

Tales from the White Dog Cafe

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The Power of We

Rami Elhannan's father settled in Israel after surviving Auschwitz. On his mother's side, he is the 8th generation to call Jerusalem home. On Sept. 9, 1997, Rami's 14 year old daughter was shopping for text books with her classmate on the first day of school, when two suicide bombers blew themselves up on a Jerusalem street, killing the two girls. After a year of struggling with anger and hopelessness, Rami, along with his wife, joined Bereaved Families Supporting Reconciliation and Peace, a group of Israeli and Palestinian families who have each lost loved ones to the conflict. His life has taken on new meaning as he works collaboratively to end the occupation and stop the violence.

Khalil Bashir, a Palestinian school headmaster, lives with his wife, mother and children in the house where he grew up in the Gaza strip. After Russian immigrants moved into a new Jewish settlement near his land, the Israeli army, citing security reasons, destroyed his groves of orange, olive, and palm trees, and two and a half acres of greenhouses. For four months they shelled Khalil's house wounding him and his son. Unsuccessful at running the family off their land, the Israeli army moved into the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Bashir house two years ago. The family continues to sleep in one first floor room. Despite this unimaginable situation, Khalil teaches non-violence and peaceful coexistence to his children and students, attempts to communicate with the settlers as neighbors, and treats the Israeli soldiers occupying his home with respect and civility.

When meeting Rami and Khalil on a trip to Israel and the Palestinian Territories last fall, I marvelled at how, after so much loss and suffering, they could respond to violence with love and forgiveness, rather than hatred and revenge. It seems to come from a deeply held belief that the world is not divided into "us and them." There is only "We," and with this understanding comes the power to triumph over tragedy and despair.

The wall being built by the Sharon government in the West Bank separates the Palestinian and Israeli people, as well as many Palestinians from their fields, jobs, schools and communities. During our visit, our delegation of eight women was invited to join a protest at *(continued on page 7)*

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9th Annual Freedom Seder

Monday, March 29, 6pm

with Rabbi Yael Levy and Cantor George Mordecai

We will use the traditional songs and symbols of the Seder to explore the universal themes of freedom and renewal as they apply to our inner selves as well as to the larger social and political events.

Yael Levy is spiritual director at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and is associate rabbi at Mishkan Shalom, a progressive synagogue in Roxborough dedicated to the integration of spiritual life and social activism.

Born in Sydney, Australia to a family of Iraqi Jewish ancestry, George Mordecai became immersed in the musical and liturgical traditions of his family. He currently serves as cantor at Temple Beth Zion Beth Israel in Philadelphia, and works on performance projects with Arab, Jewish, and Flamenco musicians.

\$35 includes dinner, tax & gratuity.

Call for reservations 215-386-9224

Bring a friend from a different cultural background.

Join White Dog Community Connections

See page 7 for details of our new on-line community.



Storytelling

Real Stories by Real People



Optional à la carte dinner 6pm, Storytelling 7:30pm.

Mon., January 26 - Report Back From Iraq with John Grant, activist, photographer and president of Philadelphia Veterans for Peace. In December, John was part of a fact-finding mission to Iraq with Medea Benjamin, co-founder of Global Exchange in San Francisco; Military Families Speak Out, and other veterans. On the trip, there were four parents who had sons & daughters serving in Iraq, including one whose son had been killed in March. The delegation visited schools and hospitals, spoke with both Sunni and Shiite representatives, and met with Paul Bremer and the current president of the Iraqi Governing Council. Following the trip, he met with officials in Washington and at the United Nations. John will share his observations from the trip and his thoughts on the future of Iraq.

Mon., February 23 - New Realities of Immigration Post 9/11. Attorney and social worker **Judy Bernstein Baker** is executive director of Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) & Council Migration Services in Phila. She will provide a context for stories of lives impacted by policy changes since 9/11. Judy will be joined by **Ora Richards**, a refugee from Liberia. The premier fashion designer in Monrovia, Ora fled during the civil war. Her husband remains in Liberia despite death threats. *Ora requests that attendees bring school supplies for children in Liberia.*

Sunday, March 28 - Collateral Damage: Echoes in the Soul. Women artists of the group, Peace by Piece, including activist **Lou Ann Merkle**, will present slides and share the stories behind their work, which is being exhibited at the Painted Bride Art Center Feb 6-Mar 20 (230 Vine St.). Ranging from high tech film & photography to the age-old process of reforming elemental sculptures, the body of work challenges us to understand our complicity in and bear witness to those victimized by power. The artists seek to create a 'vessel of hope,' urging viewers to find a human connection to the global community.

