

Tales from the White Dog Cafe

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Communities of Resistance

In December, a White Dog delegation journeyed to the highlands of Chiapas, Mexico, to visit Mut Vitz (Bird Mountain), a Zapatista cooperative that grows the coffee we serve at the Cafe. On the day NAFTA went into effect in 1994, the Zapatistas began their uprising, shouting "Basta!" we have had enough of corporate globalization, continuing 500 years of colonization of indigenous lands and people. Intrigued, I began annual trips to Chiapas in 1995 as part of our international sister restaurant project, "Table for Six Billion, Please," to build people-to-people relationships. Our Mexican project sponsored tours for customers and staff to learn about the Zapatista pro-democracy movement.

With deepened interest, I initiated a project in 1998 to help develop an economic base for the Zapatistas, providing funds for organic certification and pre-financing of the first container (approx. 19 tons) of coffee exported from the Zapatista autonomous zone. Our recent trip found the cooperative prospering with 15 containers of coffee now shipped annually to the US and Europe.

The coffee business helps support the Zapatista "communities of resistance," in which they've developed an independent structure for democratic governance, schools to teach children indigenous history, culture and language, a judiciary system to resolve conflicts, health clinics available to all, and growing economic self-reliance through a local food system and global trade in coffee and crafts. The Zapatistas are an inspiration for all of us who are developing "communities of resistance" to corporate control over our economy, government and daily lives.

Typically, indigenous coffee growers in Latin America, desperate for cash, are forced to sell their coffee to "coyotes," brokers for large corporations, at prices near or below the cost of production. The pre-financing for Mut Vitz provided cash for them to buy coffee from their cooperative members at fair trade prices. Mut Vitz then sells their organic coffee to fair trade importers such as Cooperative Coffee in Atlanta, Georgia, (Cont' on page 7)

This Issue's Highlights

- ☆ **Bartlett & Steele** on the health care crisis
- ☆ 19th Annual **Dinner in Memory of Dr. MLK, Jr.**
- ☆ **Amy Goodman** on independent media
- ☆ 10th Annual **Freedom Seder with Tikkun**
- ☆ Annual **Eco-tour of Solar & Sustainable Homes**
- ☆ Film: **Unconstitutional: The War on Civil Liberties**

Art Saves Lives: The Past, Present and Future of the Mural Arts Program

Sunday, April 3, 6pm

Twenty years ago **Jane Golden**, Director of the Mural Arts Program (MAP), was asked to transform Phila's graffiti-scarred cityscape, enlisting the help of the graffiti writers that created it. These young men, ignored and overlooked for most of their lives, truly believed they would be "dead or in jail" by the age of 25. With the lure of art classes and employment, Jane convinced them to trade in their cans of spray paint for paint brushes. Today, these men are preachers, poets & living proof that art truly does save lives.

After more than 2,400 murals & countless art classes, MAP has expanded its mission to include at-risk, truant, & incarcerated youth. In addition, MAP serves several Phila prisons as well as the State Correctional Institution at Graterford. With support from **Supt. Dave DiGuglielmo**, MAP has enabled inmates to give back to Phila's most crime-ridden and neglected neighborhoods.

Over dinner we will reunite MAP's past - the graffiti writers and then mayor **Rev. Dr. Wilson Goode**, whose brainchild program became MAP - and unite MAP's future - at-risk youth & inmate artists from Graterford, who will join us through video. \$40 includes donation to Mural Arts Prison Program, 3-course dinner, discussion, tax & gratuity. Call 215-386-9224 for reservations. This event coincides with the opening of our bar exhibit, Graterford's Inmate Artists. See page 6 for details.



Storytelling

Real Stories by Real People



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

Mon, Jan 31 - "The Things They Carried"

Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* tells the stories of the men of Alpha Company in Vietnam as they battle the enemy, the idea of who the enemy is, and occasionally each other. We see their isolation, loneliness, rage, fear, and longing for lives they left back home. Yet they find sympathy and kindness from strangers (the old man who leads them unscathed through the mine field, the girl who grieves while she dances), and love for each other; because in Vietnam, they are the only family they have. *Things They Carried* also speaks to the frailty of humanity and the courage, determination, and luck we all need to survive.

