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# BIONEERS SUMMIT CONFERENCE

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## GROWING THE MOVEMENT

The World We Want & How to Get There

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– Michael Pollan, author *Omnivore’s Dilemma*



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Yes, 2014 marks our 25th Bioneers Conference birthday! We honor all of you who've shared this amazing journey with us. We hope you'll join us to celebrate this milestone and conjure up some extra-special magic together to reimagine civilization in the Age of Nature.

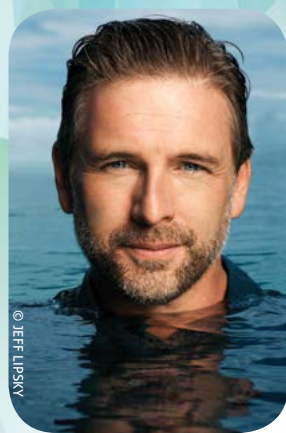
After a quarter-century, the Bioneers community of leadership has illuminated a wealth of breakthrough solutions and directions to head in. Like a prism channeling sunlight, the "Growing the Movement" theme is designed to help focalize this treasure trove of community wisdom, skillfulness and vision into beams of action — a trellis of light on which our shared work can grow between now and 2020 — the most important years in the history of civilization.

As the Bioneers show, the world we want is here now in seed forms — in the breakthrough models, practices and visions inspired by nature and encoded throughout the Bioneers community. Now, we've got to spread, adapt and scale the abundant models and solutions we've already got. We've got to shortcut innovation.

What we do not have is time. Climate change has crash-landed from the future into the present. The ecological debt we've incurred is dire. The hyper-concentration of wealth has captured our political systems, impoverishing humanity, the environment and democracy. The bottom line is we're living beyond our means, and the collection agency is at the door.

Our challenge is to alter the "mindscape" and quicken the transformation to a healthy, resilient, just and fulfilling civilization that restores nature and people. It's bottom up and top down to generate the biggest, fastest economic, industrial and cultural transformation in history.

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*Clockwise from upper left: Eve Ensler, Paul Stamets, Janice Mirikitani & Cecil Williams, Clayton Thomas-Muller, Wallace J. Nichols, Terry Tempest Williams, Naomi Klein, Kenny Ausubel & Nina Simons.*

It comes down to growing the national and global movement of movements that Bioneers reflects and has helped connect and shape. It will be visible in full bloom at the 25th Anniversary Summit.

Together we've got to engage millions and billions more people to make this once-in-a-civilization leap to the world we want — the world the world wants. The measure is not Return on Investment — it's Return on Engagement.

So we invite you to join us in person this year to double down on Bioneers and accelerate the breakthrough work this uniquely visionary and practical community is doing to create the world we all want, and implement the "how" of getting there. It's going to take you and every one of us. In this time, we're all called upon to be leaders — and leadership resides in community.

What's the world you want? How are you helping the world get there? Together, how can we make a difference that really makes the difference? We're asking our whole diverse, brilliant Bioneers community — you! Email us at [www@bioneers.org](mailto:www@bioneers.org).

We offer a deep bow of gratitude and love to each of you with whom we've had the honor and joy of walking this amazing road so far. We make the road by walking.

We'll see you at Bioneers 25!

With Our Love, Gratitude and Respect —  
Kenny Ausubel & Nina Simons, Founders

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## DIVERSE ACTION-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

**EXPERIENCE** the rising tide of inspiring change around the country and world, rooted in a revolution from the heart of nature and the human heart.

**EXPLORE** the forefront of breakthrough ideas and models in electrifying keynote talks, often featuring “the greatest people you’ve never heard of.”

**PARTICIPATE** in kaleidoscopic afternoon panels and workshops on Ecological Design, Climate Solutions, Clean Energy, Social & Racial Justice, Women’s Leadership, Gender and Sexual Health, Green Business, Community Resilience, Restorative Food Systems, Ecological Medicine, New Economics, Ecological Literacy Education, Indie Media, Wildlands Conservation, Art & Social Change, Youth Leadership, Indigenous Knowledge — and lots more!

**CONNECT** with leading-edge innovators and projects across a rich arc of fields, cultures and walks of life, and share your insights and learning in Conversation Cafés, Councils, and participatory and experiential workshops.

**NETWORK** with dynamic change-makers from around the country and world, or from your neck of the woods, to develop important professional and personal relationships.

**DISCOVER** powerful opportunities and strategies for creating and engaging with progressive change in your work, life and community.

**CELEBRATE** how great a difference one person can make, and how building community makes the difference. Expand your own community of new allies and friends!



## SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### THE INDIGENOUS FORUM

Native-led daily programs and a pre-conference intensive at the only gathering of its kind in the U.S. of visionary indigenous leaders.

### CHANGE-MAKERS FAIR

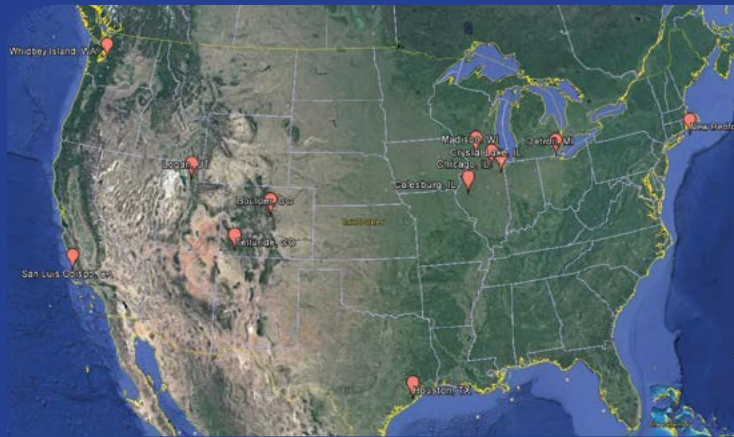
Explore the jewels in the crown of vibrant national and local nonprofit innovators and socially conscious companies creating the world we want.

### FILMS AND FILMMAKERS

Amazing social-issue films and visionary filmmakers.

## JOIN THE BIONEERS RESILIENT COMMUNITIES NETWORK!

Bring Bioneers to your community with Bioneers Resilient Communities Network events and initiatives. The RCN is an active, engaged national network of communities of practice, focused on spreading, implementing and supporting breakthrough solutions to build “resilience from the ground up” at local and regional levels. To apply to join this thriving action network of partner organizations and communities, contact Nikki Spangenburg: [brcn@bioneers.org](mailto:brcn@bioneers.org).



## BECOME A BIONEERS MEDIA POLLINATOR

From our award-winning annual radio series to our new themed Media Collections, Bioneers media are powerful educational and organizing tools. Share the kaleidoscopic spectrum of inspiring solutions and visionary leaders to educate and engage your friends, community, company, organization and public servants. For more information email [pollinator@bioneers.org](mailto:pollinator@bioneers.org).

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Kaylena Bray, Wendy Johnson and Melissa Nelson

## PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVE: Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – 9am-5pm

### Three Sisters Farming: Indigenous Women, Plants, and Foodways

Presented by *The Cultural Conservancy* and *Bioneers Indigenous Knowledge Program*

In this full-day, hands-on workshop/immersion in Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), we explore plants as teachers and the science and philosophy of diverse indigenous foodways and ethnobotanical traditions, including: “Three Sisters” Agriculture, Pueblo farming, organic gardening and California Indian land management practices. We will harvest, collect seeds, and eat together from our Three Sisters Garden as an embodiment of botanical and social polyculture.

This historic workshop features a world-class line-up:

**Robin Kimmerer** (Potawatomie): scientist, award-winning writer (*Braiding Sweetgrass*; *Gathering Moss*), Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology at NY’s SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and founding Director of its Center for Native Peoples and the Environment for reconciling indigenous and Western science.

**Roxanne Swentzell** (Santa Clara Pueblo): co-founder/President of the Flowering Tree Permaculture Institute at New Mexico’s Santa Clara Pueblo and globally renowned Santa Clara Pueblo ceramic sculptor.

**Sage LaPena** (Wintu): Water Resources Coordinator at California’s Hopland Pomo Tribal EPA, working on watershed management, riparian restoration, botany, habitat restoration, Traditional (Tribal) Ecological Knowledge, and public education.

**Wendy Johnson**: author of *Gardening at the Dragon’s Gate*, renowned organic gardening elder-mentor, founder of the famed Organic Farm and Garden program at Green Gulch Zen Center in Marin County.

Hosted by **Melissa Nelson**, President of The Cultural Conservancy, **Wendy Johnson**, and **Cara Romero**, Director of Bioneers’ Indigenous Knowledge Program.

**Location:** Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden, College of Marin, Novato, CA

**Price:** \$195, includes transportation and lunch

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## POST-CONFERENCE INTENSIVE: Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – 9am-5pm

### Food System Resilience from Homestead to Community and Beyond

In this sustainability tour and skill-building workshop led by **Trathen Heckman** of Daily Acts, with **Naomi Starkman** of the award-winning Civil Eats, and new farmer and Farm Guild organizer **Evan Wiig**, we will learn Permaculture skills and tour successful, mature models of local sustainability, including: gray water systems, community gardens, edible landscapes, food forests, water harvesting earthworks, and rain gardens.

Discover strategies to: transform your backyard as the beginning of transforming your neighborhood, municipality, and region; build leadership and self-reliance in your community; promote family and community food security and a local food economy; organize your community; work with municipal government as an ally; and foster new farmer networks.