Monday, April 19 - Holocaust Memorial Day Reflections. **Jerry Silverman** will show slides of Eastern Europe, describing his recent trip to such cities as Berlin, Krakow, and Budapest, as well as death camps including Auschwitz, Majdanek, & Dora. Jerry is a math & science teacher at the Phila. High School for Creative and Performing Arts, and the Educational Director of Temple Beth Zion Beth Israel. Come learn, reflect, & remember.

For reservations for à la carte dinner 6pm, and/or Storytelling at 7:30, call 215-386-9224. (Preferential seating given to those dining; remaining seats available to those with reservation for storytelling only.) Singles welcome at group tables.

"The act of telling a story creates community, and at the same time, elicits more stories." Sam Keen. Bring your own tales.

Protect Women's Reproductive Rights

Ride the White Dog bus to DC Sunday, April 25 to join the Pro-Choice March on Washington. Email laura@whitedog.com.



Eighteenth Annual Dinner in Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 18, 6pm

with **K. Rose Samuels-Evans**,

Associate Minister at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, and orator who will recite the works of Dr. King.

Southern-Style Dinner ☆ **Gospel Music**

☆ **Discussion of Dr. King's work in today's society** ☆

\$25, includes dinner and discussion, entertainment, tax and gratuity. Reservations required. 215-386-9224

20th Annual The Book & The Cook

featuring our friends

James Barrett & Wendy Smith Born, authors of *"The Metropolitan Bakery Cookbook"*

Tuesday, March 16, 5:30pm - 10pm

Celebrating Metropolitan's tenth anniversary as Philadelphia's premiere bakery, their first book is filled with the best recipes, techniques and advice on creating their award winning breads, savories and pastries in your own kitchen. James and Wendy, both alumni of White Dog Cafe, share their passion for old-world craftsmanship and stunning new delights in this beautifully written and photo-filled work.

Join Judy and Chef Kevin when they reunite on this special evening with James and Wendy for a dinner pairing White Dog's fresh seasonal fare with Metropolitan's world-class, made-by-hand favorites. The four course, prix fixe dinner will feature organic, humane and sustainable dishes that we know you will enjoy. James & Wendy will be on hand to talk about their work and to autograph their book, available for sale that evening.

Four course menu, \$40, plus tax & gratuity. Reservations required - 215-386-9224.

Hearing the Buried Cry of Africa

Sunday, February 22, 6pm

Benefit Dinner for the Ghana Education Project featuring Pulitzer Prize Winning Poet Yusef Komunyakaa

Join Komunyakaa, along with Willie Perdomo and **Lamont B. Steptoe** for an evening of some of the best of African and African-American poetry, plus a special performance by master drummer **Agya Boake-Boaten**. The performance will be co-hosted by **Alicia Askenase**, author and director of the literary program at the Walt Whitman Center and **Ram Devineni**, founder and publisher of Rattapallex.

\$45 includes 3 course dinner, tax, gratuity, performance & contribution to the Ghana Education Project. Reservations required 215-386-9224

White Dog Cafe Table Talks

Serving Food with Thought

Monday, February 2, 6pm "A Salon Evening with the *Philadelphia Inquirer*."

The editorial board of the *Inquirer* is returning for a second salon at the White Dog Cafe to have a relaxed conversation with their readers. It will be a free-form discussion, question-and-answer format with staff members and attendees. *Inquirer* participants include cartoonist **Tony Auth**, foreign affairs columnist **Trudy Rubin**, editor **Chris Satullo**, deputy editor **Carolyn Davis** and commentary page editor **John Timpane**.

Monday, February 9, 6pm "Facts and Perceptions from Israel and the Palestinian Occupied Territories" with Lawrence Davidson and Janet Kestenberg Amighi.

Middle East historian Lawrence Davidson, and his wife, anthropologist Janet Kestenberg Amighi, will present a slide show and discussion, including possible solutions like the Geneva Accords, based on three trips taken to Israel and the occupied territories in the past year – most recently in January 2004. Travelling with Faculty for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, their group had unique access to a wide array of players in the conflict, including Jewish settlers and Palestinian villagers, a retired Israeli general and Yasser Arafat, university students, Arab Israelis and Jewish Israeli peace workers. Their conclusions are based on their own observations of facts on the ground.