Tom Bradley and Frank Corcoran from Veterans for Peace will read from the book and share their own Veteran stories.

This is part of One Book, One Philadelphia, which seeks to promote reading, literacy & community by encouraging the Greater Phila population, regardless of age or gender, to read & discuss a single book.

Mon, Feb 28 - "Telling Stories to Defeat the Death Penalty"

While researching and writing about the death penalty, author/activist **Pam McAllister** discovered a world of stories - not only the powerful personal stories of crime victims' families or of people waiting on death row, but mind-bending, heart & eye-opening stories from popular media (film, fiction, tv...); stories that inspire people to continue the struggle to Stop the Death Penalty. Pam will share these stories and offer ways to use them to change the world. Pam's most recent book, *Death Defying: Dismantling the Execution Machinery in 21st Century U.S.A.*, has been described as a lively, life-embracing handbook for death penalty abolitionists. Her groundbreaking anthology, *Reweaving the Web of Life: Feminism and Nonviolence*, was followed by two books of stories about women's nonviolent social action.

Mon, March 7 - "Preserving the Right to Choose"

Obstetrician/gynecologist **David Taub** is a former abortion provider. A board member of the ACLU of Philadelphia, he is a past medical director at Planned Parenthood and a recipient of NARAL's Champion of Choice Award. He will be joined by **Carol Petraitis**, Director of the ACLU's Clara Bell Duvall Project, which seeks to increase education about reproductive issues. In addition to the stories they share, they will show a portion of the film, *Motherless*, which well depicts what our country will face if the right to and availability of abortion services are degraded.

Mon, May 23 - "The Lives of Service Dogs"

Jennifer Kriesel, of Canine Partners for Life, trains service dogs to be lifetime friends, and support for people with physical disabilities. Staff and recipients will tell their stories as their dogs demonstrate how they help people get dressed, pay for groceries and other ways they increase independence and quality of life.

Reservations highly recommended. 215-386-9224. Optional à la carte dinner 6pm; Storytelling 7:30. (Preferential seating given to those dining; remaining seats available to those with reservation for storytelling.) Singles welcome at group tables.



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

Sunday, January 16, 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 ~

\$28, includes dinner and discussion, entertainment, tax and gratuity. Reservations required. 215-386-9224

Investing in Philadelphia's Future One Neighborhood at a Time

with **Kenny Gamble**

Monday, May 2, 6pm Dinner & Discussion

3:30pm Tour (Optional) - Meet at 800 S. 15th St.

While Kenny Gamble was finding multi-platinum success as a record producer and songwriter, the neighborhood of his youth at 15th & Christian was falling into a cycle of crime, abandoned houses and hopelessness. In 1990, Gamble, with his wife Faatima, moved from the comfortable suburbs back to this neighborhood and began a revitalization project that would turn into Universal Companies - a multimillion-dollar business addressing the most dire needs of the mostly black residents of this community.

Fifteen years later, Universal Companies has built respectable low-income rental units; owner-occupied low-income homes; schools creating responsible and self-sufficient students; plus a business support center fostering locally owned, community based businesses; a health and social services center providing on-site medical, mental-health and substance-abuse help; and a workforce development office that provides vocational training, adult literacy education, career building classes, fatherhood workshops, and after-school/summer youth programs.

Our (optional) guided tour will allow us to view some of these community-building projects. We'll return to the Cafe for dinner and a discussion on Community Revitalization with **Kenny Gamble** and **Abdur-Rahim Islam**, a founding member of Universal Companies and CEO since their 1993 launch.

\$35 includes optional tour, three course dinner, discussion, tax & gratuity. Reservations with advance payment required by giving a credit card number over the phone or sending a check. Single reservations welcome; you'll be seated at a group table. Vegetarian dishes always offered. Call (215) 386-9224 for reservations.

