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“New Choices for Your Future Symposium”
Snowmass, CO and beyond!
September 30—October 1, 2005

Please join us this fall for our newly expanded Symposium series. Over the course of two days we will be offering inspiring and informative presentations from well-known speakers and speakers you'll be glad you became acquainted with! Read-on for a short bio on the speakers currently scheduled. Keep an eye on the website for additional speakers as they come on board.

Dr. Jane Goodall...Jane Goodall Institute

Known and admired world-wide for her pioneering research with chimpanzees in the Gombe National Park, Dr. Jane joins the Symposium this year to update and enlighten our audience to the current status and continued struggles of the chimpanzees while sharing her message of hope for the future.

Michael Reynolds...Earthship Biotecture

An Earthship construction allows people to live in harmony with the patterns of the Earth, in control of both our energy and water needs. It is a completely independent system made from materials indigenous to the planet. Come and see what “home” can really be all about.

Thomas Crum...Aiki Works

Co-founder of the Windstar Foundation, President of Aiki Works and author of the Magic of Conflict, Tom shares his insights into the energies and possibilities behind positive conflict resolution.

Nina Fascione...Defenders of Wildlife

A long time leader in the protection of wildlife everywhere, Defenders of Wildlife focus their energies on solving the problem of accelerating extinction of species and habitat destruction. We will be encouraged to take an overall look at the health of our ecosystems, particularly the status of the wild wolf conservation efforts.

George Sterzinger...Renewable Energy Policy Project

Funded by organizations such as the United States Department of Energy, National Renewable Energy Lab, and United States Environmental Protection Agency, REPP's goal is to increase awareness and implementation of renewable energy through innovative strategies and public education.

Alan Hale...Southwest Institute for Space Research

Co-discoverer of the Comet Hale-Bopp, Alan founded the Southwest Institute for Space Research in 1993, pursuing numerous objectives; the search for planets beyond our solar system, the advocacy of space flight and the role science can play in global diplomacy.

Educators...join us with your class at the 2005 Symposium!

Classes across the country can participate in this dynamic symposium, made available by Windstar through kidzonline.org. Our speakers for this year's symposium not only address some of the most exciting issues in environmental science but their topics comply with National Science Standards. When combined with the on-line curriculum written for middle and high-school students, we feel we have put together a complete environmental science package for educators around the globe to use with their classes.

We invite you to join us on the day of the symposium for real-time viewing of the presentations and use the lesson plans and additional activities through your school year to enhance the learning experiences. To see how this all works together, please see the 2004 presentations and curriculum at www.wstar.org and click on the 2004 archives link.

Solar Challenge

By David Marx

Imagine driving from Texas to Canada without stopping for gas. This is what 40 teams from around the United States and Canada will be doing over a ten day period beginning July 17. The North American Solar Challenge is a cross country race that has been held every two years since 1995.

Last fall, one of our Illinois State University students came to ask if we could form a team to build a solar powered car and compete in the race. Another interested faculty member and I became involved and we formed a team last fall. To build such a car beginning with nothing seemed an insurmountable task, especially after learning that it could cost several hundred thousand dollars and take a minimum of a year. We had neither. The solution was to purchase a used car from the University of Minnesota and then rebuild the car to make it road worthy.

The car that we purchased came with only its body, brakes, suspension and a partially working array of solar cells. As faculty members we are excited to see students working as a team, extending their knowledge beyond the classroom and learning new technologies. For our university, it is an opportunity for great PR and to compete with the likes of MIT, Auburn, Univ. of Michigan, and our "big brother" University of Minnesota. The car itself can be used for outreach to schools across our state and to the general public to promote solar energy technologies.

A core group of students has risen to the task, learning the important details of the many interacting systems within the car. These students are enjoying the experience of bringing together mechanical and electrical systems that will carry them 2500 miles this July.



The car shown is the one built by the University of Michigan team and represents approximately \$1.5 million in parts and labor, clearly the most expensive vehicle. The solar cells on this vehicle are very high efficiency, approximately 33%, and cost in excess of \$25,000. The University of Michigan team was the one to first win a North American solar car race back in 1993. They have enjoyed the sponsorship of General Motors and the numerous alums that contribute their automotive expertise and materials.

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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At the Heartland Park Raceway near Topeka, solar cars begin lining up for a group photo during the 2005 Formula Sun Rayce. In the foreground is the Sunseeker from Western Michigan University. Our car, Mercury One from Illinois State University, is the red solar car.