Monday, March 1, 6pm "Brookings' Sobering View of Pennsylvania" with Donna Cooper.

A new report released in December examines economic and development trends in Pennsylvania. "*Back to Prosperity: A Competitive Agenda for Renewing Pennsylvania*," published by the Center on Urban & Metropolitan Policy of the Brookings Institution, is a 'tale of decades of poor planning, misdirected funding and shortsighted public policy' (*Phila Inquirer*, 12/7/03). A representative of the Brookings Institution has been invited to join us. Cooper, policy director for Governor Rendell, will discuss the report and the state's dramatic response to the issues raised in it.

Monday, March 15, 6pm "A Conversation with Michael Eric Dyson" with Michael Dyson,

the Avalon Professor of Humanities in the School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania. An ordained Baptist minister, Dyson articulates pressing social issues. His research focuses on race, religion, popular culture and contemporary crises facing the African-American community. Dyson is known for his style of 'bio-criticism,' fusing social and cultural criticism with his biographies, which have included those of Malcolm X; Martin Luther King, Jr; and most recently Tupac Shakur, the slain hip-hop icon. His reflections on the Bush administration point to a need for a new moral leadership in this country, both within the church and in the larger community.

Monday, March 22, 6pm "Shrink, Shift & Shaft: The Conservative Tax Agenda and What it Means for You" with Chuck Collins and Ed Schwartz.

The US Congress is undertaking a permanent tax cut offensive, despite a federal deficit of over \$500 billion and the fact that many states like PA are facing the worst budget cuts since World War II. Why is this happening? What does it mean for local communities? What are national and state efforts to build a fairer tax system as we encourage voter participation in the 2004 elections? Chuck Collins is co-founder and program director of United for a Fair Economy and Responsible Wealth in Boston and co-chair of the national Fair Taxes for All Coalition. Ed Schwartz is founder and President of the Institute for the Study of Civic Values, which has been developing innovative approaches to neighborhood development and citizen participation for 30 years. He most recently chaired Philadelphia's Tax Reform Commission.

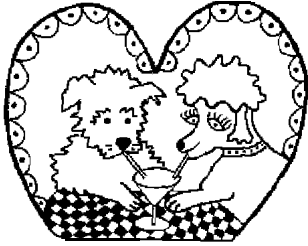
Monday, April 26, 6pm "History is Our Responsibility" with Craig Eisendrath,

senior fellow at the Center for International Policy and a former foreign service officer. In two recent books, Eisendrath writes about our responsibility to speak out and work to make the world a place where we want to live. In "*At War With Time*," he proposes that recent advances in the sciences and in social thought make a sharp break with earlier ideas, requiring that we embrace change and political activism. In "*Bush League Diplomacy*," he and co-author Melvin A. Goodman show how the present administration has embarked upon a new foreign policy which is putting the world at risk. Together they demand that we assume responsibility for our history. Eisendrath served as director of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council for many years and is co-founder of the National Constitution Center.

Table Talks include a three course dinner, followed by a speaker and discussion from 7:30-9pm. \$35 per person, includes tax & gratuity. Reservations with advance payment required by giving a credit card number over the phone or sending a check. Senior citizens (over 65) and full time students: \$25 with advance notification. Student stand-by: Call between 4 - 5:30pm the day of the event for \$15 dinner at 6pm or free discussion at 7:30. Single reservations are welcome where you'll be seated at a group table. Vegetarian dishes always offered.

New books written by speakers will be for sale at BlackCat for author signing. Call 215-386-9224 for reservations.