White Dog Cafe Table Talks

Serving Food with Thought

Monday, January 24, 6pm "Our Diseased Health Care System"

with **Donald L. Barlett and James B. Steele,**

Pulitzer Prize-winning authors and acclaimed investigative journalists who write about the complex issues and institutions that profoundly affect American life. Their latest book, *Critical Condition: How Health Care in America Became Big Business – and Bad Medicine*, reveals the horrific state of health care in America and contends that the system is so diseased that we are all on the verge of being infected. The authors expose a managed-care system corrupted by greed and profits, always at the expense of patients. Currently editors-at-large for Time, Inc., Barlett & Steele were former reporters at The Phila. Inquirer, where they first published the series that became, *America: What Went Wrong*, chronicling the deliberate dismantling of the American working-class during the 80s, now in its 18th printing.

Monday, February 21, 6pm "Alternatives to Economic Globalization" with Jerry Mander,

President of the International Forum on Globalization, coeditor of *The Case Against the Global Economy*, and author of *Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television*. Now in its second edition, *Alternatives to Economic Globalization* is still the only comprehensive attempt to answer the question, "If you're not for Globalization, what are you for?" Focusing on constructive, achievable goals, the authors present ten governing principles for establishing truly sustainable societies. Coeditor Jerry Mander will lay out some of the democratic, ecologically sound, socially just alternatives found in the book.

Monday, March 14, 6pm "Iraq and the Israel/Palestinian Conflict: What's Next?" with Trudy Rubin,

foreign affairs columnist and editorial board member of The Philadelphia Inquirer. Having traveled extensively, including four recent trips to Iraq, Rubin has special expertise on the Middle East. She lived in Jerusalem and Beirut as a Middle East correspondent for The Christian Science Monitor before joining The Philadelphia Inquirer in 1983. A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in commentary for her columns on the Middle East, she is the author of the recent book, *Willful Blindness: The Bush Administration and the Middle East*.

Monday, March 28, 6pm "Born to Buy: The Commercialized Child" with Juliet Schor,

author and cofounder of the Center for a New American Dream. In her latest eye-opening book, *Born to Buy: The Commercialized Child and the New Consumer Culture*, Schor illuminates marketers' unrelenting exploitation of our youth and the negative consequences of maximizing corporate profits at the expense of our children's well-being. A sharp observer and critic of American commercialism, Schor has written extensively on Americans' lifestyles. Her books include *The Overworked American: The Unexpected Decline of Leisure* and *The Overspent American: Upscaling, Downshifting and the New Consumer*.

Monday, April 4, 6pm "An Evening with Amy Goodman,"

producer and host of **Democracy Now!** With the same incisive reporting and analysis as her national TV and radio program, Amy Goodman's first book, *Exception to the Rulers: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers, and the Media That Love Them*, attacks and exposes the lies and hypocrisy that put democracy at risk. It chronicles the efforts of Goodman and her colleagues to get to the truth and expose the corruption and crimes of a power elite that is bolstered by large media conglomerates. Join Amy for stories and a perspective we don't normally get from mainstream media.

Monday, April 18, 6pm "The Religious Right and the Public Sphere" with Maura Stephens and Julie Sulc.

Professional journalist Stephens is editor of the *Ithaca College Quarterly Magazine* and Vice President of TheocracyWatch, a project of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Social Policy at Cornell University, which raises awareness about the pervasive role of the Religious Right in the US government. She will talk about the political goals of Dominionist Theology and the movement's targeting of the Republican Party as the vehicle through which to advance its agenda. Political scientist and program officer for the Religion Program of The Pew Charitable Trusts, Sulc will offer non-partisan information provided by The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, a project of the Pew Research Center, which seeks to promote a deeper understanding of issues at the intersection of religion and public affairs.

Table Talks at 6pm 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 the Black Cat at a 10% discount for author signing that evening. Call (215) 386-9224 for reservations.

