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GRASSROOTS TO CO-SPONSOR

Los Vientos de Marzo

Aug. 20 and 21 in Mineral Point

3rd Annual SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY FAIR

SAT., OCT. 23: SAVE THE DATE

Fri., Aug. 20 and Sat., Aug. 21, 8 p.m. (Mineral Point) LOS VIENTOS DE MARZO (the Winds of March): a solo theater event

At Mineral Point's wonderful outdoor Alley Stage, award-winning poet Lynn Werner performs an original solo theater piece with music, dance, poetry and prose based on her eight years documenting human rights abuses in Colombia until she fled in the early 90's. She leads the audience through sugarcane fields to hear the voices of corteros, the flight of displaced rural peasants as they flee to urban misery only to have their shacks bulldozed by the military. She also weaves in her own personal story of intimidation including her own rape, death threats, and detention by the military. Lynn Werner lives outside of Galena. Los Vientos de Marzo has been presented at various human rights conferences, universities, and for Laborfest at the Exit Theater in San Francisco which produces experimental work. Grassroots is co-sponsoring the event because of its commitment to peace and justice around the world. For tickets call 800-838-3006 or go online to www.AlleyStage.com.

CURIOUS WHERE FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY IS GOING IN OUR COUNTIES? CHECK OUT the "What's Hot" page on our WEBSITE:

<http://www.grassrootswi.org> Click on "What's Hot"

REMINDERS:

Fri., Aug. 6, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) LANTERNS FOR PEACE

Part of an international movement against nuclear weapons, this annual event at the Twin Valley Lake Shelter at Governor Dodge State Park, includes lantern-making, information sharing, story telling and singing. Bring the kids and grandkids for this wonderful intergenerational activity. At dusk the unique and beautiful floating of the Lanterns will take place on Twin Valley Lake. Please bring finger food to share. Juice and water will be provided. A day pass or park sticker will be required. Contact Jane Kavaloski at kavaloski@countyspeed.com for more info. Sponsored by Grassroots Citizens for Peace.

Thurs., Aug.12, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) BUILDING INTEGRATED CSP (Concentrating Solar Power) AND REUSE OF WIND BLADES Former University of Minnesota assistant architecture professor Joel Goodman will present his models and drawings at the Dodgeville Public Library, 139 S. Iowa Street.

Sat., Oct. 23, 9 to 3 p.m. (Dodgeville) 3rd ANNUAL SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY FAIR (date change) "Explore, Get the Facts, Take Action" will be the theme for this year's Iowa County sustainability fair to be held at Dodgeville High School. Exhibits from commercial and not-for-profit organizations will be a special feature. A local foods lunch will be available at noon, along with two speakers. More information to come. Anyone interested in exhibiting should contact Kate Moran at 446-3150 or k.moran@swcap.org.

NEW GRASSROOTS IMMIGRATION ISSUE GROUP

Please consider joining the new Grassroots Immigration Issue Group, which is now being formed as a follow up to the Immigration Summit held in Dodgeville last year. Several initiatives for the group have already been identified -- 1) English Language Literacy -- a volunteer mentoring program for those eager to learn English; 2) A local Immigrant Information Resources and Support Center; 3) Many Voices - One Community -- a community-based diversity training model and 4) an Immigration Policy Reform Study Group. For more information about how you can get involved, contact Kent Mayfield at secondwindarabians@gmail.com or [check out our website at http://www.grassrootswi.org](http://www.grassrootswi.org). [Click on "Immigration."](#)

NEW GAZETTE FEATURE: GET TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

(With election season in full swing, we will keep you posted on where you can hear locally what all of the candidates have to say.)

Sun., Aug. 22, 3 to 5 p.m. (rural Spring Green) MEET AND GREET 51st District Assembly Candidate JOHN SIMONSON Learn about Simonson's ideas for economic development in Sauk, Iowa and Lafayette counties, green jobs, fair tax system and K-12 school funding reform. Hosted by Kim Grittner and Scott Lein, NW of Spring Green (near B and Hwy. 13). RSVP to 230-6189 or srlein@hotmail.com. Directions will be provided.

Check out the Simonson website at www.simonsonforassembly.com. Check out Howard Marklein, also a candidate for the 51st District at www.howardmarklein.com

Notice to Gazette readers -- please send info about other candidate information sessions -- by return email.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER -- CLEAN SWEEP IN IOWA, GRANT AND LAFAYETTE COUNTIES

Farms, homes, businesses can get rid of dangerous wastes, computers and misc. equipment

Sat., Sept. 11, 8 to noon (Lancaster); Sat., Sept. 18 (Dodgeville), Sat., Sept. 25 (Darlington) CLEAN SWEEP PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED Get rid of chemicals, herbicides, poison, or other hazardous wastes at the Clean Sweep. Businesses and local governments can also contract for waste disposal. The collection helps improve safety in your home, at work and on the farm. LOCATION: In Lancaster at Agrilience Agronomy Center. In Dodgeville at the Iowa County Highway Department, and the Darlington at the Lafayette County Highway Department. Due to budget cuts, fees must be charged for all liquid wastes. 1 to 10 pounds (\$10), 11 to 50 pounds (\$40); 51 to 100 pounds (\$60); and 101 to 200 pounds (\$100). Any amounts above 200 pounds, please call for an estimate. Pre registration is required --call Grant County UW-Extension office at (608) 723-2125. Iowa County Extension office at (608) 935-0391, or the Lafayette County Extension office at (608) 776-4820. At same sites, you can dispose of free the following items -- CPU's, laptops, keyboards, computer cords, mice, circuit boards, power strips, calculators, copiers, scanners, printers, printer cables, telephones, cell phones, fax machines, VCR's/ DVD players, stereo equipment, remote controls, flat screen computer monitors (LCD), rechargeable batteries from laptops, and power tools. A charge will be applied to the following items: TV's (30" and under- \$30, 31" and up- \$50); microwaves, stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, lawn mowers with oil drained and tires removed (\$5 for each); Freon items such as window A/C units and dehumidifiers (\$15), fluorescent bulbs (\$1)

THE GRASSROOTS GAZETTE IS THE VOICE OF THE GRASSROOTS CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN, an energetic group of over 1000 people in Iowa, Sauk, Crawford, Richland, Lafayette and Grant Counties who are interested in taking an active role in improving government and promoting rational discussions of local, state and national issues. For further information, or to add a friend to our mailing list, please contact: Shirley Barnes, Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin, 2473 Mt. Hope Road, Dodgeville, WI. 53533, 608-623-2109, e-mail: grassroots@merr.com.

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