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Workers Justice Center



Annual Labor Day Breakfast

Saturday August 31 8:30-10:00 am

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Tickets \$8 ordered now, \$10 at the door
Students \$6, Children \$5 (under 5 free)

[See menu & program here](#)

OMNI 350

Climate Change Book Forum

The Truth Will Set Us Free



Sunday Sept 1
1:30 pm

Fayetteville Public
Library Walker Room

Book this month is
"Soil Not Oil"

Facilitated by Jeanne Neath
Soil Not Oil: Environmental Justice in an Age of Climate Crisis, by Vandana Shiva

Many books on climate change come from the perspective of authors embedded in the industrialized West, but Vandana Shiva in *Soil Not Oil* instead writes out of a "people's perspective of the Global South" (i.e. the "developing" world). Shiva is a world famous Indian environmentalist and feminist activist and author living and working in India. In *Soil Not Oil* Shiva explains how the triple threats of climate change, shrinking oil supplies (Peak Oil), and the food crisis are deeply interconnected and how addressing these threats together can bring solutions that benefit all life on earth.

The first part of her book deals with the pseudo-solutions put forward by the "commercial, consumption-oriented energy paradigm rooted in a reductive, mechanistic worldview in consumerist culture". According to Shiva there are two approaches, both highly problematic, coming from this dominant paradigm: the approach of global business and the approach of environmentalists promoting a renewable energy powered but still high energy consumerist society. The second part of the book

puts forward nature-centered, people-centered solutions that derive from that "people's perspective of the Global South". Building a living, non-toxic agriculture that provides people with dignified work and that aids in both mitigation and adaptation to climate change is a core element of the book. But, the solutions discussed are wide ranging from economic (e.g. renewable energy driven local economies) to political (e.g. decentralized democracies) to cultural.

Reading Vandana Shiva's book has been a huge help to me in the process of cutting away those corporate-induced and patriarchal blinders provided to those of us living in the overdeveloped West. For Shiva, the blinders no doubt belong on the workhorse at work in the millet field. For us humans in the industrialized world, Soil Not Oil puts climate change into perspective as part of the complex of critical environmental and social challenges that must be addressed and solved together to create an equitable and truly sustainable future.

More OMNI and Community Activity

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August 31 - Labor Day Workers Breakfast - 8:30-10:00 am, fundraiser for Workers Justice Center. More info:

Labor Day Breakfast Invitation

Sept 1 - Climate Change Book Club - 1:30 Fay Library. "Soil Not Oil"

Sept 1 - **Open Mic for Peace** - re-start for fall - 7:00 pm @ OMNI:

Sept 6 - Fest of All - 5-8 pm on the Town Square with First Thursday. Diversity in Fayetteville deserves a festival.

Sept 8 - Service Day for VISTA, Tri Cycle Farm. VISTA pays two of OMNI's great staffers, and we support VISTA. Volunteer Service Day honors VISTA service by working in community groups that we value.... like Tri Cycle. You can join in if you like. Call Rhiannon @935-4422.

Sept 14 - OMNI Garden Day - 935-4422 for details

Every week @ OMNI -

7:00 pm Mondays - Falun Gong meditation group meets in the OMNI library

Quaker Meetings 9:30 am Sundays. Anyone invited.

First Sundays 1-5 pm - Rooted Vision Healing Drums

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