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April - New Upcoming Events

1. Earth Day Activities this weekend!
2. Racial Justice Allies' Replay of Dr. Meeks' Presentation - April 27!
3. Women's Spaces Interviews next week!

As mentioned in our last newsletter, this month we celebrate our planet, which has nurtured each of us, and for which we were made stewards. Every year for the last 53 years, we have identified Earth Day, April 22, as one to remember our obligation to protect the land, the seas, and all creatures that live upon it. We are seeing the effects on our lives now because we have not properly cared for our Earth and we need to examine critically our part in keeping it and all species living.

There is a comprehensive [website](#) about Earth Day 2023. Also, click [here](#) to find events near you; for instance, Santa Rosa is holding a celebration on Saturday, April 22, from 12-4 in Courthouse Square;

Marin is holding a similar event on April 23 from 1-5 at the Mill Valley Community Center.

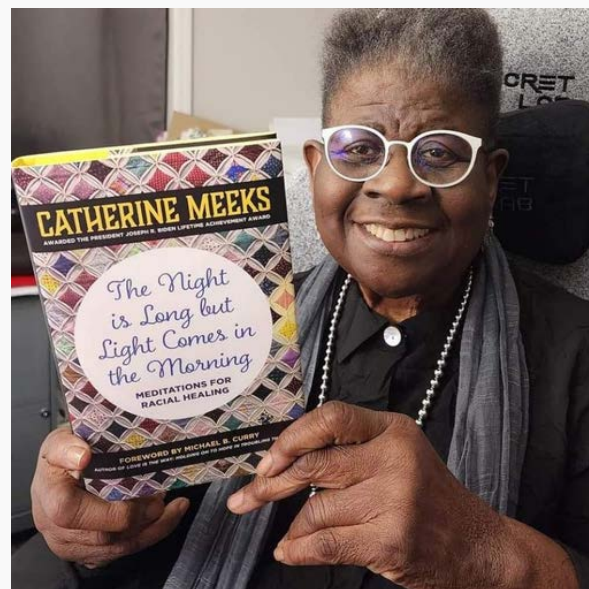
As you may remember, our guest speaker in March was Dr. Catherine Meeks; we were in partnership with Blacks United of Sonoma County to host the presentation, which was well-received, This was recorded and is posted on our [YouTube](#) channel. The Racial Justice Allies of Sonoma County is holding a showing of this recording followed by further discussion. See below for the event details.

Racial Justice Allies of Sonoma County

Thu, April 27, 6:30-8PM, FREE

Prepare by watching Dr. Meek's talk [here](#)

Visit the Racial Justice Allies [facebook page](#)



Missed the buzz about the March talk by Dr. Catherine Meeks?

Eighty or more Sonoma County people attended this discussion on healing racism. They described it as "A wonderful talk!" "The privilege of hearing Dr. Catherine Meeks..." and "Very honest, powerful, and informative. . ."

Whether or not you were there, the ideas and concepts Dr. Meeks offered are well worth a deeper dive. She asked us to make our anti-racism work sustainable over a lifetime and gave us a path for doing it.

Join us for a replay of the highlights and a thorough discussion with

your neighbors and friends.

We invite you and your amigos to *join our Racial Justice Allies virtual dialogue!* **To participate, email racialjusticeallies@gmail.com to register and we will send you a Zoom link before or on April 27th.**

Also, Elaine Holtz interviewed Dr. Meeks on February 27 during Elaine's radio program, Women's Spaces, and that recording is [here](#).

If you are not yet a NOW member or need to renew your membership, please join our growing organization! Our chapter's ID is CA0660 and you can select it when you sign up [here](#).

--Amy Nykamp, President

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Women's Spaces in April!

The Earth Day 2023 Theme is, “ Invest In Our Planet.” “For Earth Day 2023, we need to act (boldly), innovate (broadly), and implement (equitably). Businesses, governments, and citizens—everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable. A partnership for the planet.

(<https://www.earthday.org/>)

On April 24 in honor of Earth Day, Elaine Holtz will be interviewing our Webmaster, Ken Norton, who will be sharing his experience on the Survival Faire that proceeded the original Earth Day by a couple of months when he attended San Jose State College in 1970. The event was reported in the *New York Times*. Note, in the photo below, Ken's head is circled. (Photo: Stan Creighton/*The Chronicle* in an [article](#) from 2010)

Maya Khosla, will also be a guest on that April 24th show. Maya is a member and spokesperson for Sonoma County Climate Activist Network (SoCoCAN!). Khosla is a biologist and writer focusing on

forest biodiversity and fire-safe practices and will also be a guest on that show. She is the winner of the 2023 Fund for Wild Nature's Grassroots Activist Award for 2023 and co-winner of the Environmentalist of the Year Award from 2020 Sonoma County Conservation Council (SCCC).



Women's Spaces radio airs live on Monday mornings from 11-12 pm and repeats Monday evening from 11-12 am on KBBF 89.1 FM, has streaming on www.kbbf.org. All shows are archived on www.womensspaces.com Elaine encourages all readers to check out these shows. They are a reminder that Our History is Our Strength and the shoulders on which we are standing.