**Trathen Heckman**, founder of Daily Acts, helps transform water-thirsty lawns into productive edible gardens, supports the installation of home-scale gray water and rainwater harvesting systems, facilitates sustainability tours that have inspired over 600 garden installations, and educates Sonoma County residents to live a more ecologically sustainable lifestyle.

**Naomi Starkman** is founder and Editor-in-Chief of Civil Eats, named 2014 Publication of the Year by the James Beard Foundation. Naomi served as the Director of Communications & Policy at Slow Food Nation '08 and has worked as a media consultant at The New Yorker, Vanity Fair, GQ and WIRED magazines.

**Evan Wiig**, from community garden in Brooklyn to cattle ranch in California, has spent the last few years immersed in the local food and farming movement, raising chickens and working to convene farmers around important issues as an organizer for the Farmers Guild, a network of new farmers, ranchers and chefs sharing ideas and skills.

**Location:** Trathen Heckman's permaculture garden and neighboring sites in Petaluma

**Price:** \$175, including transportation from Embassy Suites hotel to the program site and cob oven pizza for lunch.

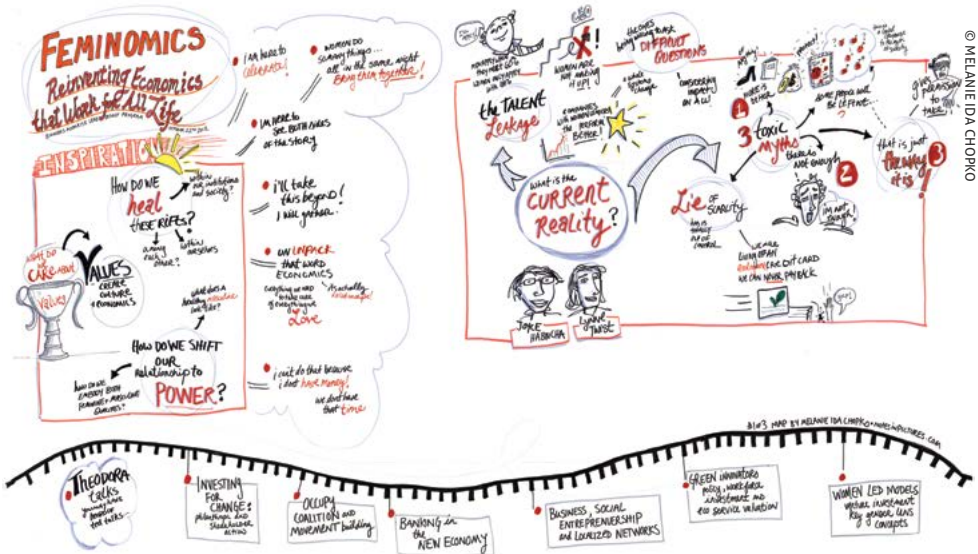


# POST-CONFERENCE INTENSIVE: Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – 9am-5pm

## Feminomics: Reinventing Economics That Work for All of Life

Groundbreaking women in leadership (and some men) in finance, business, policy, and culture are creating Feminomics: new economic models and visions that take into account the biosphere, health and justice to help shift us toward a life-affirming, just economy and world. These new economic models apply a gender lens, whole systems thinking, nature's models, indigenous traditions and place a value on the wellbeing of people and the planet.

Intended for practitioners, professionals and anyone interested in re-imagining economics, this one-day intensive features leading-edge innovators and practitioners in investment, philanthropy, entrepreneurship, justice, and policy. They will highlight some of the most promising practices, models and visions. After brief presentations from diverse leaders, we will engage in networking sessions and round-table “collaboratories” to work together on principles and models, connecting our disparate communities to accelerate learning, cross-pollination, connection and mutual support.



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Hosted by Alisa Gravitz, Executive Director of Green America, and Nina Simons, Bioneers Co-Founder and Everywoman’s Leadership founder, with Georgie Benardete, Managing Director at Multicultural Capital partnering on program planning.

With:

- Katherine Collins, Founder/CEO of Honeybee Capital, author of *The Nature of Investing*
- Neva Morrison, formerly of First Peoples Worldwide
- Adam Werbach, founder of Yerdle
- Nikki Silvestri, CEO of Green for All
- Charles Eisenstein, author of *Sacred Economics*
- Joy Anderson, CEO of Criterion Institute

**Location:** At the Embassy Suites Hotel  
**Price:** \$195.00 includes lunch



### CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

*Leonardo DiCaprio, Kenny Ausubel, Nina Simons and Q'orianka Kilcher*

## 25<sup>TH</sup> BIONEERS PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

#### KEYNOTES & PERFORMANCES: 9AM-1PM

**DRUMMING** by Deb Lane & Afia Walking Tree

**OPENING** by Kanyon Sayers-Roods (Ohlone/Chumash) & Joanne Campbell (Coast Miwok/Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria)

**OPENING TALKS** by Kenny Ausubel and Nina Simons, Bioneers Founders

#### PAUL STAMETS How Mushrooms Can Help Us Survive "Extinction 6x"

*Introduction by Kenny Ausubel*

In this 6<sup>th</sup> Age of Extinctions, the biosphere's life-support systems that have allowed humans to ascend are collapsing. Visionary mycological researcher/inventor Paul Stamets illuminates how fungi, particularly mushrooms, offer uniquely powerful, practical solutions we can implement now to boost the biosphere's immune system and equip us with benign breakthrough mycotechnologies to accelerate the transition to a restored world.

#### EVE ENSLER One Billion Rising for Justice: The Future's in the Body

*Introduction by Nina Simons*

Eve Ensler, playwright, performer, activist, award-winning author of *The Vagina Monologues* and founder of V-Day, illuminates her most recent campaign, One Billion Rising for

Justice. It's a global call to women survivors of violence and those who love them to gather safely in community in public places worldwide to end violence against women, break the silence and release their stories through art, dance, marches, ritual, song and words.

#### XIUHTEZCATL MARTINEZ & ITZCUAUHTLI ROSKE-MARTINEZ

Youth Activist Rap Duo.

#### SEVERINE V T FLEMING Millions of Acres Young Agrarians Needed

*Introduction by Travis Forgues, dairy farmer/board member, Organic Valley*

In the next 20 years, farmland ownership will shift on a continental scale—400 million acres, yet 70% of American farmland is owned by people 65 and older. How can we help young, motivated agrarians survive daunting structural obstacles and become successful farmers to whom retiring organic farmers can transmit their wisdom? How can we invest in the democratization of our land base? These questions drive Agrarian Trust, started by Greenhorns founder Severine v T Fleming, one of the most dynamic leaders in the young farmers' movement.

#### XIUHTEZCATL MARTINEZ YOUTH LEADERSHIP Our Generation Was Born To Change The World

Fourteen-year-old indigenous environmental activist and rapper Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, Youth Director of Earth Guardians, has organized ral-

lies, actions, demonstrations and events, and spoken globally. His generation is rising up to defend our future.

### **CECIL WILLIAMS & JANICE MIRIKITANI** **Who Will Take Care of My People?**

*Introduction by Christy Brown, Festival of Faiths*

For 45 years, Reverend Cecil Williams, founder and Minister of Liberation of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco, and its founding President Janice Mirikitani have created 87 groundbreaking programs to provide human services to some of the Bay Area's most disenfranchised communities. These renowned faith-based pathfinders share their visions and strategies to address the pollution, economic injustice, neglect and apathy that confront poor communities.

### **TIM MERRY**

The Slam Poet Harvester weaves the morning's highlights into bardic verse.

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON** **PROGRAMS – 2:45-4:15PM**

### **Solutions from the Underground:** **Mushrooms as Planetary Healers**

Visionary mycologist **Paul Stamets**, founder, Fungi Perfecti, author of landmark books including *Mycelium Running*, explores the leading edges of his research and current applications using fungi for restoring the biosphere and human health.

### **Archetypes in Every Woman**

How might our culturally inherited myths and symbols be limiting—or expanding—our stories, options and realities? Explore this dynamic terrain through a multi-cultural lens. Hosted by **Anneke Campbell**, author, activist, filmmaker. With: **Jean Shinoda Bolen**, author, Jungian therapist, activist; **Luisah Teish**, teacher/storyteller/priestess in the Ifa Orisha tradition; **Sri Swamini Svatanavidyananda**, teacher of Vedanta and Sanskrit, resident Acharya of the Arsha Vijnana Gurukulam.

### **The Choir and Beyond:** **Media and Social Change**

How are media innovators propelling social change by reaching out to diverse constituencies and across political divides? Hosted by **Jeremy Kagan**, award-winning filmmaker, USC professor and founder of Change Making Media Lab. With: **Bryan Welch**, Publisher and Editorial Director, Ogden Publications (*Mother Earth News*, *Mother Earth Living*, *Utne Reader*); **Amy Hartzler**, Studio Director, Free Range; **John S. Bracken**, Director of Media Innovation, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

*“I love Bioneers! I come because I learn so much and draw on it all year long. I also come to Bioneers to see friends and network and do movement building because this is the place to make it happen.”*

– ANNIE LEONARD, PRODUCER/  
DIRECTOR “THE STORY OF STUFF”  
FILM; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
GREENPEACE USA

### **Re-Localizing the Food System**

Three leading innovators show how to transform the food system to expand local economies and nurture vibrant community cultures. Hosted by **Arty Mangan**, Director, Bioneers Restorative Food Systems program. With: **Michael H. Shuman**, expert on community economics, author of *Local Dollars, Local Sense*; **Sibella Kraus**, President, Sustainable Agriculture Education, supporting regional food systems and multifunctional agriculture; **Severine v T Fleming**, farmer, activist, filmmaker, founder of Greenhorns.