8th Annual Eco Tour: Solar Houses, Sustainable Houses

Saturday, March 19, 9am

Dennis Winters, coordinator of the Philadelphia Million Solar Roofs Partnership, will lead our tour of homes using sustainable technologies, including solar power, to save energy and non-renewable resources.

Dennis will take us first to the Los Balcones solar project in Norris Square where members of the MSR Partnership have installed electricity-producing solar panels on eight adjacent affordable housing row homes.

We'll also visit **Hap Haven's** two Germantown houses. Each incorporates solar heated hot water pumped by solar electricity, whole house fans for summer cooling; high performance windows; water-based paints and more. In addition, the 1895 carriage house incorporates a passive solar design; energy star appliances; recycled lumber, stone, brick and carpeting; an in-ground cistern for recycling rain water and a composting system. Hap has been helping homeowners lower the environmental impact of their homes for almost 25 years - most recently through his new company, SunHaven Solar

Back at the White Dog for lunch, Dennis will discuss other solar and sustainable houses in the Philadelphia area, and how to apply for grants to add a solar installation to your home or business.

\$36 includes breakfast of muffins and coffee, tour, discussion, lunch, tax & gratuity.

Developing Camden - But for Whom?

A White Dog Sister Restaurant Dinner Event at Corinne's Place

1254 Haddon Ave., Camden

Thursday, March 24, 6pm

Enjoy a sumptuous soulfood buffet, followed by a discussion of development issues in Camden with probation officer and proprietress **Corinne Bradley-Powers**, who has been trying to buy the abandoned building next door to hers for five years to open a culinary school for kids.

We will be joined by representatives of development and neighborhood associations, including Cooper's Ferry Development Assn., Parkside Business and Community in Partnership, and Camden United.

\$15 includes buffet dinner of Corinne's soul food, discussion, tax & gratuity. For reservations, call 215-386-9224.

10th Annual Freedom Seder

Sunday, April 17, 6pm

with members of the **Philadelphia Tikkun Community**

Through spoken word, singing, symbolic foods, storytelling and other media, we will explore the universal themes of freedom and renewal. Join us for a creative evening of fun, enlightenment and spirituality inspired by the exodus biblical narrative.

The Philadelphia Tikkun Community is part of a nation-wide network of TIKKUN communities dedicated to creating a world based on love and caring. Its current projects include healing and reconciliation for Israel-Palestine and a social responsibility amendment to the U.S. Constitution. As an interfaith social action movement, it seeks to unite political activism and spiritual practice.

\$35 includes three course dinner, discussion, tax & gratuity.
Call for reservations 215-386-9224

Bring a friend from a different cultural background.

16th Annual Mural Arts Tour & Lunch

Saturday, March 5, 9am

Meet at the White Dog for coffee & muffins before we board a motorized trolley at 9:30am for a 2-hr. guided tour of some of the over 2,400 wall murals through-out Philadelphia, the "Wall Mural Capital" of the nation.

Following the tour, we will have lunch at the White Dog and hear from **Jane Golden**, Artistic Director of the Phila Mural Arts Program, on the importance of murals to community pride and development.

\$40 includes muffins & coffee, lunch, tax & tip, trolley, tour guide, and contribution to the Mural Arts Program.

Reservations required. (215) 386-9224.

For info on the Mural Arts Program, call (215) 685-0750.

See Front Page for a related dinner event and page 6 for a related art exhibit.

RISE Against Bush SHINE For a Peaceful Tomorrow

Inauguration Day Protests

Thursday, January 20

Washington, DC

9 AM rally at Malcolm X Park and parade to the White House, followed by actions along the route of the inaugural parade. The White Dog van is leaving Wednesday evening, with reservations at a DC hotel (inexpensive) for Wednesday night. For info & reservations, call Deirdre at 215-386-9224 ext. 121 or email deirdre@whitedog.com.

