Done correctly, and

Insights from the Board



Windstar President Ron Deutschendorf and Dr. Jane Goodall

somewhat differently than in the past we could accomplish our goals.

Yea, that's the ticket! We'll do that!

So! We are, and I had my ace support staff giving me names. I said, "Look, I want to reach every kid in every school in America. How can we do that? Have speakers looked up? So, they made a list. I approved it and off I went. So here we are, and as you will read in the rest of the newsletter, we have one heck of a group of speakers presenting. And going about it the way we are we quite possibly will reach every child in the American school system on the same day.

Oh, and by the way, we will get some press!

What I hadn't counted on, was that through

the course of contacting, confirming, and meeting this distinguished group of individuals that we wanted, I would have the benefit of brainstorming with folks like Dr. Jane Goodall. Jane and I have spent quite a bit of time together lately, out of which, her Jane Goodall Institute and the Windstar Foundation will be working closely together from now on. How cool is that?

I am so excited, I can't tell you! This being a bit of icing on the cake as they say! Jane has an incredible team around her and with her, and they operate just as we want to, small in numbers, multi-talented and pro-active in every way, yet, all around good people, very much like us in that regard. Jane and I are looking at ways we can interact to accomplish more together. Again, "How Cool Is That?"

If you go to her website, and check out the "Roots and Shoots" program they have, you will see wording which is basically our "Mission and Vision!"

So, check out all the data and info on our speakers. I think you will agree that the team has done, and is doing, a heck of a job. I am going to count on you, our members, to support our "Symposium" just as you have in the past. I personally guarantee, "You won't be disappointed, in our event, or what we accomplish!"

...Ronald Deutschendorf
Chairman/President Board of Trustees

"New Choices for Your Future" Symposium

- 🔗 Rocky Mountain Institute
- 🔗 Jane Goodall Institute
- 🔗 "The Science Guy"
- 🔗 The Center for a New American Dream
- 🔗 Ocean Futures
- 🔗 Greenpeace
- 🔗 Apollo 15 Lunar Mission
- 🔗 Buckminster Fuller Institute

Please see page 3 for more information on our speakers

New Choices for Your Future!

From 1985—1995, a highlight of the Windstar Foundation's calendar of events was the Windstar Symposium, aptly titled, "Choices for the Future."

Now, as our Board President often says, "the work is not done!" And so, it is with great pleasure that we announce the "NEW Choices for Your Future" Symposium. To be held in Snowmass, CO on September 24, this is as inspiring a collection of environmentally minded speakers as we have ever assembled. The presentations will offer our audience new ideas, viewpoints and insights into today's environmental issues. We promise a day that will educate, inspire and entertain.

In addition to our on-site audience in Snowmass, the presenters will be reaching middle and high school students all across the country via the Internet, thanks to the generosity of KIDZONLINE. Each of our presenters is now working with our educators in writing our on-line curriculum based on their individual topics to be used by schools prior, during and after the symposium.

Make your plans today to join us in Snowmass. Return the enclosed registration form early for the best price! More information can be found on our website at www.wstar.org or by calling the Windstar office at 866-927-5430.

The Windstar Foundation Environmental Studies Scholarship

As a reminder, the deadline for ESS applications is June 1, 2004

☞ **two \$500 scholarships for qualified undergraduates** entering their junior or senior year of college

☞ **one \$1000 scholarship for graduate students** entering their second year of graduate school

Please see the ESS website for full application details: www.wstar.org/Windstar/Programs/EnviroStudiesScholarship/environmentalstudies.html Questions regarding the ESS should be sent to Gene Hall: Biodivers@yahoo.com
Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by August 1, 2004. ...*Gene Hall*

Advisory Group Reports

Windstar Chat...*Harlean Peterson*

Our Windstar Chat was held on April 24, 2004. Ron Deutschendorf was our host. Forty people participated in the chat from 5 different countries. We had at least 5 people who had never participated with Windstar before. One of them has already become a member. You can go to the Windstar homepage to read the transcript of the chat, or any of our previous chats. Our next one will be June 19, 2004 at www.john-denver.org/chat/start.asp.

Windstar October Celebration...*Harlean Peterson*

We will again be holding our Celebration during the *Aspen in October* week. The celebration will be Sunday October 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members are invited out to celebrate the day at no cost, guests and non-members are welcome to attend for a fee. The day will include music activities, and a silent auction. For information, or to volunteer contact Shari Sullivan at APokey1@aol.com

Membership Challenge...*Harlean Peterson*

The person who brings in the most new members between March 1 and October 1, 2004, if they beat Ron and Shari's 7 from last year, will be taken out for an evening of fine dining and fun, by Ron, in October. Details in the last issue of the Windstar Vision. Currently our membership is around 600, so there are plenty of folks to enroll in the "Windstar vision!"