### **Greening Businesses of All Sizes**

Key leaders illustrate promising initiatives and the main challenges in the “greening” of capitalism. Hosted by **Amanda Joy Ravenhill**, professor of Sustainable Management, Presidio Graduate School. With: **David Levine**, co-founder/CEO, American Sustainable Business Council; **Oren Lyons**, global indigenous leader, co-founder, Plantagon vertical greenhouses for urban farming; **Danna Pfahl**, VP of Stakeholder Engagement, Future 500.

### **Education for Sustainability**

Connect with kindred educators in an emerging community of practice in this participatory session offering frameworks and tools for designing an effective Education for Sustainability (Efs) initiative in your community and/or school. Hosted by **Kirk Bergstrom**, filmmaker, educator, social entrepreneur, founder and Executive Director of World-Link. With: **Jaimie Cloud**, President, Cloud Institute for Sustainability Education; **Linda Booth Sweeney**, award-winning author and systems educator.

### Spirituality and Faith Communities: Engaging for Resilience and Action

Many communities of spirituality and faith have adopted formal resolutions proclaiming protecting the Earth and promoting environmental justice as cornerstone moral responsibilities. How can faith congregations build vibrant networks and partnerships to build resilience locally and regionally? Hosted by **Lisa Anderson**, Director of Women's Multi-faith Education, Auburn Theological Seminary. With: **Rev. Canon Sally Bingham**, President, The Regeneration Project, Interfaith Power and Light; **Owsley Brown**, Chairman, Festival of Faiths; **Rev. Fletcher Harper**, Executive Director, Green Faith; **Krithika Harish**, Young Leaders Program Coordinator, United Religions Initiative.

### Indigenous Forum. Brave-Hearted Women: Protectors of Native Women's Health

Indigenous women examine health threats to women, families and communities, and provide breakthrough case studies and models for protecting and supporting Native women's health in urban and rural contexts. Hosted by **Melissa Nelson** (Turtle Mountain Anishinaabe), President, The Cultural Conservancy. With: **Jessica Danforth** (Mohawk), Native Youth Sexual Health Network; **Esther Lucero**, LSW (Yaqui), California Consortium of Urban Indian Health Centers; **April McGill** (Pomo/Yuki), Native American Health Center, San Francisco; **Katsi Cook** (Akwasasne Mohawk), traditional midwife and health advocate.

### Youth: Stepping Up to Leadership —Strategies and Advice for Young Activists

Award-winning young environmental leaders share stories, challenges and successful strategies for environmental justice. Learn practical tips: how to initiate community environmental campaigns, rally support and resources, and make real change for a more sustainable future. With **2014 Brower Youth Award winners**.

### Council: It Takes a Village to Raise an Elder: Intergenerations Honoring the Wisdom of the Elders in our Communities, Families & Global World

Can honoring the wisdom and knowledge of elders encourage innovative and timely solutions to our global and personal concerns? With: **Ilarion Merculieff**, Aleut traditional messenger; **Sharon Shay Sloan**, council trainer, community steward. (Interactive, experiential)

### Design Thinking for Bioneers

Learn and apply a creative, research-based method to help catalyze your visionary ideas, reframe challenges collaboratively to generate new solution possibilities, and use design thinking to find inspiring new pathways to transformative action. With: **Marilyn Cornelius** and **Zanette Johnson**, d.cipher facilitators. (Interactive)

### Wiser Together Café: Igniting Possibilities through Intergenerational Partnerships

Join a participant-driven conversation around themes emerging at the conference. How

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**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!**  
13 Indigenous Grandmothers

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can we collaborate, connect diverse perspectives, share talents, and shape the future? With: **David Shaw**, Common Ground Center, UCSC; **Dana Pearlman**, The Lotus, and Global Leadership Lab.

### HerbWalk

Explore the medicinal and edible landscape with herbalist **Kami McBride**. (Interactive, experiential)

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMS – 4:30-6:00PM

### City of Joy: Turning Pain to Planting and Power

How can farming and gardening help empower and heal one of the world's most challenged populations? City of Joy founder **Eve Ensler** and permaculturists **Brock Dolman** and **Dave Henson** of Occidental Arts and Ecology Center are developing a farm cooperative in City of Joy, the world-renowned haven for women rape survivors in the Congo.

### Designing a World for the 100%, by the 100%

Leading women designers gathered by the **Buckminster Fuller Institute** (BFI) explore the principles of participatory design—inclusion, cooperation, community, regeneration—and how we can design a human world that meets everyone's needs without harming the biosphere. Hosted by **Elizabeth Thompson**, BFI Executive Director. With: **Erin Meezan**, VP of Sustainability, Interface, Inc.; **Jane Harrison**, co-founder, PITCHAfrica/Waterbank Schools; **Dawn Danby**, Senior Sustainable Design Program Manager, Autodesk, Inc.

### Change the Story: New Strategies for Shifting Culture

Storytelling is an ancient, powerful human expression. Today advertisers and public relations flacks exploit the power of story to deceive and desensitize. How can we reclaim the power of story and design more effective “story-based strategies” for a better world? Join the **Center for Story-Based Strategy** (formerly smartMeme) in an interactive session on applying a “narrative power analysis” and transformational stories from grassroots movements. With: **Patrick Reinsborough** and **Christine Cordero**. (Interactive, experiential)

### Eco-Governance

What does governance look like when it aligns with the ground truths of nature? How does culture change? What models exist? Hosted by **Kirsten Schwind**, co-founder/Director of Bay Localize. With: **Jessie Lerner**, Executive Director, Sustain Dane in Mad-

ison, Wisconsin, a state with eco-municipalities based on Sweden's model; **Trathen Heckman**, Board President, Transition U.S., founder of Daily Acts; other speaker to be announced.

### Regeneration: Women of Color Healing through Nature, Art, Ritual, and Community

Very diverse women of color and indigenous women in Bay Area urban communities are drawing from their connection to Earth in highly creative ways to move toward personal and community healing and empowerment. Hosted by **J. Phoenix Smith**, Director, Back to Earth Outdoors, Orisha priestess. With: **Catherine Herrera**, Ohlone artist, filmmaker; **Mira Manickam**, environmental educator, multimedia artist, author; **Brandi Mack**, youth worker, gardener.

### Leveraging Donor Activism: Philanthropy's Leading Edges

How are donors leveraging effective change beyond traditional pathways and norms? From shareholder activism to investment strategies and disinvestment campaigns, ex-

## SPECIAL PROGRAM FEATURES

### LEADERSHIP FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW WILL SURPRISE YOU

What if the assumptions you had about yourself were not only challenged, but dispelled? Experience a breakthrough in what you know about who you are by working with a horse and **Lisa Arie**, founder/CEO of Vista Caballo. Friday and Saturday: 2:45-4:15pm and 4:30-6pm.

### CAROLINE CASEY & CLIMBING POETREE

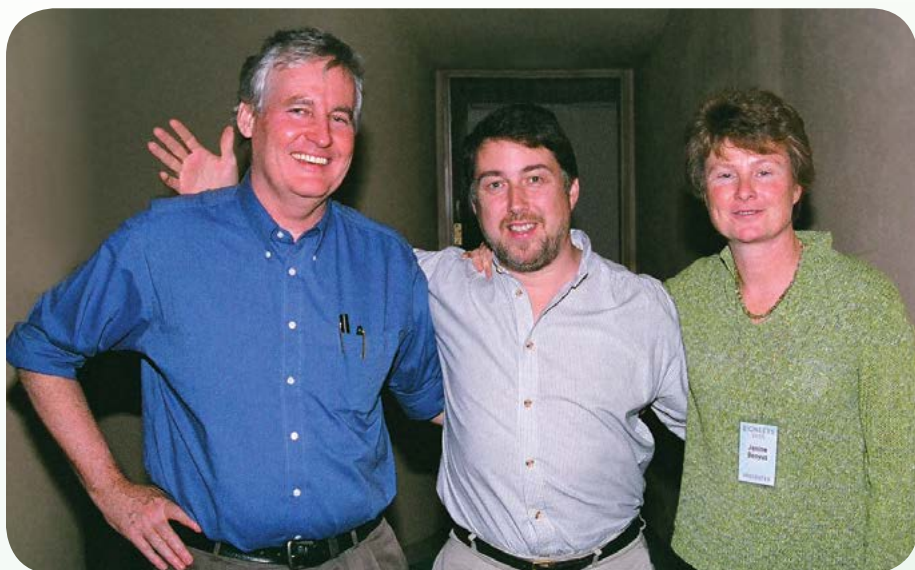
The beloved stand-up mytho-poetic-politico astrologer joins forces with the boundary-breaking spoken word duo for a cosmic romp. Friday: 9:00pm

### SEED EXCHANGE

Trade open-pollinated, heirloom, traditional and organic seeds with hard-core seedheads. Saturday: 6:30pm

### TRASHION SHOW!

Truckee High's Envirolution Club steals the show every year turning trash into high fashion with a serious environmental message.



### CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

*Biomimics Terry Collins, Paul Anastas and Janine Benyus*

plore how foundations can be reshaped to be far more effective. Hosted by **Jen Sokolove**, Program Director, Compton Foundation. With: **Lauren Embrey**, President/CEO, Embrey Family Foundation; **Tom Van Dyck**, Senior Vice President and Financial Consultant, SRI Wealth Management Group at RBC Wealth Management; **Jenifer Fernandez Ancona**, Senior Director of Membership & Communications, Women Donors Network; **Kristin Hull**, CEO, Nia Global Solutions.

### Public Power To Counteract Climate Challenges and Corporate Control

Bold strategies by publicly owned utilities in communities such as Austin, Santa Fe and Marin County are challenging private energy monopolies and transitioning off fossil-fuel dependence. Hosted by **Mariel Nanasi**, Executive Director/President, New Energy Economy. With: **Karl Rábago**, Executive Director, Pace University School of Law Energy and Climate Center, former VP of Distributed Energy for Austin's community-owned electric utility; **Dawn Weisz**, Executive Officer, Marin Clean Energy, which launched California's first Community Choice Aggregation program.

### Indigenous Forum. ALOHA (Applied Hawaiian Philosophy)

Native Hawaiian visionaries **Pua Nani Mahoe** and **Luana Palapala Busby-Neff** share Hawaii's unique collective cultural wisdom and traditional philosophies of land, water, spirit and "Aloha" teachings. Learn about *malama aina*—how to take care of the land, water, community, spirit and self, as they take care of you; and how to weave the Aloha Spirit into your life. The dialogue will address the need for deep collaboration for protecting

our natural resources that sustain life on *Papahānamoku* (Mother Earth).

### Youth Leadership: Fossil Fuel Divestment

Students across the U.S. are mobilizing against climate disruption, demanding their institutions divest from fossil fuels and invest in sustainability. Learn resources, strategies and opportunities for young activists to engage with the fossil fuel divestment campaign. With: **Chloe Maxmin** and **Arielle Klagsbrun**, Brower Youth Award-winning leading climate activists.

### Leadership Lessons from the Living Earth

Join this experiential session to meet mentors from the natural world and discover biomimicry-based leadership practices grown from life's operating principles. With: **Toby Herzlich**, founder, Biomimicry for Social Innovation. (Interactive, experiential)

### Council: Cultivating 21st Century Earth Stewardship in a Power-Imbalanced World: Global Citizens, First Peoples & Spaceship Earth

Rooted in the wisdom traditions and best practices of First Peoples and the planetary perspective of global citizens, we explore models and practices of living reciprocally as if our lives depended on it. With: **Ilarion Merculieff**, Aleut traditional messenger; **Sharon Shay Sloan**, council trainer and community steward. (Interactive, experiential)

### Networking

Educators' Meet-up by the lake.

**FRIDAY EVENING****6:15PM****Reception with the American Sustainable Business Council**

Join founder **David Levine** to learn about AS-BC's large and growing national business network, which represents over 200,000 companies, building a business voice and power for a sustainable economy through market and policy efforts.

**9:00PM****CAROLINE CASEY WITH CLIMBING POETREE – Performance**

“Democratic Animism Now! Assuming Cultural Narrative Lead.” In cahoots with flora and fauna, let us cultivate, animate, magnetize and spiral forth into the memosphere the irresistible invitational guiding narrative. Mytho-politico astrologer trickster **Caroline Casey** cavorts with fellow wordsmiths/musicians **Climbing PoeTree's** **Alix Garcia** and **Naima Penniman**.

**7:00-10:30PM****FILMS – with Filmmakers****FILM: The Hadza: Last of the First**

This acclaimed film by **Bill** and **Laurie Benenson** (*Dirt! The Movie*) looks at human origins in Africa's Rift Valley, where one of the world's last remaining hunter-gatherer groups, the Hadza, have lived sustainably for 50,000 years. It presents intriguing theories about Homo sapiens' evolution and origin, and the delicate balance of human aggression and cooperation at our core. With: the **Hadza**, **Jane Goodall**, **Richard Wrangham** (author of *Catching Fire*) and **Wangari Maathai**. (70 mins)

**WHAT IS COUNCIL?**

The practice of council is both ancient and modern, with roots in many civilizations throughout the world as well as in contemporary organizational disciplines. Each of us knows the joy of sharing stories around the campfire in circle with like-minded peers. By removing the social barriers that keep us separate, council allows for the kind of listening that brings instant recognition that we are all, in fact, related.

**FILM: Amazon Gold**

This disturbing account of a clandestine journey bears witness to the apocalyptic destruction of the rainforest in pursuit of illegally mined gold and its impact on indigenous peoples in the Amazon. Narrated by Academy Award winners **Sissy Spacek** and **Herbie Hancock**. Directed by **Reuben Aaronson**. (53 mins)

**FILM: The Summer of Gods**

A troubled girl unites with her Afro-Brazilian religious ancestry on a summer visit with family to their ancestral village in rural Brazil. This mystical adventure through a nearby forest initiates her into her grandmother's spiritual traditions. Directed by **Eliciana Nascimento**. (20 mins)

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>****KEYNOTES & PERFORMANCES:****9AM-1PM****DRUMMING** by **Deb Lane & Afia Walking Tree****OPENING REMARKS** by **Kenny Ausubel & Nina Simons**, Bioneers Founders**HUMANITY'S GREAT TRANSITION** Short film by acclaimed film artist **Louie Schwartzberg****NAOMI KLEIN****This Changes Everything: Capitalism v. the Climate***Introduction by Kenny Ausubel*

The award-winning Canadian journalist, international activist and best-selling author (*The Shock Doctrine, No Logo*) depicts climate change as more than an “issue.” It's a civilizational wake-up call delivered in the language of fires, floods, storms and droughts. It demands that we challenge the dominant economic policies of deregulated capitalism and endless resource extraction. Climate change is also the most powerful weapon in the fight for equality and social justice, and real solutions are emerging from the rubble of our failing systems.

**CLAYTON THOMAS-MULLER****The Rise of the Canadian Native Rights-Based Movement to Protect Our Commons***Introduction by Nina Simons*

Clayton Thomas-Muller, a leading organizer for Idle No More and Defenders of the Land, and a Co-Director of Polaris Institute's Indigenous Tar Sands Campaign, portrays Canada's rising Native-led rights-based movement, supported by labor, civil society, students and grassroots groups. It's challenging



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*Akaya Windwood, Alice Walker and LaDonna Redmond*

the neo-liberal free market agenda that has turned Canada into a petro-state. It may be our last best effort to save our lands and the health of our people from the extractive industries and the banks that finance them.

**CLIMBING POETREE: ALIXA GARCIA & NAIMA PENNIMAN**

This award-winning, boundary-breaking spoken word duo rocks the house.

**JOHN WARNER  
Green Chemistry: Biomimicry and Molecular Psychology**

*Introduction by Kenny Ausubel*

It's time to create the green molecular building blocks that make green technology truly clean, from raw materials and production to social justice. World-renowned green chemist John Warner illustrates how we can create a new generation of biomimetic and green molecular building blocks to help us reach the "world we want." A founder of Green Chemistry, he has published over 200 patents, papers and books. He's founder, President and Chief Technology Officer of Warner Babcock Institute for Green Chemistry, and co-founder of Beyond Benign, a nonprofit for sustainability and green chemistry education.

**CHLOE MAXMIN  
YOUTH LEADERSHIP  
Lessons from the Grassroots Climate Movement**

An activist since age 12, Chloe co-founded Divest Harvard to pressure her college to disinvest from fossil fuel holdings, gaining international recognition for her effective activism.

*Bioneers is a venue where leaders of color within the environmental justice movement are bridging historical racial gaps in the environmental movement to share grounded strategies and new visions with the promise of creating a healthy, just and sustainable multi-racial society.*

— M. PALOMA PAVEL AND CARL ANTHONY, BREAKTHROUGH COMMUNITIES

**DESTINY ARTS YOUTH PERFORMANCE COMPANY**

**ROBIN KIMMERER  
Mishkos Kenomagwen:  
The Teachings of Grass**

*Introduction by Melissa Nelson, The Cultural Conservancy*

Indigenous peoples worldwide honor plants, not only as our sustainers, but as our oldest teachers who share teachings of generosity, creativity, sustainability and joy. By their living examples, plants spur our imaginations of how we might live. By braiding indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) with modern tools of botanical science, Robin Kim-

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merer, professor of Environmental Science and Forestry of Potawatomi ancestry, explores the question: “If plants are our teachers, what are their lessons, and how might we become better students”?

### **JEFFREY BRONFMAN** **The Botanical Dimension of Our Human Evolutionary Next Steps**

*Introduction by Kenny Ausubel*

The use of plants as food, medicine and construction material for human habitat is apparent to all, but the essential role certain plants play in human spiritual evolution is not well understood. Jeffrey Bronfman, an environmentalist, educator and founding member of Bioneers, has encountered the use of plants within numerous spiritual, ceremonial and religious contexts throughout the Western Hemisphere. He explores the vital role certain plants have in the development of human awareness at this critical moment in the state of the biosphere and our evolution as human beings.

### **TIM MERRY**

Slam Poet Harvester weaves morning high-lights into bardic mischief.

