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EARTH DAY at WISR

Sharing Concerns and Exploring Solutions



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Friday, April 25th, 5:30 – 8:30pm

Marilyn Jackson, PhD, WISR Faculty, Facilitator.

Join us to share your concerns, discuss solutions and possible actions

**~5:30pm Music, Song and Poetry Sharing
for the Earth with
Potluck (RSVP marilyn@wisr.edu)
~6:30pm Introductions
~7:00pm Panelists will include**

Brian C. Harris, President of Zero Net Energy Working Group, will discuss the opportunity for dramatically reducing fossil fuel use through new energy efficient building practices. He will reveal how the present popularity of solar power is impacting energy use decisions at the government, utility, developer and architect/building contractor levels. He will discuss how transformation of thinking on these topics could support a new relationship between human beings, natural resources and the environment.

Shyaam Shabaka, WISR PhD Student, Board member and President Emeritus of Food First and founder and director of EcoVillage Farm in Richmond <http://ecovillagefarm.org/>, will offer a critical analysis of the current food and environmental movement.

Signe Mattson, of the Gill Tract Farm Coalition, will talk about the struggles with the University of California over the Gill Tract land at the corner of Buchanan (at the base of Marin) and San Pablo Avenue in Albany. The Coalition is working to develop this area as a center for agro-ecological study and food production for local food security while the University is pursuing money making developments. For more information go to <http://occupythefarm.org/>

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Prospective students and Community Learners are invited to attend these seminars. **Two Blocks from the South Berkeley (Ashby) BART Station.** Contact WISR if you want to carpool. *Please avoid wearing perfume or cologne to WISR gatherings as requested by those with asthma & allergies.*