Peace Cloth...*Debra Chilton and Ann Schnitz*

This year, we have seen the Cloth travel to more schools and EARTHcamps, and we hope to see this trend continue. How exciting it is to reach out to our children, our very future.

The Cloth will be undertaking return trips to Children's Day in New York City (June), the Prayer Vigil for the Earth in Washington, D.C. (September) and of course, the Windstar Celebration (October) -- please join us for these wonderful events if you can. We would also like to remind everyone that the Peace Cloth is available for any gathering, no matter how large or small -- details are available at our website www.johndenverpeacecloth.com.

Each and every addition to the peace cloth is precious, for it holds within it the dreams of a world that works for all -- to quote our mentor, John Denver, a world of "You AND Me...." Thanks to everyone for their support.

The Windstar Foundation is a not-for-profit environmental education organization founded in 1976 by John Denver and Tom Crum. The mission of the Windstar Foundation is "To inspire individuals to make responsible choices and take direct personal actions to achieve a peaceful and environmentally sustainable future."

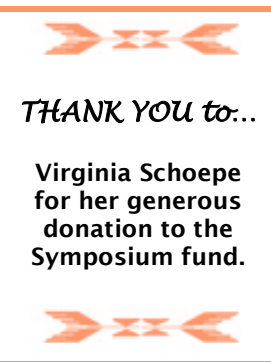
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Windstar Day 2004

This October 23, people around the world have the opportunity to make a difference together by participating in the first Windstar Day, sponsored by The Windstar Foundation! As a Windstar member, we are hoping YOU will get involved by organizing a Windstar Day event in your area! Gather your family and friends together and do something positive for our environment.

Windstar Day is almost exactly six months after Earth Day, so what better time to make another effort to get outside and help Mother Earth! The type of project you do for your very own Windstar Day is up to you. Some ideas for Windstar Day activities can include inviting a scout troop to spruce up a school yard by cleaning up and planting a tree. You can get the neighbors together and clean a local park. Involve as many people as you can! They do not have to be Windstar members to participate -- invite everyone you know!

To help you with your Windstar Day preparations, you will have access to ideas and information on the internet later this summer. Check the Windstar website for a link to register your Windstar Day event now! Then, later on we will have ideas for how to publicize your event in your local area! This is our opportunity to get the Windstar name in the public eye, as well as to make a positive difference in our communities for our environment. Won't you join us by participating in Windstar Day in October?

Together, we will make a difference!

...*Shari Sullivan*

"New Choices for Your Future" Symposium Presenters

OCEAN FUTURES

Coral Reefs

Richard Murphy, Ph.D.
Director, Science and Education

Dr. Murphy began working with Jacques and Jean-Michel Cousteau in 1968. Since that time, he has had the role of scientist, photographer, writer, educator and program director on countless projects.

Most recently, he has focused his work on the study of coral reefs and how they can be viewed in the context of human cities...dynamic ecosystems where forces of competition, destruction and decay are balanced with cooperation, repair and rejuvenation. There are lessons for all of us concerned about making our communities more sustainable.

JANE GOODALL INSTITUTE

"Roots and Shoots"

Jeanne McCarty, Director

Jeanne will share inspiring stories from Roots and Shoots groups that will warm your heart and highlight the positive work being done on a global level by the best hope for our Earth...the youth! Their energy and spirit is incredible!

This global program emphasizes the principle that knowledge leads to compassion, which inspires action. All Roots & Shoots groups show care and concern in three areas: the human community, animals, and the environment. Worldwide there are more than 6,000 groups - ranging in size from two to 2,000 - in 87 countries.

"It's quite possible that today's teenagers will raise their children in a world with no wild chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans and bonobos. It's a tragic prospect, but there is still time to act - though scant little of it." ...Jane Goodall

"Protect the ocean and you protect yourself"

CENTER FOR A NEW AMERICAN DREAM

"I Buy Different"

Tracy Fisher, Youth Campaign Director

An eye-opening presentation exploring the connections between common products and their hidden environmental impacts.

Learn about your consumer power, and take actions that protect the environment. You'll be amazed at the impact each of us has!

"About 600 gallons of water are used to produce ONE quarter pound hamburger"

The Center works with individuals, institutions, communities and businesses to conserve natural resources, counter the commercialization of our culture and promote positive changes in the way goods are produced and consumed.

GREENPEACE

U. S. Executive Director

John Passacantando

Being a voice for our fragile planet, the goal of Greenpeace is to ensure the ability of the Earth to nurture life in all its diversity. They speak for 2.8 million supporters and encourage many millions more than that to take action every day to:

Save Ancient Forests
Stop Global Warming
Protect Our Oceans
End the Nuclear Age
Eliminate Toxic Chemicals

"When the last tree is cut, the last river poisoned, and the last fish dead, we will discover that we can't eat money."