## **SATURDAY LUNCHTIME** **– 1:00-2:30PM**

**PERFORMANCES** on outdoor Sun Stage.

## **SATURDAY AFTERNOON** **PROGRAMS – 2:45-4:15PM**

### **Intelligence in Nature: The Vegetable Mind**

Contemporary science is validating traditional knowledge about the vast pervasive intelligence in nature, and in plants in particular. What is intelligence? How do we learn nature’s languages? Hosted by **Melissa K. Nelson**, President, The Cultural Conservancy. With: **Robin Kimmerer**, Director, Center for Native Peoples and the Environment at SUNY-ESF; **Monica Gagliano**, renowned Australian marine biologist and evolutionary ecologist whose research Michael Pollan reported in the New Yorker.

### **The Frontlines of Greening Educational Systems: Achieving Environmental Literacy for All**

Schools, colleges, and universities can become community models for sustainability, inspiring innovation and teaching environmental literacy for the next generation. Learn from leaders and practitioners how to achieve political, financial, and student success. Hosted by **Deborah Moore**, founder, Green Schools Initiative. With: **David Orr**, renowned eco-educator and author, Senior Adviser to the President of Oberlin College; **Jennifer Seydel**, COO/CFO, Green Schools National Network; **Nik Kaestner**, Sustainability Coordinator, and **Elishama Goldfarb**, Envi-

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

### **YOUTH ORIENTATION**

On Thursday night meet other youth attending Bioneers and join a small mentoring team to share, process and explore your Bioneers experience with your peers and an experienced mentor from Weaving Earth. Dinner will be served.

### **COMMUNITY OF MENTORS OFFICE HOURS**

Activist youth seeking guidance have the daily opportunity to be in small-group mentoring sessions with Bioneers presenters.

### **WISER TOGETHER CAFÉ: PARTNERING ACROSS GENERATIONS**

These interactive sessions offer facilitated intergenerational dialogue on themes emerging from the conference.

### **SINGING TREE COLLECTIVE MURAL PROJECT**

This youth-led collaborative mural project invites everyone to create her/his own messages celebrating the Earth, unity and peace. Led by artist **Laurie Marshall**.

### **DIGITAL STORYTELLING**

Synergia Learning Ventures’ Finding the Good Program brings its Mobile Interactive Classroom in which youth blog about their Bioneers experience in the computer lab, film interviews with speakers, and participate in the “Eyes of the Future” Project. With **Tom** and **Debra Weistar**.



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*Ralph Paige, Danny Glover, J.L. Chestnut and Lukata Mjumba*

ronmental Literacy Specialist, San Francisco Unified School District.

### Science Fiction Envisions the World We Want

Bioneers Associate Producer J.P. Harpignies interviews **Kim Stanley Robinson**, among our most celebrated, award-winning science-fiction writers and the most ecologically conscious. The author of many classic works including the seminal *Mars* and *Three Californias* trilogies explores such topics as: how “eco-futurist fiction” seeks to identify today’s most important trends; the power of dystopian and utopian memes; and how science fiction can contribute to helping us shape a desirable tomorrow.

### Citizen Science: DIY Knowledge To and From the People

Activists, scientists and grassroots groups are leveraging new technology and collaborative networks to accurately monitor the quality of the environment, expose governmental and corporate abuses, and enable large-scale ecological research to understand the web of life in the age of climate disruption. Hosted by **Teo Grossman**, Bioneers Director of Strategic Network Initiatives. With: **Severine v T Fleming**, Farm Hack; **Shannon Dosemagen**, founder/President, New Orleans-based Public Laboratory for Open Technology and Science; **Brian Haggerty**, co-designer, USA National Phenology Network, a multisectoral climate change research program using citizen scientists to monitor seasonal behavior of U.S. flora and fauna.

### Toward a Nontoxic Industry and Economy

What would a nontoxic industrial economy

look like, and how do we get there? From green chemistry and biomimicry to mobilizing women and challenging corporate power, innovators are connecting the clean technology space with social movements. With: **John Warner**, co-founder of Green Chemistry; **Erin Switalski**, Executive Director, Women’s Voices for the Earth; **Jeanne Rizzo**, President/CEO, Breast Cancer Fund, founder Cancer-Free Economy project.

### Food Literacy as a Catalyst for Social Change

Breakthrough food literacy initiatives are transforming communities, bringing people together in meaningful conversations. Learn how to design an effective food literacy program for your community, organization or school. With: **Kirk Bergstrom**, Executive Director, Nourish Initiative; **Elaina Ortiz**, US Navy Food Literacy Program; other speaker to be announced.

### Building Power from the Rubble: How Frontline Communities in El Salvador Are Creating Resilience to Climate Disasters

A movement of rural communities in El Salvador called La Coordinadora has led the way in community-based disaster preparedness, building a grassroots democracy movement, and influencing national policy. It’s featured in the new film and book *This Changes Everything* by Naomi Klein and Avi Lewis. Hosted by **Mari-el Nanasi**, Executive Director/President, New Energy Economy. With: **Estela Hernández**, El Salvadoran Congresswoman; **Karolo Aparicio**, Executive Director, EcoViva, La Coordinadora’s U.S. sister organization; **Avi Lewis**, filmmaker, director of *This Changes Everything*.

## Indigenous Forum. Native Cultural Appropriation

Inaccurate and offensive depictions of Native American culture abound. This forum examines representations of Native peoples, stereotypes, and cultural appropriation. Hosted by **Cara Romero** (Chemehuevi), Bioneers Indigenous Knowledge Program Director. With: **Cannupa Hanska Luger** (Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara-Lakota) and **Ginger Dunnill** (Hawaiian), who create art and film revealing misconceptions and literally destroying painful pop culture stereotypes; **Andrew Jolivet** (Apelousa-Atakapa-Ishak), Chair of American Indian Studies, San Francisco State.

## Youth Leadership: Map Your Future

How is your community vulnerable to climate disruption? Learn how to assess local vulnerabilities and assets and develop a career building community resilience. Learn how to use a Community Climate Assessment Tool, work with planners, and take concrete steps to build resilience in your community. Led by **Bay Localize: Colin Miller**, Program Manager; **Corrine L. Van Hook**, Communications/Outreach Manager.

## Cultivating Women's Leadership (CWL) Alumnae Reunion & Sampler

Experience a taste of the personal deep dive into purposeful engaged action and leadership from the inside out that CWL offers. Connect with great women from past trainings while cross-pollinating and engaging with the field we co-create. With CWL founders and faculty: **Nina Simons**, **Toby Herzlich**, **Rachel Bagby**, **Sarah Crowell**. (Interactive, experiential)

## Council: Honoring the Sacred Feminine and Sacred Masculine: Partnership in Women's & Men's Leadership, From the Inside Out

Together in this double-session council, fellow bioneers explore the emerging paradigms of both women's and men's leadership and the application of sacred "masculine" and sacred "feminine" principles. With: **Ilarion Mercurieff**, Aleut traditional messenger; **Sharon Shay Sloan**, council trainer and community steward. (Interactive, experiential)

## Wiser Together Open Space Technology

How can we leverage our collective intelligence, share our visions and move towards wise action? Participants make the agenda on topics, co-creating an empowering learning environment of self-managed conversation groups. With: **David Shaw**, Common Ground Center, UCSC; **Dana Pearlman**, The Lotus, Global Leadership Lab. (double session: 2:45pm-6pm)

## HerbWalk

with herbalist Autumn Summers

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMS – 4:30-6:00PM

### Plant Sacraments and the Mind of Nature

Can entheogenic plants help people access the intelligence in nature—the "mind of nature"—that we must learn to understand in order to supersede our ecologically destructive habits? Hosted by **J.P. Harpignies**, Bioneers Associate Producer. With: **Jeffrey Bronfman**, founding member of the União do Vegetal church of the United States; **Paul Stamets**, master mycologist; **Katsi Cook**, renowned Mohawk midwife and environmental activist.

### Movement Building I: Convergence

Can the global convergence of disparate movements gain the traction necessary to overcome the concentration of wealth and power driving the destruction of civilization and nature? How? Hosted by **Carleen Pickard**, Executive Director, Global Exchange. With: **Naomi Klein**, author, filmmaker, activist; **Clayton Thomas-Müller**, indigenous rights leader and movement builder; **Joel Solomon**, President, Renewal Partners and Chairman, Renewal Funds, founding member of Social Venture Network and Tides Foundation of Canada.

### Woman and Nature: The Shadow and The Promise

Explore with a multicultural circle of women the upsides and downsides of the deep, ancient association of women and "the feminine" with nature, and how a re-integration of the feminine principle into our culture may best serve us today. Hosted by **Starhawk**,

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*"It was a great opportunity for me to join hands with the larger community that wants to do the same work my Tribal people – Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo – have been doing for eons."*

– GREG SARRIS, CHAIRMAN, FEDERATED INDIANS OF GRATON RANCHERIA

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*Van Jones and Arianna Huffington*

renowned author, educator, activist, Permaculturist. With: **Rachel Bagby**, singer, author, farmer, facilitator; **Clare Dakin**, Executive Director, Tree Sisters; **Pat McCabe** (Woman Stands Shining), Diné (Navajo) artist/activist; **Sasha Houston Brown** (Dakota/Santee Sioux Tribe, Nebraska), Director of Education at Little Earth of United Tribes; **Lisa Anderson**, Director of Women's Multifaith Education, Auburn Theological Seminary.