"Lady and the Tramp"



Valentine's Day Dinner **Saturday, February 14, 5:30 - 11pm**

Menu

*Steamed Littleneck Clams in the Style of Venus
angel hair pasta, smoked salmon, sweet peas and Florence fennel*
*Crispy Sweet Potato and Fresh Rock Shrimp Fritters
enrobed in tender lettuce leaves with spicy ginger-lime dipping sauce*
*Martini of Chilled Shucked Oysters in Bloody Mary Sauce
artichoke hearts and celery seed crackers*
*Jumbo Lump Crabmeat and Red Delicious Apple Salad
tender baby greens, lemon-mint dressing, avocado cream & plantain crisps*
*Garden of Eden Salad of Aphrodisiac Vegetables
dressed with creamy rosemary-mustard vinaigrette*
*Ménage à Trois of Three Erotic Fruits with Warm Brie
red flame grapes, luscious pear and forbidden apple with buttery brioche toasts*
*Frisky Rabbit Sausages wrapped in Prosciutto and Grilled
peppery arugula salad and shaved Pecorino Romano with white truffle dressing*

*Stir-fried Vegetables & Tofu with Kaffir Lime & Lemongrass
in curried coconut cream atop crispy noodle pillow and pea tendrils*
*Artichoke and Truffled Risotto with Roasted Asparagus
grilled portobello mushrooms, braised red onions and cherry tomato coulis*
*Duet of Duck: Pan Crisped Breast and Armagnac Sausage
spiced honey glaze, wild rice pilaf and braised belgian endive*
*Flame Roasted Spring Lamb Tenderloins with Fresh Mint Jus
citrus kissed sweet potatoes and sauteed sugar peas with toasted pecans*
*Parisian Filet of Beef au Poivre topped with Roquefort Butter
wild mushroom-potato gratin and spinach fondue*
*Scallop & Chanterelle Fricassee with Meyer Lemon & Tarragon
curry roasted Yukon gold potatoes and haricots verts*
*Pan Crisp Wild Alaskan Salmon with Asparagus & Crab Velouté
spinach tagliatelle, pear tomatoes and chives*

*Artisanal Cheeses with Fresh and Preserved Fruits
including fresh goat's cheese, Maytag Farm's blue, Sonoma Dry Jack and
Lancaster Cave-aged Cheddar served with glazed nuts and toasts*
*"Amore" Amaretto Cheesecake
in an amarettini crust with caramel sauce and toasted almond brittle*
*"Confess Your Sins" Cherries Jubilee Sundae
French vanilla ice cream and a butter crunch heart pastry*
*"After The Act" Cappuccino Crème Brûlée
with cinnamon froth and chocolate "cigarettes"*
*Smooth & Silky Chocolate Cream Pie in a Chocolate Cookie Crust
with toasted peanut caramel, whipped vanilla cream and chocolate curls*
*Sweets for the Sweet
hand-crafted chocolates and other luscious bites to wrap your lips around*
*"Don't Break My Heart" Lemon-Pistachio Tart
with blood orange sauce and fresh vanilla whipped cream*

\$65/person, plus tax and gratuity. Reservations 215-386-9224

7th Annual African-American Heritage Tour Underground Railroad - A Living History

Saturday, February 28, 10:30am

Still bearing damage from musket and cannon balls fired during the 1777 Battle of Germantown, the Johnson House provided shelter for many slaves escaping to freedom. Writer and director Ty Collins has brought together professional actors that will bring to life the history of the runaway slaves housed by the Johnsons, and abolitionists who would meet in the house to debate slavery's end, as well as others, like Harriet Tubman, that have passed through the Johnson House.

After the tour and performances, we will have a White Dog lunch and view the Johnson House collection of slave artifacts.

Meet at the Johnson House (6306 Germantown Ave.) \$40 includes theater production, lunch, donation to Johnson House, tax & tip. Inquire about carpooling if interested. Reservations required. 215-386-9224

"In the Heart of America"

Matinee & Dinner on Sunday, February 15

2pm Performance at InterAct Theatre (2030 Sansom St.)

5pm Dinner and Program at the White Dog

Raw and poetic, "In the Heart of America" stars two US soldiers in the Kuwaiti desert - one white, one Palestinian - who fall in love. The men wrestle with their passions and demons as the play shifts fluidly between the past and present, reality and spirit world, reminding us that "wounded souls never rest."

Afterwards, head to the White Dog for dinner and an exploration of the play's theme - America's love affair with violence and war. Speakers include award-winning director Seth Rozin, Vietnam Veteran and acclaimed author Bill Ehrhart who will share his war poetry, and a guest from Veterans for Peace. The cast will perform a scene for those unable to attend the matinee.