"THE SCIENCE GUY"

Bill Nye

A familiar name in science education and a familiar sight in lab coat and bow tie, Bill is best known for his Emmy winning television series, "Bill Nye, the Science Guy". He holds a degree from Cornell University in Mechanical Engineering. His accomplishments range from designing equipment for oil slick skimming at sea, to television production and writing. As scientist/comedian/teacher, he captivates audiences with his wit and realistic approach to environmental issues. He takes a science lesson where no lesson has gone before, inspiring everyone to care for our world by discovering how it works.

Bill's Motto: Leave the world better than you found it.... Sometimes you gotta pick up somebody else's trash!

APOLLO 15

Command Module Pilot
Al Worden

"Hello Earth, Greetings from Endeavor"

From his days at the United States Military Academy at West Point, to his incredible mission on Apollo 15, Al will bring inspiring messages one can only gain from such experience. His amazing focus on our planet and its people will intrigue you and linger in your mind.

His honors and accomplishments range from degrees in Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering and Instrumentation Engineering to the UN Peace Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal.

BUCKMINSTER FULLER INSTITUTE

"What One Man Can Do"

Thomas Zung

Thomas was a student of Buckminster Fuller's in 1953, designing the elongated geodesic dome with him in Cleveland, OH in 1968 and eventually becoming his architectural partner for 30 years in the firm of Fuller, Sadao and Zung. Today, Thomas shares Bucky's unique history, original designs and unparalleled insights in a powerful presentation.

He currently serves on the Board of the Buckminster Fuller Institute and is the author of "Buckminster Fuller: Anthology for a New Millennium."

"Roam Home to a Dome"

ROCKY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE

"Energy for All...For Ever"

Amory Lovins, CEO and co-founder

Mr. Lovins, consultant physicist educated at Harvard and Oxford, has advised the energy industry and others for almost 30 years, as well as the Departments of Energy and Defense. His work in over 50 countries has been recognized by countless honors, including a MacArthur Fellowship and Time Magazine's "Hero for the Planet" award. Chairman of Hypercar, Inc, Car magazine ranked Amory "the 22nd most powerful person in the global automotive industry."

Newsweek has praised him as "one of the Western world's most influential energy thinkers"

New Car or Clean Air? Can you have both?

Thinking about buying a new car? What is important to you? Have you considered buying a hybrid? Chances are, if you're reading the Windstar Vision, your number one priority is our environment in all of your consumer choices. Take this short car quiz to review the basics before you head out to shop.

1. In which two ways are the most fuel-efficient vehicles powered?

Gas/electric hybrid power train and diesel fuel

2. Which is a better choice? The hybrid. Diesel emits more pollutants into our air.

3. What is a TDI? Turbocharged Direct-Injection. Hybrid TDI's are available and produce cleaner emissions.

4. What is a hybrid? A hybrid vehicle combines a gas engine with an electric motor.

5. Does it need to be plugged in? No, the batteries are charged while driving and breaking.

6. What is the gas mileage on a typical hybrid?

On average, 50-60 mpg. You'll get more in stop and go traffic because the electric motor kicks in.

7. Can you drive long distances in a hybrid? Yes, you'll use a little more gas.

8. Are these cars more expensive? No, 4 to 5 passenger vehicles are between \$16,500 and \$25, 900.

9. Who offers a hybrid Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle?

Right now, Honda and Toyota offer hybrids in the U.S. Volkswagen also offers diesel TDI's.*

10. What does the government think of these vehicles?

The IRS is providing a \$2000 "clean-fuel vehicle" tax deduction. Also, some states offer tax incentives.*

By purchasing a hybrid, you are not only making a wise consumer choice for our planet's health, but you are making a positive statement to our automotive industry. Hopefully this quiz has sparked your curiosity. Now for your homework...go check out a hybrid. These cars have become so popular in cities that you may want to get on a waiting list. Have fun driving, and breathe the fresh air!

*Information was obtained as of January 2004 from Consumer Reports and Motor Trend.



↓ EARTHcamp Leaders Workshop 2004...register NOW!

↓ EVERYONE is cordially invited to attend the upcoming workshop, July 19—23 in Snowmass Colorado. If you have an interest in working with kids, educating and inspiring them to care and respect the Earth, this is the workshop to attend! Registration is FREE to Windstar members and includes all EARTHcamp lesson plans. We walk you thru a week of EARTHcamp going thru each of the activities and games. Bring a friend and share the lodging costs in nearby Carbondale, Basalt or Aspen!

↓ Windstar's EARTHcamp has been held for 5 years on the Windstar Conservancy Land in Snowmass, CO. This summer, it will be held in 9 cities across the country, thanks to previous workshop participants. By attending the workshop this year, you'll have all you need to begin planning an EARTHcamp in your local area next summer. Please see the website, www.wstar.org, for our workshop schedule and a mail-in registration form. Or write to Debbie@wstar.org for more information!



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