### Restorative Justice, Healing Justice

A new form of justice seeks to heal and cares more about broken lives than broken laws. It's capable of pushing back the "New Jim Crow" of mass incarceration and the school-to-prison pipeline. Hosted by **J. Miakoda Taylor**, founder, Fierce Allies. With: **Fania Davis**, founder/Executive Director, Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth; **Ericka Huggins**, professor of Sociology and African-American Studies at Laney and Merritt Colleges.

### Banking CRI\$İ\$—Breaking Up Is Hard To Do

Nothing much has been done to correct the systemic causes of the 2008 banking bankruptcy "crisis." Too big to fail has meant too big to jail, but next time it may be too big to bail out. Learn about initiatives to break up the big banks and deconstruct their concentration of wealth and political power. Hosted by **Susan Estep**, recovering Wall St. trader, portfolio manager; **Bartlett Naylor**, Financial Policy Advocate, Public Citizen; others to be announced.

### Is Earth Full? Holistic Population Solutions in a Growing World

By 2050, there will be 9 billion people. The good news is there are empowering population initiatives around the world improving lives and protecting the environment. Hosted by **Suzanne York**, Program Director/Senior Writer, Institute for Population Studies. With: **Shannon Biggs**, Director of Community Rights, Global Exchange; **Rucha Chitnis**, India Program Director, Women's Earth Alliance; **William Ryerson**, founder/President, Population Media Center.

### Watering Down: Water Management Strategies for Climate Change

From rangeland to metropolis, these brilliant innovators are watering down. With: **Andy Lipkis**, founder/President, TreePeople, biomimicking forest watersheds for climate-resilient cities and water supplies; **Courtney White**, co-founder, Quivira Coalition, building bridges among ranchers, conservationists, public land managers, scientists and citizens for economic and ecological resilience on working landscapes; **Sarah Newkirk**, Coastal Project Director, Nature Conservancy, developing natural infrastructure solutions for coastal resilience.

### Indigenous Forum. Dollars and Sense in Indian Country and Beyond: Expanding Indigenous Philanthropy

This session challenges the paucity of funding for indigenous-led initiatives of preservation, conservation and revitalization in Indian Country and globally (.5% of foundation funding), illustrating how Native-led organizations are innovating with inter-tribal re-granting. Hosted by **Melissa Nelson** (Anishinaabe), founder, Mino-Niibi Fund for Indigenous Cultures of The Cultural Conservancy. With: **Tia Oros-Peters** (Zuni Pueblo), Seventh Generation Fund; **China Ching** (Hawaiian), Christensen Fund; **Oren Lyons** (Onandaga), indigenous rights leader; **Evelyn Arce** (Chibcha), International Funders for Indigenous Peoples.

### Youth Poetry Slam

Poets perform original work and compete. Winners determined by the audience. Hosted by **Aaron Ableman**, producer of *Pacha's Pajamas*, an ecological musical for children.

### Duality Is Reciprocal: Integrating the Feminine-Masculine Powers Within

Until we heal the separation between the feminine and masculine, the world will not come into balance. We explore this duality, and ask ourselves if we've been asking the wrong questions and holding incorrect images, attitudes and beliefs about the feminine-masculine polarity. With: **Pele Rouge Chadima**, **Lana Holmes** and **FireHawk Hulin**, co-founders, Timeless Earth Wisdom, Inc. (Interactive, experiential)

**Council: Honoring the Sacred Feminine and Sacred Masculine: Partnership in Women's & Men's Leadership, from the Inside Out**  
(See 2:45pm) (Interactive, experiential)

**Wiser Together Open Space Technology**  
(See 2:45pm)

## SATURDAY NIGHT

**6:30PM**

### The Seed Exchange

Preserve biodiversity and learn from seed masters. Hosted by: **Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, Tesuque Pueblo Farm, Richmond Grows Seed Lending Library, Living Seed Company, Sustainable Seed Company.**

### BIONEERS 25<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY DINNER

Join **Nina, Kenny** and the bioneers for a celebration of Bioneers' 25<sup>th</sup> birthday with an amazing organic, biodiverse gourmet meal by renowned Native American chef **Lois Ellen Frank**. Space is extremely limited. First come, first served. Pay it forward by buying an extra ticket for a worthy change-maker, young farmer or low-income attendee. Or sponsor a whole table! *Separate admission.*

**7:00-10:30PM**

## FILMS – with Filmmakers

### FILM: *Dying to Know*

After two Harvard professors began probing the edges of consciousness in the '60s, Timothy Leary ended up in jail while Richard Alpert became Ram Dass, spiritual teacher. Directed by Bioneers Board member **Gay Dillingham** and narrated by **Robert Redford**, the film features rare interviews spanning 50 years in an intimate portrait of an epic friendship that shaped a generation. It invites us to ponder questions about life, drugs and the biggest mystery of all: death. (95 minutes)

### FILM: *Beyond Right & Wrong: Stories of Justice and Forgiveness*

In the stillness after conflict, after the blood dries and the screams fade, the memory of violence transforms survivors into prisoners of their own pain. How do whole societies recover from devastating conflict? This life-changing, multi-award-winning documentary explores the intersections of justice and forgiveness. Directed by **Roger Spottiswoode** and **Leykha Singh**.

**9:30PM - MIDNIGHT**

**Dance Party** with DJ Dragonfly.

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

## KEYNOTES & PERFORMANCES: 9AM-1PM

**DRUMMING** by Deb Lane & Afia Walking Tree

**WELCOME** by Nina Simons & Kenny Ausubel

**OPENING** by Rachel Bagby

### KRISTEN SHEERAN

#### Scaling Solutions for Social Change

*Introduction by Alisa Gravitz, Green America*

In this age of unprecedented global challenges—and innovations—the world can't wait for solutions to emerge piecemeal over time. We need to get better, faster and more innovative in scaling up existing solutions. Economist Kristen Sheeran illuminates groundbreaking collaborative efforts to create new approaches to social innovation, harnessing cutting-edge digital technologies for the rapid sharing, processing and managing of knowledge. She's VP of Knowledge Systems at Ecotrust, the Pacific Northwest's groundbreaking think tank and green economy incubator.

### PATRICIA GUALINGA

#### Message from the Amazon

The courageous Kichwa leader from the Ecuadorian Amazon joins **Amazon Watch** and **Pachamama Alliance** with an urgent report from the front lines of protecting the lungs of the planet where women's leadership is rising.

### john a. powell

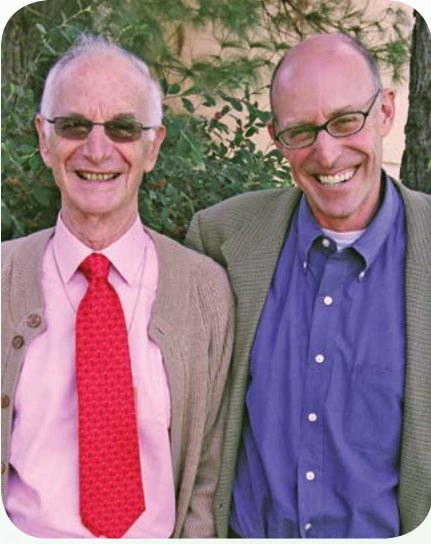
#### Beloved Community: Interbeing, Race, Class and Person 'Hood

*Introduction by Connie Cagampang Heller, Linked Fate Fund for Justice*

As humanity faces global environmental and social collapse, our fear of the "Other" can be magnified by unstable contracting economies, radically shifting demographics, and new social norms. Can humanity overcome these divisions and come together to protect our common home? john a. powell, a nationally respected voice on race and ethnicity, leads UC Berkeley's Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society, holds the Robert D. Haas Chancellor's Chair in Equity and Inclusion, serves on the UC Berkeley School of Law faculty, and is author of *Racing to Justice*.

### PERFORMANCE: ALIXA GARCIA

of Climbing PoeTree



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**MANUEL PASTOR**  
**Transactions, Transformations,**  
**Translations: Movement-Building for**  
**the Next America**

*Introduction by Rachel Morello-Frosch, Professor of Environmental Health, UC Berkeley*

Facing rapidly changing demographics, growing inequality and increased political polarization in the U.S., movement builders are grappling with creating new cross-generational ties and a new understanding of the relationship between equity and economic growth. How do we build movements based on vision and values, not interests and transactions? Manuel Pastor is Professor of American Studies & Ethnicity at USC, and founding Director of the Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community at UC, Santa Cruz. He directs the USC Program for Environmental and Regional Equity, and co-directs USC's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration.

**ARIELLE KLAGSBRUN**  
**YOUTH LEADERSHIP**  
**Why People Need to Get Arrested:**  
**The climate crisis requires bold action**

A leader of the "Take Back Saint Louis" campaign to remove tax incentives to corporations profiting from climate change explores how to defeat the fossil fuel extraction industry.

**TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS**  
**A Love That Is Wild: Why Wilderness**  
**Matters in the 21st Century**

*Introduction by Nina Simons*

What might a different kind of power look and feel like, and can power be redistributed equitably, even beyond our own species? Conservationist, activist, and one of the nation's most beloved and acclaimed authors,

Terry Tempest Williams has been called "a citizen writer" who speaks eloquently for an ethical stance toward life, showing how environmental issues are social issues that become matters of justice. A scholar at the University of Utah and Dartmouth, she has been equally at home camping in the wilderness and being arrested for civil disobedience.