For theater tickets, call Interact 215-568-8079. (Mention White Dog for \$10 tickets to the Feb 15 show.) "In the Heart of America" runs Feb 13 - Mar 14. InterAct Theatre Company, 2030 Sansom St.

For reservations for the à la carte Dinner & Program following the Feb 15 Matinee, call the White Dog at 215-386-9224.

Jazz & Soul Food Dinner

**with Corrine's Soul Food at
the Walt Whitman Cultural Center**

2nd & Cooper Streets, Rutgers Univ., Camden, NJ

Friday, March 5, 6:30pm

Dedicated to providing performing & visual arts accessible to Camden and surrounding communities, the Walt Whitman Center will host us in their Gallery, showcasing a traditional African Sculpture Collection. There, we will dine on a Soul-Food Buffet prepared by our Camden "Sister" Restaurant, Corrine's Place.

After dinner, we will take our seats in the Center for a performance by jazz trumpeter Jafar Baron with his trio. Baron mixes Jazz, Hip-Hop and Funk in his original music and has played on both Jill Scott and Eryka Badu's debut albums.

\$40 includes dinner, donation to the Center, entertainment, tax & tip. BYOB. Reservations required. 215-386-9224

7th Annual Earth Day Eco Tour Where Does Our Water Come From?

Saturday, April 17, 9am

Meet at the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center (640 Waterworks Drive) for muffins and coffee before boarding a school bus to the Belmont Water Treatment Plant. There, we will get a first hand look at the step-by-step process the Philadelphia Water Department goes through to turn Schuylkill River water into drinkable water for all of Philadelphia.

Drew Brown, manager of Public Education Programs at PWD, will be our guide at Belmont and will also take us to an intake point on the Schuylkill River.

We'll take the school bus back to the Water Works for a picnic lunch and a discussion on water issues with **Matt Royer**, Penn Future's staff attorney on watershed issues and **Robin Mann**, who is active in water preservation including serving as chair of Sierra Club's National Clean Water Campaign.

After lunch, Water Work's director **Gail Tomlinson** will give us an overview of the center before we go off individually to explore the exhibits.

\$40 includes muffins, coffee, lunch, school bus, donations to the Water Works, PennFuture & Sierra Club, tax & gratuity. BYO picnic blanket. Closed-Toe Shoes Required. Itinerary will change if alert status is elevated to orange or red. Reservations required. 215-386-9224

**New Tour
Route!**

15th Annual Mural Arts Tour & Lunch

Saturday, March 20, 9:30am

We will board a motorized trolley for a guided tour through Philly neighborhoods to view murals first-hand.

9:30 Meet at the White Dog for coffee and muffins.

10:00 2-hr. tour by trolley of outstanding wall murals

12:00 Return for Lunch at the White Dog Cafe and discussion with **Jane Golden**, Artistic Director of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, on the importance of murals to both community pride and development.

\$40 includes muffins, coffee, lunch, tax, tip, tour and contribution to the Mural Arts Program. For Mural Arts info, call them at 215-685-0750. Reservations required. 215-386-9224

Mud Women: A Night of Poetry and Music

Sunday, March 7, 8pm

We are poems of the earth, a tale of dirt and water, stars in darkness, giving hope to our community. We are women who represent and exemplify a meaningful belonging in a supportive spiritual and cultural environment. We are individuals cut from the same artistic cloth who put pen to paper and become a vocal instrument of a positive natural force. **Illuminess** and **Lady K** will hostess this evening of women-positive role models, from various reaches of the country.

\$10 cover fee (goes directly to the artists). Dinner, Dessert, and Bar & Grill Menus (lighter fare under \$10) as well as beverage service will be available before and after the performance. Limited seating. Reservations required. 215-386-9224

Sunday Night Film Series

(Films are projected on a large screen with sound system.)

Sunday, Jan 25 - **Uncovered: The Whole Truth About the Iraq War** (56 minutes)

This controversial and arresting film takes you behind the walls of government. CIA, Pentagon, and foreign service experts speak out - many for the first time - detailing lies, mis-statements, and exaggerations that served as the reasons to fight a 'preemptive' war that was unnecessary. This documentary is an in-depth look at the unsettling distortion of intelligence and the spin and hype presented to the press, Congress and the American people.

Discussion after the film on democratic press will be led by **Amy Lorraine Dalton** of the Phila Independent Media Center.