**“New Choices for Your Future” Symposium
September 30—October 1, 2005
Snowmass Conference Center, Snowmass, CO
Mail-In Registration Form**

	Adult Current and Renewing Windstar Members	Adult New Members as of 4/1/05	Adult Non- Members	Students under 18
1 day	\$75	\$125	\$125	\$50
2 days	\$125	\$125	\$195	\$80

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Schedule of Speakers

Friday:

**Dr. Jane Goodall
The Jane Goodall Institute**

**Nina Fascione
Defenders of Wildlife**

**George Sterzinger
Renewable Energy Policy Project**

Saturday:

**Thomas Crum
Aiki Works**

**Alan Hale
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Comet Hale-Bopp**

**Michael Reynolds
Earthship Biotecture**

At the printing deadline, these speakers were already confirmed. Please see the website, www.wstar.org, for additional speakers and activities and the times of presentation.

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Lunch Preference Vegetarian Non_Vegetarian



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Color: Black Sizes: Small - XXL Cost: \$20.00 plus shipping/handling

The Harsh Side of Rain Forest Life

By Michele Phillips

The gentle sounds of the rainforest, the songs of the birds, the breezes through the plant life, the call of one great ape to another, are being replaced by the brutal sounds of industrialization, chainsaws, guns and trucks. As the slaughter of old growth rainforests continues, we are in danger of losing more than the plant life and the environment it supports. We are in danger of losing one of the most undocumented ecosystems in the world.

Over fishing in the coastal areas in the Congo Basin in West and Central Africa, combined with the influx of the logging industry, has opened the door to an even more frightening desecration, the bush meat trade. Many indigenous people rely on bush meat and fishing for their daily protein, and it was a sustainable practice. The amount of bush meat they consumed was not over racing the populations. But as the greed of the industrialized world has increased, the demand for the more "exotic" meats and timber has brought the outside world in. People will pay top dollar to obtain these "must have" status symbols.

As the logging companies move into the pristine areas, they open the road way to illegal hunting practices, they open the doorway to unauthorized hunting areas, and they open the gun sights to illegal prey. Even the indigenous peoples are turning to bush meat trade as a source of income, where they can make well over a year's salary with one kill. The over fishing of the coastal regions adds to the impact, as the alternative source of protein is being systematically removed.

Estimates say that in a minimum of 5 years several of our closest relation in the animal world will be endangered, if not extinct. The protections that are in place now are minimal and to a great extent, ineffective. Illegal snares maim, injure, kill, and orphan many great apes and other inhabitants. This collateral damage is not even accounted for when the tallies come up on the bush meat trade.

If one thinks that the bush meat trade does not have an effect on the outside world, consider that there are more and more documented cases of virus transmission between the primate populations to the human one. HIV, foot and mouth disease and ebola have been directly linked back to the consumption and handling of bush meat. As the world knows, this spread of viral disease is felt across the globe, and there is no cure in sight.

Bush meat, incidentally, is not just the great apes. Crocodile, elephant, lion, leopard, antelope and otters are among the prized meats culled from the rain forests and surrounding areas. To learn more about the bush meat trade, what is being done, and what you can do, please visit one of these sites:

Bush Meat Crisis Task Force: www.bushmeat.org
Bushmeat Project: www.bushmeat.net
The Jane Goodall Institute: www.janegoodall.com

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Volunteer Work Weekend 2005

By Harlean Peterson

Windstar's Annual Volunteer Work Weekend was held May 27th through the 30th. After a leisurely Friday evening, Saturday we got down to business. We worked, we brainstormed how to spread the word about the "New Choices for Your Future" Symposium, we worked, we laughed, we worked, we ate, we brainstormed how to spread the word about Windstar, we worked, we talked...we slept (a little).

On Saturday, we started the big job of repainting the dome. We scraped the loose bubbled-up paint and washed the entire dome by hand. Saturday night, after a dinner of tacos, guacamole and chips and cream puffs with ice cream and raspberries, the new Peaceful Spirit Windstar Connection, located on the Western Slope in Colorado, hosted the first stop of Cottonwood Stone's traveling Peace Pole exhibit and program "Peace and the Common Thread." Cottonwood gave a wonderful presentation and entertained us with her songs.



On Sunday we painted the dome and washed "Spirit." An afternoon deluge complete with lightning and thunder cut short our outside work. After dinner, deluge dissipated, we hiked to the meditation platform for a lovely twilight.