A Night of Endearment on Valentine's Day Eve

with **Gweny Love**

Sunday, February 13, 8pm

Enjoy a romantic Valentine's Eve dinner in our candle-lit Piano Parlor with spoken word artist Gweny Love. Gweny, a Philadelphia native, intertwines the sensuous sounds of poetry and musical accompaniment, celebrating the essence and possibilities of love, throughout an aphrodisiacal three-course meal of delights designed to awaken the senses and set the mood for love.

Limited seating. Couples and singles welcome.

\$45/person includes 3 course meal, tax, tip and performance.

Reservations strongly recommended. Call 215-386-9224

Gweny's book, *Getting a Grip on Things* and her spoken-word CD, *Planted by Rivers of Water* will be sold at the event.

For more information on her, visit: www.gwenylove.com

Valentine's Day Gifts at The Black Cat



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Bath & Body Items ♡ Picture Frames
♡ Fun Valentine's Socks ♡

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Music in Our Piano Parlor

Friday: 8pm - Midnight

Saturday: 8pm - Midnight

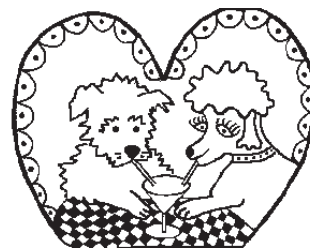
Sunday Brunch: 11:30am - 2:30pm



with **Singer/Pianist Max Apsley**

Dinner ☆ Late Supper ☆ Cocktails

The Piano Parlor (with or without piano player) is available for Private Parties. Call 215-386-9224.



"Lady and the Tramp" Valentine's Day Menu

Monday, February 14, 2005

Steamed Littleneck Clams in the Style of Venus
angel hair pasta, smoked salmon, sweet peas and fennel

Crispy Sweet Potato and Fresh Rock Shrimp Fritters
in tender lettuce leaves with ginger-lime dipping sauce

Bloody Mary Martini of Freshly Shucked Oysters
artichoke hearts and celery seed crackers

Jumbo Lump Crabmeat and Red Delicious Apple Salad
baby greens, lemon-mint dressing, avocado, 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
flame grapes, pear & apple with brioche toasts

Grilled Frisky Rabbit Sausages wrapped in Prosciutto
arugula, shaved Pecorino Romano, white truffle dressing

Duet of Duck: Pan Crisped Breast & Armagnac Sausage
spiced honey glaze, wild rice pilaf, braised Belgian endive

Honey-Mustard Lamb Tenderloins, Sherry-Cumin Jus
spicy fried potatoes, saffron aioli, mint garden vegetables

Parisian Filet of Beef au Poivre with Roquefort Butter
wild mushroom-potato gratin and spinach fondue

Scallop & Chanterelle Fricassée, Meyer Lemon & Tarragon
curry roasted Yukon gold potatoes and haricots verts

Wild Alaskan Salmon with Asparagus & Crab Velouté
spinach tagliatelle, pear tomatoes and chives

Vegetable & Silken Tofu Stir-fry, Kaffir Lime & Lemongrass
curried coconut cream, crispy noodles and pea tendrils

Artichoke & Truffled Risotto with Roasted Asparagus
grilled portobello, red onions & cherry tomato coulis

"Amore" Amaretto Cheesecake
amarettini crust, caramel sauce and almond brittle

"Confess Your Sins" Cherries Jubilee Sundae
French vanilla ice cream and butter crunch heart pastry

"After The Act" Cappuccino Crème Brûlée
with cinnamon froth and chocolate "cigarettes"

Smooth & Silky Milk Chocolate Cream Pie
Chocolate Cookie Crust, peanut caramel, whipped cream

Sweets for the Sweet
hand-crafted chocolates and other luscious bites

"Don't Break My Heart" Lemon-Pistachio Tart
with blood orange sauce and fresh vanilla whipped cream

Artisanal American Cheeses, Fresh & Preserved Fruits
Prix Fixe Three Course Dinner ~ \$65/person plus tax & gratuity

Sunday Night Film Series

(Projected on a large screen with sound system.)