Sun, Feb 29 - **The Revolution Will Not Be Televised**

Hugo Chavez, elected president of Venezuela in 1998, is beloved by his nation's working class and is a tough-as-nails opponent to the elite power structure that would see him deposed. Two independent filmmakers were inside the presidential palace on April 11, 2002 when he was forcibly removed from office. They were also present 48 hours later when, remarkably, he returned to power amid cheering aides. Their film records what was probably history's shortest-lived coup d'état.

Eva Gollinger, the evening's speaker, is a Venezuelan activist and lawyer based in New York City. Eva is spokesperson for the National Venezuelan Solidarity Network.

Sun, March 21 - **Drowned Out** (75 minutes)

An Indian family is faced with three choices: move to the slums in the city, accept a place at a resettlement site or stay at home and drown. In the next few weeks, their village will disappear underwater as the giant Narmada Dam fills. Will the water go to poor farmers or to rich industrialists? What happened to the 16 million people displaced by fifty years of dam building? *Drowned Out* follows the Jalsindhi villagers through hunger strikes, rallies, a six year Supreme Court case and what is perhaps the largest people's movement in India since Gandhi.

Howard Spodek, Professor of History at Temple University, will facilitate discussion. He is the author of a text on world history & has produced his own documentary film about India.

Reservations for optional dinner (5:30pm) or Free film showing (6:30pm) are recommended as seating is limited. (Preferential seating given to those dining; remaining seats available to those with reservation for film only.) Discussion will follow film. Full Dinner, Dessert and Bar & Grill menus (lighter fare under \$10), as well as beverage service will be available before & after the films only. 215-386-9224

Take a Senior to Lunch & Eat Half Price

If you have an elderly relative or friend who doesn't have the opportunity to get out much any more, invite him or her for lunch at the White Dog Cafe on Saturdays and we'll take half off the check for the two of you. If you would like to find a new senior friend to bring, please call us and we'll arrange to link you with a senior who would love to join you.

To receive the discount, you must make advance reservations & mention "Senior Lunch." Limited number of seats. Black-out dates apply. 215-386-9224

White Dog Community Service Days

Monday, January 19, 9:30am - 1:30pm
MLK, Jr. Day of Service - "A day on, not a day off"
at Books Through Bars

4722 Baltimore Ave, Philadelphia

Spend your day off with Books Through Bars, helping to reverse the dehumanizing and unproductive effects of excessive punishment for prisoners, their families and communities. We will help read through the 1200+ letters they receive monthly requesting reading materials then select and mail out books to fill the requests.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring book donations.

Most Needed Books: Dictionaries (English, Spanish, Law); Thesauruses; African American, Mexican & Puerto Rican History, Politics/Culture; Meditation/Yoga; ESL; GED; Queer Studies; How-To; Health. *Youth 8+ welcome w/ supervision.*

Saturday, April 3, 9am - 1pm

Edible Landscape Revitalization

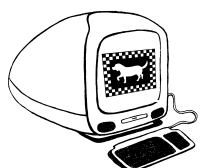
Help us revitalize the Edible Landscape, a 25 year old garden demonstrating all that can be grown on a one house vacant lot in the city. The garden is located on the grounds of the Horticultural Center in West Fairmount Park. This service day follows a contest among Philadelphia County Master Gardeners to redesign and enlarge this demonstration garden. We will be installing the winning design including building the beds and paths and planting dozens of spring crops. Doris Stall, director of the Urban Gardening Program will lead us in our work. Materials and instruction provided.

Saturday, May 1, 10am - 2pm

Fairmount Park Restoration

The White Dog Cafe adopted a portion of Fairmount Park through the "Preserve Your Park" program. Join us for our third visit to learn about the social and ecological history of Fairmount Park while assisting with its restoration. Jason Mifflin, of the Natural Lands Restoration and Environmental Education Program of Fairmount Park, will lead us in discussion and action. Activities include planting native species, removing invasive plants, restoring trails, and general clean-up.

A complimentary White Dog lunch will be provided for volunteers on all three days. Reservations for parties of more than 4pp can not be taken. Please call 215-386-9224 to register.



Occasionally, events come together after our newsletter is printed. Send your email address to info@whitedog.com and we will keep you posted on any new additions.

