



6th GREAT LAKES BIONEERS CONFERENCE

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October 19-21 of 2007 brings the sixth annual **Great Lakes Bioneers Conference** to Traverse City, Michigan! This growing conference connects neighbors and provides sustenance for body and mind. Bioneers, or “biological pioneers”, are real people working on real solutions to today’s issues. Informed by the biological truth of interconnectedness, this conference showcases grassroots solutions to issues like food and farming, independent media, regenerative business models, health and healing, youth engagement and democracy.

Join us at the crossroads of ecology and social justice. Since 1990, the international Bioneers Conference in California has assembled a unique cross-cultural, global gathering and five years ago we started simulcasting the headlining speakers from California to Traverse City via satellite. (See the national website for more details www.bioneers.org.)

We, the Great Lakes Bioneers, proudly bring you the best and brightest from the world and from Michigan. Each year we offer you greater access to the abundance of regional wisdom and resources, local foods and talent, and a terrific opportunity to build and expand networks fighting against despair by focusing on practical solutions.

2007 Bioneers Plenary Speakers

FRIDAY

JAY HARMAN

Designing the Next Golden Age: A Progress Report — Award-winning inventor, entrepreneur and CEO of PAX Scientific, Jay Harman, offers us examples of highly efficient technologies inspired by natural systems that can help us create prosperity without degrading the biosphere.

JUDY BACA

The Interactive Digital Mural: A Tool for Social Reconciliation from the Local to the Global — The world-renowned Los Angeles muralist and community arts pioneer Judy Baca discusses the power of public art to help transform societies.

JUDY WICKS

Local Living Economies: A Just and Sustainable Alternative to Corporate Globalization — Entrepreneur and activist Judy Wicks tells her story of moving beyond responsible business practices within her company to working cooperatively with other entrepreneurs and citizens to build whole economies based on love of nature and community - a movement that has taken on greater urgency with the dual challenges of climate change and peak oil.

JOHN ABRAMS

Thinking Like Cathedral Builders — In these pivotal times business needs bold new stories. Equal doses of freedom, hope, outrageous behavior and long term thinking, says author, design/builder and community activist John Abrams, can open the way to a durable and successful future.

VAN JONES

Toward A Green Growth Alliance: Birthing A New Politics — It is the chief moral obligation of our time to build a green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty. To succeed we must carry our spiritual, cultural and economic movements into the electoral arena to transform politics and forge a green “New Deal” coalition,” so that those kids who are now prison fodder will instead help create a zero-pollution economy, harvest the Sun and heal the land.

SATURDAY

PAUL ANASTAS

Green Chemistry: From Here to Sustainability — The “father of green chemistry” explains that if we are to move toward a sustainable civilization, major changes have to take place in the nature of our products, processes and systems. Green Chemistry looks at the materials that are the basis of our society—from clothes to housing to communications to agriculture to energy—to ensure they will become as benign as possible to the planet and all its inhabitants.

MAJORA CARTER

Green the Ghetto — One of the leading figures in the Environmental Justice Movement, founder of the groundbreaking organization, Sustainable South Bronx, offers us her vision of what we must do to green our inner cities so that all of us can reclaim our birthright: to live in healthy communities with clean air and water and access to open spaces.

EVON PETER

An Indigenous Perspective on How to Survive the Next Hundred Years — The chairman of Native Movement and former chief of the Neetsaii Gwich'in from Arctic Village in northeastern Alaska dives into traditional knowledge, spiritual understanding and common sense as tools for helping to heal and transform humanity.

EDWARD TICK

Return of the Ghost Dancers: Modern War's Devastation...and Healing — Ed Tick, who has been working with survivors of war, violence and trauma for over 30 years, will present a survey of the true extent and costs of human and environmental devastation due to modern technological warfare, the resulting spiritual and ecological crises, and the possibility of healing individuals, nations and the planet through spiritual, cultural and community transformations.

EVE ENSLER

V to the 10th — The award-winning playwright and world-renowned women's rights activist Eve Ensler discusses the extraordinary global trajectory of the “V-day” movement over the last decade and her visions for the next ten years: helping women all over the world obtain peace, power and pleasure.

SUNDAY:

WALLACE J. NICHOLS

A Brave New Ocean or an Ocean Revolution? — Space-based research and new deep sea technologies have resulted in an explosion of information about the ocean. To change our destructive course we must harness this knowledge, make it accessible to everyone and creatively communicate what the state of the oceans means to the future of life on our planet.

CAROL BEBELLE

Culture And Re-building...Re-membering New Orleans/Re-weaving its Social and Cultural Fabric — Renowned community activist, poet and cofounder of the Ashe' Cultural Arts Center, dedicated to the saving and re-birth of New Orleans' rich legacy, Carol Bebelles discusses the cultural, social and creative mandates for the re-building of New Orleans that will respect the city's bonds of connection and community.

CHARLOTTE BRODY

How Chemicals Are Changing What It Means To Be A Woman (or a man) — ...and what women and men can do to change chemicals. Commonweal's Charlotte Brody, an organizer for civil rights, women's rights, workers' rights, peace and environmental health since 1964, explores how chemicals are creating disease and disorders and how solutions are being created to regain health and democracy.

WINONA LaDUKE

Seeds the Creator Gave Us — Linona LaDuke discusses the struggles of indigenous peoples to protect their food sovereignty, restore their food systems, and protect their cultures and foods from genetic modification.

KA HSAW WA & KATIE REDFORD

Earth Rights: Linking Human Rights and Environmental Struggles in the Age of Globalization — Katie Redford and Ka Hsaw Wa, co-founders and directors of EarthRights International, will discuss their work from the jungles of Burma and the Amazon to U.S. courtrooms to hold corporations accountable for human rights and environmental abuses committed in the name of development. They will focus on EarthRights' landmark lawsuit *Doe v. Unocal*, and their work to raise the voices of indigenous people in international forums through their model training program, the EarthRights Schools.

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