Jan 30 - "Unconstitutional" (60 mins)

Unconstitutional: The War on Our Civil Liberties, is the third in a series of Public Interest Pictures films that follows *Unprecedented: The 2000 Presidential Election* and *Uncovered: The War on Iraq*. *Unconstitutional* explores how the Patriot Act has taken away checks on law enforcement and continues to endanger the civil liberties of all Americans.

David Kairys is a James E. Beasley Professor of Law at Temple Univ. He is a nationally recognized civil rights lawyer and edited one of the leading progressive critiques of law and the legal system, *The Politics of Law* (1998).

March 20 - "I Can End The Violence" (40 mins)

Andrew James, a 17 year old high school student from North Phila was affected deeply by the violence in his community. Inspired to reclaim power over violence and promote healing in the community Andrew created this film. *I Can End the Violence* instigates and reflects community dialogue on questions of why there is so much violence in our communities and how we can work together to end it.

Andrew shows this film and speaks in schools and to community groups, facilitating the necessary dialogue for ending the violence that blights our society. He will join us for a discussion after the film.

May 22 - "Bringing Down the Dictator" (60 mins.)

Even in the 20th century - uniquely rich in genocide, institutionalized thuggery, ethnic cleansing, and demagogues — the regime of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic stands out. The extraordinary story of the overthrow of the "Butcher of the Balkans" by an avowedly nonviolent group of student revolutionaries whose weapons included humor, ridicule, and the Internet is captured in *Bringing Down a Dictator*.

George Lakey will lead us in uplifting discussion of how non-violent social change strategy is an effective and essential tool for regime change at home and abroad. George is Director of the non profit Training for Change, a global leader in training non-violent social change agents.

Reservations for optional dinner (5:30pm) or Free film showing (6:30pm) are highly 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



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.

Community Service Days

MLK, Jr. Day of Service at Books Through Bars

Monday, January 17, 9:30am - 1:30pm

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.

Book donations encouraged. Call 215-727-8170 for a list of most needed books. Youth 8+ welcome w/ an adult.

Edible Landscape and Butterfly Garden

Sat, April 2, 10am-2pm (rain date Sat, Apr 16, 10am)

Welcome Spring in the demonstration gardens of the Horticultural Center. We will begin with an interactive presentation on edible landscape design and habitat by **Doris Stahl**, Horticulture Educator of Penn State Cooperative Extension, and continue with a hands-on composting workshop, installation of educational signage for self-guided tours in each garden, spring planting and more.

Neighborhood Greening - Sunday, May 1, 10am-2pm

Join UC Green for a day of hands-on community greening in West Philadelphia. UC Green mobilizes University City communities to plant trees, revitalize public greenspaces, and improve block streetscapes to strengthen neighborhood connections and improve the health and quality of life for Residents. **Amanda Benner**, Director of UC Green, will lead us in discussion and action.

A complimentary White Dog lunch will be provided for volunteers. To sign up to volunteer, call 215-386-9224.

Art Exhibits in the White Dog Bar

South Africa's Original T-Bag Designs - Jan. 28-Feb. 28

The 13 women who recycle these tea bags for their canvases live in a squatter camp outside Cape Town, South Africa. They use income from the tea bags placed on journals and notebooks to provide better homes for their families. Items made from the tea bags will be for sale at the Black Cat.

Coalition Ingenu - Feb. 28-Apr. 1

Coalition Ingenu works with mental health centers, homeless shelters, and rehabilitation programs to help self-taught artists marginalized by extraordinary circumstances. Visitors to Coalition Ingenu exhibits are enriched by a unique kind of artwork not motivated by expectations of fame and fortune, and not significantly influenced by academic tradition or preconceived notions of what art is supposed to look like.