**WALLACE "J." NICHOLS**  
**I Wish You Water**

*Introduction by Kenny Ausubel*

The cognitive and emotional benefits of healthy oceans and waterways have been celebrated through art, song, romance and poetry throughout human history. Marine biologist, activist, community organizer, and author Wallace J. Nichols will dive deeper and explore our blue minds through the dual lenses of evolutionary biology and cognitive science, reminding us that we are water.

**TIM MERRY**

The Slam Poet Harvester wraps it all up in bardic verse.

**CLOSING**

With Kenny Ausubel & Nina Simons

**CLOSING PERFORMANCE**

**LUNCHTIME – 1:15-2:30PM**

**Indigenous Forum.**  
**Native Youth Talking Circle**

Hosted by **Cara Romero** (Chemehuevi); **Tom Goldtooth** (Dine'/Dakota), Executive Director of Indigenous Environmental Network; **Xiuhtezcatl Martinez** (Aztec).

**Citizen Science Ecology Walk**

Participate in national climate change research by observing the seasons and tracking nature's pulse. With **Brian Haggerty**, California Phenology Project, USA National Phenology Network.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON**  
**SESSIONS – 2:45-4:15PM**

**Eco-Regional Design:**  
**Place Is the Space**

How do we align political governance with ecological realities rooted in watersheds, foodsheds, culturesheds and regional economies? Hosted by: **Kirsten Schwind**, Bay Localize. With: **Kristen Sheeran**, Ecotrust, co-founder/Director, Economics for Equity and Environment Network; **David Orr**, Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics at Oberlin College; **Louise Bedsworth**, Deputy Director, California Governor's Office of Plan-

ning and Research; **Greg Watson**, Massachusetts Commissioner of Agriculture.

### Movement Building II—All Together Now: Stand Up, Build Justice, Cool the Globe

How do we move from disconnected, fearful individuals to connected, collective agents of change? What are the relationships among concentrated corporate power, lack of government oversight, and fractured social movements? How can each of us step up to build justice and cool the globe? Hosted by **Connie Cagampang Heller**, co-founder, Linked Fate Fund for Justice. With: **John a. Powell**, Director, UC Berkeley's Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society; **Lindsey Allen**, Acting Executive Director, Rainforest Action Network; **Manuel Pastor**, Director, USC Program for Environmental and Regional Equity; **Christina Livingston**, Executive Director, Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment.

### Resilient Landscapes, Climate-Smart Conservation: The Art and Science of Restoring the World We Want

Learn how insights from avian, aquatic and terrestrial science can help us recreate resilient land and seascapes. Hosted by **Mary Ellen Hannibal**, award-winning author of *The Spine of the Continent: The Race to Save America's Last, Best Wilderness*. With: **Ellie Cohen**, President/CEO, Point Blue Conservation Science, focused on nature-based, climate-smart conservation solutions; **Robin Grossinger**, historical ecologist who directs the "Resilient Landscapes" project at the San Francisco Estuary Institute, guiding adaptive landscape-level restoration strategies in California.

### Feminomics: Reinventing Economics That Work for All of Life

By integrating a gender lens with nature's principles, indigenous models, and valuing the wellbeing of people and planet, women (and men) are creating new visions for finance, business, economics and culture to turn the tide toward a life-affirming and equitable economy. Hosted by **Alisa Gravitz**, Executive Director, Green America. With: **Katherine Collins**, founder and CEO, Honeybee Capital, author of *The Nature of Investing*; **Neva Morrison**, formerly of First Peoples Worldwide; **Nikki Silvestri**, CEO, Green for All; **Charles Eisenstein**, author of *Sacred Economics*.

### Labeling GMOs: Lessons Learned and Next Steps

GMO labeling initiatives in California and Washington State lost narrowly because a powerful alliance of Big Ag and Big Food spent millions to confuse the public. Find out how you can join the national campaign for your "Right to Know." Hosted by **Arty Mangan**, Bioneers



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*Dr. Andrew Weil and Wade Davis*

Food and Farming Director. With: **John Roulac**, founder/CEO, Nutiva; **Stacy Malkan**, a leader of the California and Washington GMO labeling campaigns; **Gopal Dayaneni**, Movement Generation Planning Committee Member.

### Gender, Sexual Health and Culture Change

How might new and ancient understandings about gender from diverse cultural and generational perspectives inform our cultural reinvention? How is sexual health key to the vitality and resilience of our societies and all people? Hosted by **Lana Holmes**, co-founder, Timeless Earth Wisdom, Inc. With: **Pat McCabe** (Woman Stands Shining), Dine (Navajo) artist/activist; **Jhos Singer**, a transgender Maggid (Jewish preacher) serving Jewish community centers in San Francisco and Half Moon Bay; **Jessica Danforth**, founder and Executive Director, Native Youth Sexual Health Network; **Sonj Basha**, an Oakland-based activist working to ensure the inclusion of gender non-conforming and transgender identities in institutions of higher education.

### Your Brain On Water

Hosted by marine biologist **Wallace "J." Nichols**, research associate, California Academy of Sciences; co-founder, OceanRevolution.org; author of *Blue Mind*. New ways of understanding our relationship with the world's oceans and the ability of healthy waters to provide health, happiness and creativity will be considered by a panel of athletes, scientists, artists, and adventurers. Participants to be announced.

### Indigenous Forum. Indigenous Women on the North-South Frontlines of Earth Protection (I)

(Double session). This indigenous North-South cultural exchange builds bridges and solidarity among North-South indigenous

peoples and their allies. Courageous indigenous leader **Patricia Gualinga** (Kichwa) from the Ecuadorian Amazon joins **Amazon Watch** and **Pachamama Alliance** with an urgent report from the rainforest front lines where indigenous women are stepping into leadership to defend the rights of Mother Earth (Pachamama) and their peoples, and to protect the Amazon from oil concessions.

### **Walking Your Talk in the World: Exploring Embodied Transformation**

Come discover the patterns that “walk us,” harvest your natural knowing, and embody your goals for global renewal. With **Suki Munsell**. (Interactive, experiential)

### **Youth Leadership: Community of Mentors Peer-to-Peer Council**

Facilitated by **Lauren Dalberth Hage** and **Dave Hage** of Weaving Earth. Join your peers to explore your Bioneers experience.

### **Ruthless Compassion, Penetrating Honesty, Fierce Ally-Ship**

Join **J. Miakoda Taylor**, founding Director of Fierce Allies, a training program that fosters meaningful partnerships across divides of power and privilege, to engage in difficult but powerfully productive conversations to learn how to transcend obstacles to power sharing across differences. (Interactive, experiential)

### **Council: The World We Want & How We Get There: Cultivating Presence—When the Heart Speaks, The World Listens**

Join fellow bioneers to explore the power of the inner life and share our visions and aspirations for the world we want and how we might get there. With: **Ilarion Merculieff**, Aleut traditional messenger; **Sharon Shay**

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*No conference on Earth celebrates more fully the possibilities of creating a world that is conducive to life. Bioneers is central to the re-imagination of what it means to be human.*

— PAUL HAWKEN, AUTHOR AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR

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**Sloan**, council trainer and community steward. (Interactive, experiential)

### **Wiser Together Café: Creating Tomorrow Together, Gathering Collective Wisdom to Turn Vision into Action**

The Café provides hospitable space for group dialogues, integration of and reflection on what emerges at the conference, and building personal and professional partnerships. With: **David Shaw**, Common Ground Center, UCSC; **Dana Pearlman**, The Lotus, Global Leadership Lab.

## **SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS—4:30-6PM**

### **Indigenous Forum. Indigenous Women on the North-South Frontlines of Earth Protection (II)**

(See 2:45 pm). Hosted by **Tom Goldtooth** (Dine'/Dakota) of the Indigenous Environmental Network. With indigenous women from the North: **Casey Camp** (Ponca), elder indigenous rights activist and actress, on historical impacts of oil development in Oklahoma and current threats from pipelines from the Canadian Tar Sands; **Faith Gimmel** (Gwich'in), of REDOIL (Resisting Environmental Destruction On Indigenous Lands), on the history of oil and gas development in Alaska and expansion plans for offshore drilling; and witnesses **Crystal Lameman** (Beaver Lake Cree Nation) and **Eriel Deranger** (Athabaskan Chipewyan First Nation) with **Idle No More**.

### **A New Vision for Marin County: Our Successes, Challenges and Opportunities**

Fifty years ago, Marin County residents led the nation in creating a bold vision, resulting in 80% of the land being protected. Today we're ready for the next new vision to meet the challenges of a radically changed world. Join leading Marin visionary change-makers for a dynamic discussion of Marin's extraordinary, cutting-edge accomplishments in environmental and agricultural sustainability, and how to meet current challenges and exciting future opportunities. Hosted by **Marin-Link**, the **Environmental Forum of Marin**, and the **County of Marin**.

### **Bioneers Resilient Communities Network (RCN) Reception**

Learn about the Bioneers RCN program and connect with the organizers to see if you want to bring it to your community.

