

THE INSTITUTE OF REVERENTIAL ECOLOGY & THE CALIFORNIA STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COALITION present

# Ecology, Art, and Activism: An Intergenerational Celebration of Sustainability

Zaca Lake Retreat Center  
Santa Ynez Mountains

(30 miles northwest of Santa Barbara)

**April 28-30, 2006**

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Join some of the most creative and inspiring ecology and social justice thinkers, artists & activists of our time for three days of exploration, dialogue & reflection in a beautiful setting.

Please visit [www.ReverentialEcology.org](http://www.ReverentialEcology.org) for more information & registration.

**Michael Ableman**, farmer, educator, and Founder and Executive director of the Center for Urban Agriculture

**Kum Kum Bhavnani**, Professor of Sociology, UCSB, writer and director of the documentary film, *The Shape of Water*

**Ernest Callenbach**, film critic, editor and author of one of the best known utopian novels of the 20<sup>th</sup> century: *Ecotopia*

**Richard Clugston**, executive director, Center for Respect of Life and Environment, and VP, Humane Society of the United States.

**Michael Green**, artist, writer, designer, widely-published author of *The Illustrated Rumi* and *The Illuminated Prayer*

**Jay Harman**, naturalist, entrepreneur, inventor, author of many patents, and CEO of Pax Scientific, expert on biomimicry

**Tom Hayden**, author, ecological and political thinker, humanitarian activist and public servant, former legislator

**Scott Horton**, editor of the Permaculture Activist, eco-artist and writer living in the San Jacinto Mountains of Southern California.

**Nandini Iyer**, Lecturer Emeritus, UC Santa Barbara Dept. of Religious Studies, Co-Founder of the Institute of World Culture

**Satish Kumar**, Editor of Resurgence Magazine, Program Dir. of Schumacher College, scholar, writer, teacher & ecology advocate

**Rev. James Lawson**, civil rights activist, played a central role in guiding the civil rights campaigns of the 1950s and 60s

**Marcus Lopez**, Senior Producer of the American Indian Airwaves/Coyote Radio (national news & documentaries)

**Gloria Liggett**, artist of Gabrielino/Luiseno heritage, has been an art teacher in Santa Barbara for many years.

**Lorelei Moosbrugger**, Professor of Political Science, UCSB, focused on policy-making institutions & environmental law

**Dennis Rivers**, communication skills trainer and Internet activist; creator of [www.newconversations.net](http://www.newconversations.net)

**Elisabet Sahtouris**, Living Systems Design theorist, author of many books, incl. *EarthDance: Living Systems in Evolution*

**John Seed**, Deep Ecology author, rainforest preservation activist, founder & director Rainforest Information Centre

**Vandana Shiva**, author, activist, scientist, Founder of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology

**Adam Wolpert**, artist, activist, Founder of Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, creator of [www.AdamWolpert.com](http://www.AdamWolpert.com) gallery

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Tom Hayden



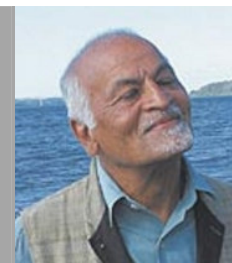
Vandana Shiva



James Lawson



Elisabet Sahtouris



Satish Kumar



Gloria Liggett

*An invitation to think new thoughts, dream new dreams  
and imagine a new wave of advocacy for a just and sustainable world...*

The Institute of Reverential Ecology (IRE) invites you to our fourth annual retreat, April 28-30 near Santa Barbara, California. Our annual retreat is committed to furthering intergenerational dialogue on the interdependence between personal change, social justice and livelihoods consistent with sustaining our global ecosystem. To this end the IRE brings together distinguished and experienced visionary activists for three days to share their life experiences with 150 retreat participants of mixed ages in an atmosphere of mutual respect, trust and willingness to learn from others.

The Zaca Lake retreat builds community among its participants and inspires young people to engage their passions, transform problems, and discover purpose. Unforeseen partnerships, projects, and friendships are common outcomes of the retreat. Last year the California Student Sustainability Coalition, with support from and in collaboration with the retreat elders, sent students to both India and Sri Lanka to investigate the development and sustainability practices and build relationships with their host communities. Before that, the retreat inspired the Education for Sustainable Living Program which is moving into its third year and is responsible for educating over 1000 students in the UC system and inspiring over 50 sustainability projects.

This spring's retreat, entitled Ecology, Art, and Activism: An Intergenerational Celebration of Sustainability, explores how the arts and intelligent activism can contribute to the building of sustainable local communities. Retreat faculty include artists Michael Green and Adam Wolpert; eco-designer Jay Harman; authors Michael Ableman and Satish Kumar; human rights activists Vandana Shiva, Tom Hayden, and Reverend James Lawson; ecological activists Wes Jackson, John Seed and Anuradha Mittal; Gandhian scholar Nandini Iyer; evolutionary biologist Elisabet Sahtouris; communication skills activist Dennis Rivers; and UCSB professor Lorelei Moosbrugger; with musical performance by the mountain bluegrass-style Illumination Band; and delicious vegetarian cuisine prepared by Kim Schiffer. (For more information and a full list of planned participants visit [www.reverentialecology.org](http://www.reverentialecology.org).)

Please join us for this transformative event, and tell your friends and colleagues about it.

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#### Retreat Schedule Information

##### Friday, April 28, 2006

12:00-5:00p	Arrival, Registration, Accommodation, Lunch Buffet
3:00-5:00p	Optional Workshop with Vandana Shiva and Satish Kumar
5:00-7:00p	Dinner
7:00-9:30p	Opening Plenary
9:30-12:00a	Bluegrass Jams from the Illumination Band

##### Saturday, April 29, 2006

7:30-9:00a	Breakfast
9:00-1:00p	Interactive Forum
1:00-3:00p	Lunch
3:00-6:00p	Participant Organized Activities
6:00-8:00p	Dinner
8:00-10:00p	Multimedia Plenary
10:00-12:00a	Bluegrass Jams from the Illumination Band

##### Sunday, April 30, 2006

7:30-9:00a	Breakfast
9:00-1:00p	Interactive Forum
1:00-3:00p	Lunch and Closing Plenary
3:00-6:00p	Optional Participant Organized Activities