Graterford's Inmate-Artists - Apr. 1-May 2

The Mural Arts Project is working with inmate-artists from the State Correctional Institution at Graterford State Penitentiary and victims of violent crimes to create "healing" murals to be placed in some of Philadelphia's most neglected neighborhoods. This exhibit features works by these incarcerated artists. (See front page for dinner talk on the Mural Arts Prison Program.)

(Cont' from page 1) who sell it to local roasters, such as Fonseca Coffee in Audubon, PA, who sell it to restaurants such as the White Dog Cafe. This supply chain of small-to-small, win-win relationships is part of an alternative global economy— one comprised of a decentralized network of socially and environmentally sustainable local economies, as opposed to a global economy dominated by large multinational corporations that are increasing wealth inequality, environmental destruction, and corporate mono-culture. When you buy organic fair trade coffee and indigenous crafts at the Black Cat and White Dog Cafe, you are not only supporting the people of Chiapas, but also helping to build a global economy based on community self-reliance, democracy and preservation of local character and culture.

The world struggle today is not the classic big government vs. big business, communism vs. capitalism, but rather small against large – local communities, small businesses and family farms vs. the centralized power of big business in collusion with federal government. What serves the common good is neither the dominance of nationalization nor privatization, but increased localization – control of the economy by local communities rather than by either big government or big business. The Zapatistas were perhaps the first to clearly voice the desire of people around the world for freedom, justice and democracy in the face of growing corporate control over the world's natural and human resources, markets and cultures.

Philadelphians can build a “community of resistance” to corporate globalization in our region through localization: buying from local family farms (www.buylocalpa.org), buying locally produced renewable energy (www.cleanair.org), investing in local financial institutions such as The Reinvestment Fund (www.trfund.com), building energy-efficient “green” buildings (www.dvgbc.org), shopping at locally owned, independent, socially and environmentally conscious businesses (www.sbnphiladelphia.org - online marketplace in development) and independent bookstores (www.booksense.com), connecting globally by buying fair trade coffee, chocolate and other imports which support local communities elsewhere (www.transfairusa.org/do/whereToBuy and www.fairtradefederation.org), reading and listening to independent media sources (www.phillyinc.org), and supporting local arts and culture (www.philaculture.org).

Localization is not only about decentralizing our economy, but also about decentralizing political power through citizen activism and organizing at the local level. What City and State policies could better protect and promote locally owned family farms and businesses challenged by corporate factory farms and unfair tax breaks for large corporations and big box stores? How can we best organize locally to send legislators to Washington that represent the interests of our communities over corporate interests, and truly serve the needs of all our citizens? Join the community of resistance! “Basta - we have had enough!” - Judy Wicks



News from the White Dog Cafe Foundation

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Thanks to contributions from almost 300 White Dog customers and other generous funders, the White Dog Cafe Foundation has enjoyed a very productive year. We have supported over 100 family farmers, 200 members of the Sustainable Business Network, and reached thousands of consumers in the Greater Philadelphia region who have directed hundreds of thousands of dollars into our local economy by buying and investing locally.

Among our projects this year are the expansion of the Fair Food Farm Stand at the Reading Terminal to two days a week, publishing the second annual consumer guide to local farm products and finishing the first wholesale guide, initiating a Pig Farmer Assistance Project to provide grants to farmers transitioning to pasture, holding the third annual Social Venture Institute for emerging entrepreneurs, and sponsoring the first annual business plan contest for local businesses who measure their success by a triple bottom line of people, planet and profit. The business plan contest, the first of its kind in the country, drew 90 applicants and awarded \$300,000 in cash prizes, equity investment and consulting services.

We would like to thank all of our contributors who make our work possible. Major funders include the William Penn Foundation, the SVF Foundation, the Claneil Foundation, the White Dog Cafe, the Fels Fund, the Economic Development Administration, Friends Institute, Citizens Bank Foundation, the City of Philadelphia's Department of Commerce and the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia. And a very special thanks to all of the White Dog Cafe customers for your very generous contributions! We hope you'll consider supporting the work of the White Dog Cafe Foundation in the coming year.