**FILM** to be announced

### **Mixer and Networking Reception**



*Just Us For Food Justice at All Star Organic Farm*

## The John Mohawk Scholarship Fund

*“I see funding youth scholarships as a powerful investment in the next generation of visionaries. Their lives are changed, their own potential for visionary leadership catalyzed and empowered. I love being able to help make this possible.”*

— SHAINA NOLL, PORT TOWNSEND, WA

“Life-changing.” That’s what we hear constantly from our electrified conference scholarship recipients: diverse young and emerging leaders, educators, students, community leaders, activists, and low-income change-makers who can participate only because of your financial support.

Growing the movement means having the right people in the room. As a community of leadership committed to diversity and inclusion, we cannot afford not to have their voices present.

In 2013, you helped bring hundreds of full and partial scholarship recipients from all over the country, including 50 for indigenous youth. We also thank Southern California Edison Community Giving Program and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for their generous support.

**Let’s set a new record and pay it forward to grow this community of leadership with the power of 500 scholarships!**

- **YOUTH** will engage for the full three days in skill sharing, leadership development, interactive workshops, networking and project collaborations.
- **EDUCATORS** and **STUDENTS** will access critically needed sustainability materials and peer-to-peer learning for how to integrate them into annual lesson plans and education for action.
- **INDIGENOUS** recipients will connect with leaders, youth and elders from tribal nations all over the country and world, and network with non-Native allies to grow the movement.

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*Truckee High School Envirovolution Club with Climbing PoeTree's  
Alix Garcia and Naima Penniman*

## Scholarships — Pay It Forward to Grow the Movement

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*“Thank you for providing a forum for youth of color. You created a space to discuss this and even had speakers talk about the tension between environmental justice, racial and class inequalities. It made the conference more accessible to the youth.”*

— BRIAN KATZ, EDUCATOR AT DESERT MIRAGE HIGH SCHOOL, COACHELLA VALLEY, CA

- **WOMEN** of diverse backgrounds and generations will connect with other women and male allies to enlarge their vision and capacity as environmental and social justice leaders.
- **ELDERS** will interact and engage in co-mentoring relationships with young leaders that last well beyond the conference.

We urge you to join us now in growing the movement by investing generously in the diversity and inclusion of the Bioneers community. Your gift will not only change lives, it may change the course of history.

**HELP US RAISE A TOTAL OF \$250,000 TO FULLY FUND ALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.**

Your gift of \$500 will fund participation, food and travel for the average scholarship recipient.

For new donors, the Pond Foundation has offered a matching grant of \$25,000. Your scholarship gift will leverage \$25,000 into \$50,000 in scholarships for 100 grateful recipients!

**To make your tax-deductible gift:**

**John Mohawk Bioneers Conference Scholarship Fund**  
visit: [scholarships.bioneers.org](http://scholarships.bioneers.org)  
or call 1-877-BIONEER

## PRICING AND REGISTRATION

We offer two tiers of pricing: Early Bird Registration and Regular Registration. Register early and be sure to book your hotel too ([conference.bioneers.org/hotel](http://conference.bioneers.org/hotel)).

Early Bird Registration ends on August 15, 2014, and gives a nearly 20% discount, plus special pre-order discounted pricing on the 2014 Bioneers keynotes DVD set and other dynamic Bioneers Media Collections coming out this year!

### All-Day Keynote Passes

Access to all conference events including morning keynotes and afternoon and evening sessions (unless otherwise noted).

All-Day Keynote Pass registration is available online through October 10th, 2014.

- 3-day Pass: \$395 | \$475 after August 15
- 2-day Pass: \$325 | \$410 after August 15
- 1-day Pass: \$175 | \$225 after August 15

### Half-Day Passes

Access to Panels, Workshops, Sessions & Evening Activities (unless otherwise noted) after 1:30pm on individual days. Does not include morning Keynotes.

- Half-Day Pass – each day: \$60 | \$75 after August 15

### Student, Educator, Senior Rates.

Bioneers offers a limited number of special conference advance registration rates to individual Students, Educators and Seniors until September 30th, 2014 (or until limit is reached), with proof of qualification:

- Students, age 14 – 24, with valid school-issued ID
- Educators with valid institution-issued faculty ID
- Seniors, age 62+, with valid government-issued ID

#### Student, Educator and Senior Registration Rates:

- \$275 3-Day Conference Pass
- \$200 2-Day Conference Pass
- \$105 1-Day Conference Pass

### Youth and Education Groups

Bioneers offers reduced rates to limited numbers of groups of youth, students, and educators. Apply on the conference website, or email: Youth Groups: [youth@bioneers.org](mailto:youth@bioneers.org) or Education Groups: [education@bioneers.org](mailto:education@bioneers.org).

### Pre- and Post-Conference Intensives

- **October 16. Three Sisters Farming: Indigenous Women, Plants, and Foodways • \$195**  
(Includes lunch and bus transportation from Embassy Suites, San Rafael and return.)
- **October 20. Food System Resilience from Homestead to Community and Beyond • \$175**  
(Includes lunch and bus transportation from Embassy Suites, San Rafael and return.)
- **October 20. Feminomics: Reinventing Economics That Work for All Life • \$195**  
(Includes lunch)

### Continuing Education Credits

Bioneers works with Dominican University, the Institute for Holistic Healing Studies at San Francisco State University (SFSU), and the SFSU School of Nursing to provide CEUs for educators and nurses.

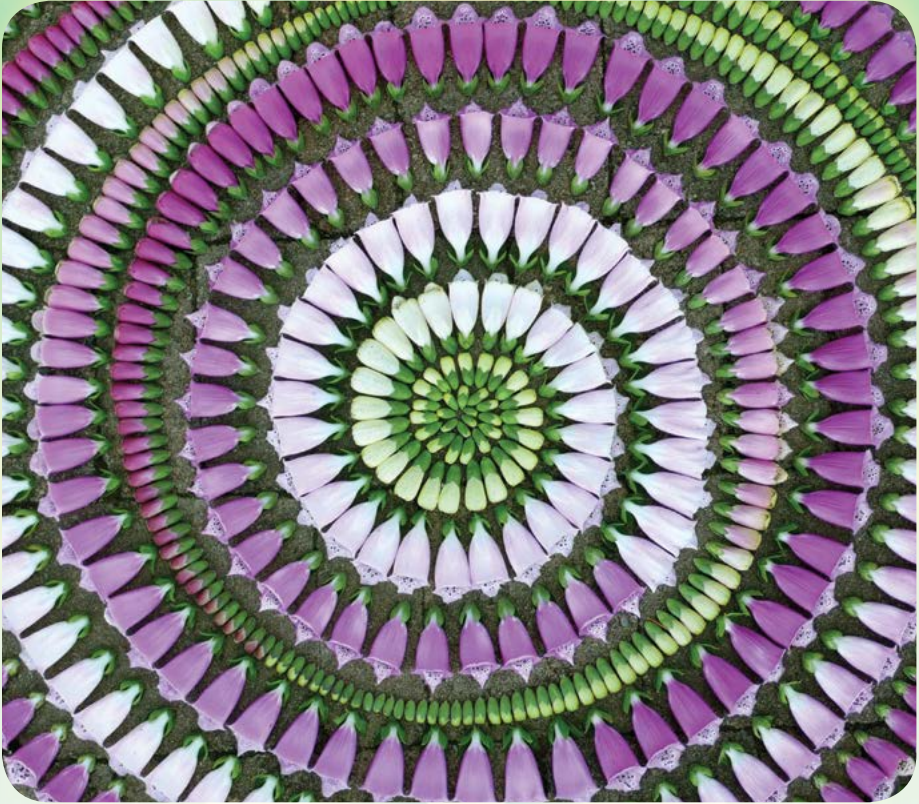
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We look forward to seeing you in San Rafael!

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## ABOUT BIONEERS

*We stand at the threshold of a singular passage in the human experiment: To re-imagine how to live on Earth in ways that honor the web of life, each other and future generations. To move from breakdown to breakthrough, the coming years will be the most important in the history of human civilization.*

A celebration of the genius of nature and human creativity, Bioneers highlights breakthrough solutions for restoring people and planet. Since 1990, Bioneers has acted as a fertile hub of leading social and scientific innovators with practical and visionary solutions for the world's most pressing environmental and social challenges.

For 25 years, Bioneers has acted as a seedhead for nature-inspired ecological, social, and cultural initiatives and innovations. We illuminate a compelling diversity of visions and pathways for how to get there in practical terms.

As a community of leadership, Bioneers acts as a fertile network of networks and hub of movements engaging to accelerate large-scale shifts. We connect diverse movements, cultures, professionals, scientists, educators, entrepreneurs, activists, artists, emerging and established leaders, and global citizens. We provide unique communications and networking platforms for diverse voices often otherwise marginalized or excluded.

## OUR PROGRAMS

**Changing the Mindscape: Public Education and Media Outreach**

**Resilience From the Ground Up: The Bioneers Resilient Communities Network**

**Community of Leadership: Women, First Peoples and Youth Mentorship**

- We **disseminate** the diverse voices of breakthrough innovators with visionary and practical solutions for restoring nature and healing our human communities.
- We **connect** people with solutions and each other.
- We **provide** compelling Education for Action to schools, educators and the public.
- We **engage** with global local citizens building and connecting local community resilience action networks.
- We **cultivate** diverse leadership and inspire citizen leaders, with a focus on Women, First Peoples and Youth Mentorship.

Learn more about our programs and initiatives at [www.bioneers.org](http://www.bioneers.org).

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