White Dog Community Connections

There are over 20,000 people on the White Dog Cafe mailing list. Many connections have been made among you while dining at a Table Talk or Storytelling, traveling on an international trip or community tour, riding the bus to protests in DC, doing community service work or dancing at a summer block party. New business partnerships, new friendships, and new groups to address community concerns have been formed over the years. What more could come from the White Dog community? We thought we'd find out!

We are excited to introduce **White Dog Community Connections**, an on-line database which helps subscribers find others to buy from or sell to, trade and barter with, teach or learn from, join a group, discuss a topic – the list goes on. Would you like to sell or donate something that is collecting dust in your closet? Find others who want to take action on a mutual concern? Get recommendations on where to stay or eat on your upcoming trip? Find a teacher for a skill you'd like to learn, or students for a something you'd like to teach? Gather volunteers for a service project? Get a reaction to an idea you have?

To join, go to <http://whitedog.communishare.org>.

We hope you enjoy getting to know others through White Dog Community Connections.

Music in Our Piano Parlor

Friday: 8pm - midnight

Singer/Pianist

Matthew Kenworthy

Saturday: 8pm - midnight

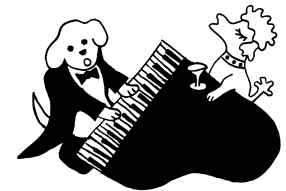
Singer/Pianist Max Apsley

Sunday Brunch:

11:30am - 2:30 pm Singer/Pianist Max Apsley

Dinner ☆ Late Supper ☆ Cocktails

The Piano Parlor is available for private parties.



The Black Cat January *Blahs* Sale 20% Off Everything (Over \$5) Through January 15th

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(continued from page 1) the separation wall organized by Israeli, Palestinian and international women's peace groups. My arms and head were conspicuously bare amongst hundreds of Muslim women, as I carried a Code Pink: Women for Peace flag toward the separation wall where, through the gate, I could see hundreds of Jewish women marching under the Israeli flag toward the men with guns who stood between us. The Israeli soldiers refused our passage and fired tear gas into the crowd of Palestinian women. Those with children turned back, while the rest of us held our ground. Finally, a small group of Israeli women, with one of our delegation among them, was permitted through the gate. They brought school supplies and gifts to the Palestinians, who are suffering great economic and social hardship because of the wall and the prolonged and brutal military occupation. Despite the history of conflict and fear, the women were joyful in the brief opportunity to reach out to one another with compassion and solidarity.

On February 15, 2003, 25 million people in over 100 countries around the world took to the streets saying no to Bush's war on Iraq – the largest coordinated peace demonstration in world history. This is truly a day to remember. Rami, Khalil and the women for peace are not alone in their courage and conviction, but part of a growing global consciousness that the world is one people and war is obsolete. As this consciousness grows, it will surely tip the scale toward non-violence and world peace. God is not on one side, as Bush and Sharon would have us believe in their fear-based, good vs. evil, kill-or-be-killed worldview. The Divine is present in all people, and it is through love and understanding that we reach that peaceful place of interconnectedness in each of us. It's the power of "We," not the battle of "us against them," that will secure lasting peace and true democracy for all people. - Judy Wicks



Judy at a women's peace march against the separation wall in the West Bank, drawing over 250 Israeli women on the Israeli side of the wall and 200 Palestinian and internationals on the west side.



News from the White Dog Cafe Foundation

Fair Food Farm Stand at Reading Terminal

The Fair Food Project's farm stand is open year round offering humanely-raised meat, eggs, and dairy, prepared goods, winter produce and decorative items throughout the winter from a variety of local farms. We are open every Friday from 9am – 6pm in the center court of the Reading Terminal Market. For more information or to join the 'What's at the Market' email list, contact ann@whitedog.com

The 2nd Annual Philadelphia Local Food Guide

Listing farmers markets and local businesses who buy from local farmers, the 2nd Annual Phila Local Food Guide will be published in May. To be included or to learn more, contact bridget@whitedog.com or check out www.buylocalpa.org

Seasonal Soup Workshop

Saturday, March 6, 2pm

Michael Saidman and Sundya Ramachandran of Grass Roots Cafe will teach us how to prepare delicious soups with seasonally available farm products. Michael and Sundya are co-owners of Grass Roots Cafe (110 Cotton St., Manayunk).
(Held at South Street Whole Foods Community Room - 929 South St.)