The **White Dog Cafe Foundation** envisions a Local Living Economy in the Greater Philadelphia Region – one that brings inclusive and broad-based economic empowerment, environmental stewardship, and vibrant, unique character to our communities through local business ownership. Our mission is to create, strengthen and connect locally owned businesses & farms committed to working in harmony with natural systems, providing meaningful living wage jobs, supporting healthy community life, and contributing to economic justice. The Foundation is funded by 20% of White Dog Cafe profits, contributions from customers, foundation grants and income from our farmstand and events. Our two major projects are Fair Food and the Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia (SBN).

White Dog Cafe Calendar - Winter/Spring 2004

January

Dec 26 - Jan 15
 Sun, Jan 16, 6pm
 Mon, Jan 17, 9:30am
 Mon, Jan 24, 6pm
 Jan 28 - Feb 28
 Sun, Jan 30, 6:30pm
 Mon, Jan 31, 7:30pm

Black Cat: "January Blahs" Sale
 Dinner in Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 MLK Day of Service at Books Through Bars
 Table Talk: "Our Diseased Health Care System" with Donald L. Bartlett and James B. Steele
 Bar Art Exhibit: South Africa's Original T-Bag Designs
 Sunday Night Film: "Unconstitutional"
 Storytelling: One Book, One Phila: "The Things They Carried"

February

Sun, Feb 13, 8pm
 Mon, Feb 14
 Mon, Feb 21, 6pm

A Night of Endearment on Valentine's Eve with Gwenny Love
 "Lady and the Tramp" Valentine's Day Dinner
 Table Talk: "Alternatives to Economic Globalization" with Jerry Mander

March

Feb 28 - Apr 1
 Mon, Feb 28, 7:30pm

Bar Art Exhibit: Coalition Ingenue
 Storytelling: Telling the Stories to Defeat the Death Penalty

April

Sat, Mar 5, 9am
 Mon, Mar 7, 7:30pm
 Mon, Mar 14, 6pm
 Sat, Mar 19, 9am
 Sun, Mar 20, 6:30pm
 Thur, Mar 24, 6pm
 Mon, Mar 28, 6pm

Mural Arts Tour by Trolley
 Storytelling: "Preserving the Right to Choose"
 Table Talk: "Iraq and the Israel/Palestinian Conflict: What's Next?" with Trudy Rubin
 Eco-Tour: Solar Houses, Sustainable Houses
 Sunday Night Film: "I Can End the Violence"
 Sister Restaurant Trip to Corrine's:
 "Developing Camden - But for Whom?"
 Table Talk: "Born to Buy: The Commercialized Child" with Juliet Schor

May

Apr 1- May 2
 Sat, Apr 2, 10am
 Sun, Apr 3, 5pm
 Mon, Apr 4, 6pm
 Sat, Apr 16, 10am
 Sun, Apr 17, 7:30pm
 Mon, Apr 18, 6pm
 Sun, May 1, 10am
 Mon, May 2, 3:30/6pm
 Sun, May 22, 6:30pm
 Mon, May 23, 7:30pm

Bar Art Exhibit: Graterford's Inmate Artists
 Community Service Day: Edible Landscape and Butterfly Garden
 Art Saves Lives: Past, Present & Future of Mural Arts Program
 Table Talk: "An Evening with Amy Goodman" (RAIN DATE) Community Service Day:
 Edible Landscape and Butterfly Garden
 Freedom Seder with the Phila Tikkun Community
 Table Talk: "The Religious Right and the Public Sphere"
 Community Service Day: Neighborhood Greening with UC Green
 Tour & Dinner Talk: "Investing in Phila's Future" with Kenny Gamble
 Sunday Night Film: "Bringing Down the Dictator"
 Storytelling: "The Lives of Service Dogs"

Optional 6pm à la carte dinner precedes Monday evening Storytellings.
 Optional 5:30pm à la carte dinner precedes Sunday evening Film Showings.
 Don't forget to Take a Senior (65+) to Lunch on Saturdays!

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