Monday morning found us up bright and early waxing and polishing "Spirit," weeding the brick* and gravel area around the base of the statue and weeding the rainbow garden. After lunch it was time to leave, a good time was had by all, everyone was eager to come back and all promised to bring a friend with them next year.

* You can have a brick inscribed to go there too...see the website for details.



Traveling to Aspen, Colorado this Fall?

Please check out the outstanding travel discounts arranged for participants of the many Windstar events this fall in the Aspen/Snowmass area.

FLIGHTS:

United Airlines...

the "official airline" of the Windstar Symposium 2005

Flights into Denver and Aspen...This may also be used for those traveling to the Windstar Connections Conference and The Windstar October Celebration

Meeting Name: Windstar Symposium
Meeting Dates 9/25/2005 - 10/11/2005
Travel Period: 9/18/2005- 10/18/2005
Meeting Code 531CK

Reservations, schedule, and ticketing information may be obtained by calling the Meeting Plus Reservation Center at 1-800-521-4041 within the United States and Canada. Outside the US and Canada contact the country's local United Reservations Center. Meeting plus Reservation Center Hours are M-F 8:00 am to 10:00pm (ET) S-S 8:00 am - 8:00pm (ET)

American Airlines...for those driving from Denver to Aspen

Flights into Denver...Meeting planners and members of the group traveling together or individually to an event, should contact American Airlines Meeting Services Desk at 1-800-433-1790 for assistance with reservations and ticket purchase.

** MEETING INFORMATION **

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Silvertree Hotel...

To reserve a room, call 1-800-525-9402
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You can get these rates only by calling the hotel directly.

Connection Highlights

Spotlight on Australia Connection

by Janette Frawley, Lynn Magann, Marina Green

As many of you are aware, the Australian Connection is new in establishing a connection group. With few members flung all over the country, we face some difficult challenges as we attempt to get the Windstar name out to the public.

After our first meeting we recognized these challenges and decided that we needed to get out into the public arena to promote the Windstar name and philosophy. The way in which we decided to do that was to participate in the Clean Up Australia Day activities on Sunday, March 5th.

Clean up Australia Day was started by Ian Kiernan in 1989. In 1986/87, Ian participated in the BOC Challenge solo around the world yacht race. He finished 6th out of a fleet of 25 yachts from 11 nations, setting an Australian record for a solo circumnavigation around the world. It was during that race that Ian saw and was appalled by the amount of rubbish that was choking the oceans of the world. He committed to doing something about it and on his return he recruited a number of his friends and organized a community event – Clean UP Sydney Harbour on Sunday, 8th January, 1989. They were overwhelmed with 40,000 volunteers who turned up to lend a hand. The huge interest in this event sparked national interest and in 1990 the first Clean Up Australia Day was held with some 300,000 volunteers participating to make a difference in their local communities.

In June 1999, Ian and his team were invited to the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi to discuss Clean Up Australia's proposal for a global clean up campaign, which commenced in September 1993. Since then Clean Up the World has grown to encompass some 40 million people from more than 120 countries who annually take to the streets, beaches, river banks and parks to clean and conserve their local environments. In my mind, Ian Kiernan has demonstrated what 'one man can do to make a difference in this world'. However, it can be said that if we all cleaned up our own rubbish, Clean Up Australia and Clean Up the World would be unnecessary.

On March 5, 2005, under the Windstar name, three teams of Australians took to their local communities to help with the Clean Up Australia. One in Brisbane, Queensland, Gippsland, Victoria and Hoppers Crossing, Victoria. These teams worked diligently to clean up their local communities with some success. There was another member working solo on the banks of the Barwon River during the Head of the Schoolgirls Rowing Regatta, ensuring that bins were accessible to most people, arranging the emptying of bins on a regular basis and asking people to pick up their rubbish.

As all Australian Connection members were working hard to clean up, not enough time was given to 'recruitment,' however with more experience and better coordination, we should be able to overcome this and better advertise Windstar in the future. Our next event will be the National Tree Planting Day on Sunday, 31st of July, 2005.