Jubilee Chocolate Tasting

Saturday, March 20, 2pm

Come learn about chocolate & chocolate making from the experts at Philadelphia's Jubilee Chocolates, committed to making fine, French-style chocolates using fresh cream from a nearby farm and sustainably grown local flavors.

(Held at Assouline & Ting - 505 Vine St.)

\$30/person for either event. Space is limited.
Call for Reservations. 215-386-5211, ann@whitedog.com.

Business Alliance for Local Living Economies Annual National Conference

May 20-23 at the University of Pennsylvania

Join small business owners and activists from across the country working to build an alternative to corporate globalization, which equitably increases prosperity, strengthens community, and ensures a healthy environment. Hosted by the Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia (SBN). For more information on the conference, to join SBN, or to hear about our other events and programs, email merrian@whitedog.org or go to: www.sbnphiladelphia.org.

The White Dog Cafe Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to help build a Local Living Economy in the Greater Philadelphia region. A Local Living Economy supports local business ownership, works in harmony with natural systems, fosters cultural & biological diversity, creates meaningful jobs, and builds inclusive, peaceful & vibrant community life. We do this through our programs and by supporting other non-profit organizations that share our work and values. Contributions welcome: bridget@whitedog.com

White Dog Cafe Calendar Winter/Spring 2004

January

Sun, Jan 18, 6pm Dinner in Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 Mon, Jan 19, 9:30am MLK Day of Service at Books Through Bars
 Sun, Jan 25 6:30pm Sunday Film: "Uncovered: ... Truth About the Iraq War"
 Mon, Jan 26, 7:30pm Storytelling: Report Back from Iraq

February

Mon, Feb 2, 6pm Table Talk: "A Salon Evening with the Phila Inquirer"
 Mon, Feb 9, 6pm Table Talk: "Facts ... from Israel & Occupied Territories"
 Sat, Feb 14 Lady & the Tramp Valentine's Day Dinner
 Sun, Feb 15, 2:15pm "In the Heart of America" Theater and Dinner
 Sun, Feb 22, 6pm Ghana Education Benefits: ...the Buried City of Africa
 Mon, Feb 23, 7:30pm Storytelling: New Realities of Immigration - Post 9/11
 Sat, Feb 28, 10:30am Heritage Tour: Underground Railroad - A Living History
 Sun, Feb 29, 6:50pm Sunday Film: "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised"

March

Mon, Mar 1, 6pm Table Talk: "Brookings' Sobering View of Pennsylvania"
 Fri, Mar 5, 6:30pm Phila "Sister" Restaurant Jazz and Soul Food Dinner
 Sat, Mar 6, 2pm WDC Foundation's Seasonal Soup Workshop
 Sun, Mar 7, 8pm Mud Women: A Night of Poetry and Music
 Mon, Mar 15, 6pm Table Talk: "A Conversation with Michael Eric Dyson"
 Tues, Mar 16 Book and the Cook with Metropolitan Bakery
 Sat, Mar 20, 9:30am Mural Arts Tour by Trolley
 Sat, Mar 20, 2pm WDC Foundation's Jubilee Chocolate Tasting
 Sun, Mar 21, 6:30pm Sunday Film: "Drowned Out"
 Mon, Mar 22, 6pm Table Talk: "...Conservative Tax Agenda..."
 Sun, Mar 28, 7:30pm Storytelling: Collateral Damage: Echoes in the Soul
 Mon, Mar 29, 6pm Freedom Seder

April

Sat, Apr 3, 9am Community Service Day: Edible Landscape Revitalization
 Sat, Apr 17, 9am Earth Day Eco Tour: Where Does Our Water Come From?
 Mon, Apr 19, 7:30pm Storytelling: Holocaust Memorial Day Reflection
 Sun, Apr 25 White Dog Bus to Pro-Choice March on D.C.
 Mon, Apr 26, 6pm Table Talk: "History is Our Responsibility"

May

Sat, May 1, 10am Community Service Day: Fairmont Park Restoration
 May 20-23 Business Alliance for Local Living Economics Conference
 Optional à la carte dinner precedes Monday evening storytellings, Sunday Films and Performance Nights. Don't forget to Take a Senior to Lunch on Saturdays!

See www.whitedog.com for updated and expanded information with organizational weblinks. Please call 215-386-9224 for reservations.

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