Peaceful Spirit Windstar Connection

By Georgianne McDaniel

It was February, 2005 when I received a notice that the group I had founded for the Western Slope of Colorado had been approved. With great excitement, I notified all the members. There were THREE of us...the required amount to start a Connection. Within the next month, we more than doubled by adding four new members. Progress was being made. On April 23, 2005 we had our first event. We had an Earth Day clean-up of the John Denver Sanctuary in Aspen. Having never done this before, or even having attended a clean-up before, I had no idea of what to expect. We decided we would only hold the event for an hour. Harlean Peterson came to represent Windstar. She and I were the first to arrive. Would anyone else show up? I started picking up trash. Then Lance Edinger arrived with guitar in hand. Lance would play guitar and sing some of John Denver's songs while volunteers would clean-up the park. In an hour and half, we had eleven volunteers remove 12 large bags of trash. In turn we provided bottled water, lemonade and cookies to enjoy on the most beautiful day. Harlean passed out information on Windstar and the upcoming Symposium while I handed out information about our new group, as well as information that Jennifer Moore had researched containing all the recycling places in the nearby area. It was a success.

Our next event was at the Windstar Land Conservancy during the Work Weekend. On May 28, 2005, we sponsored Cottonwood Stone's "Peace and the Common Thread", a musical and educational program for peace. All members were asked to send a piece of cloth to contribute to our making a panel for the Peace Cloth. It is a representation of our new group. We are also working on increasing membership, with various upcoming events to be announced at a later date.

It is a great honor to be part of keeping John Denver's vision for the sustainability of our Earth an ongoing vision.

Third Annual Windstar Connection Conference
October 8, 2005 @ the Windstar Land Conservancy Snowmass, Colorado

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- You will receive written confirmation of your registration

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Lunch Preference: ___ Vegetarian ___ Vegan ___ Non-Vegetarian

ENTERTAINMENT WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY Kyle Vincent & Cottonwood Stone

Schedule of Events:

8:30 Registration check in
9:00- 10:00 Connections Business Meeting
10:15-10:45 Opening Ceremony
11:00-12:00 Presentation by Barbara Davis
12:15- 1:45 LUNCH
2:00 – 4:30 Music by Kyle Vincent
4:30 – 5:00 Closing Ceremony

Those who wish may stay for additional music; campfire and twilight walk of the Windstar Land.
No food will be served after the closing ceremony but you are welcome bring your own food or leave and return later.

Around the Connection

By Debra Chilton, Barbara Davis, Cottonwood Stone

The Windstar Connection program continues to grow with the help and support of all of the Connections. We are in the process of finishing up the newly revised Connection Handbook, which is a guideline to assist new Connections in starting up. We are in the process of updating the Connection site on the main Windstar Foundation web page and are still looking for photos that any of you would be willing to share of activities your group has been involved in. You can email those photos to Debra Chilton at wilco@pacifier.com. We'd also love to hear your input as to what kinds of things you would like to have on the site. We've been working hard on organizing the 3rd Annual Connection Conference, which will be held on the Windstar land Saturday, October 8th. The theme this year is Celebration and Kyle Vincent will be our main presenter. It should be a fun and informative time together for all of us.

As the Windstar Symposium draws near, I'd like to take this opportunity to suggest that each of our Connections support this wonderful program and, in turn, show our support for the Foundation. I've recently spent time thinking about ways that each of us, both individually and as groups, could work together to make this year's program an overwhelming success. I'm sure that we can come up with many more ideas and invite you to share those with us. Together we can make this work and assist in some small way to more fully realizing our dream of a world that works for everyone.

I'm sure that you can come up with other ideas to get the word out about the Symposium and we'd love to hear them. Let's together, as Connections groups, make a commitment to support and make this year's Symposium a tremendous success!

Connection Group Support for the Symposium

- Sponsor a child or a teacher
- Make a donation to the operating fund to be used in covering the costs of the Symposium.
- Put together a packet of information to send out to the school districts or individual schools in your area.
- Print out and distribute Symposium brochures to leave at environmental events that are going on in your area
- Promote the Symposium through word of mouth to friends, like minded groups and organizations.

Think an Educational Symposium is Just for Kids?

Think Again.

As we gear up for this year's Symposium, it is important to remember the unlimited opportunities it has for individuals of all ages. Even though a comprehensive curriculum for the educational community has been created to enrich the event's impact, we cannot lose sight of the fact that the education needed to save our planet is critical for all age groups.

Yes, the children are our future, but today we need adults making "responsible choices and taking direct actions to achieve a peaceful and environmentally sustainable future" as the role models for the children. We cannot rely upon only showing them what should be done; we must also take action ourselves. We too can retain the child-like wonder and curiosity that marks a life-long learner. The Symposium speakers address very adult concerns and concepts, which can inspire us to act on important issues. Saving the planet which is everyone's responsibility, has no age limit.

By Marcia Barnhart



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