



## The Pachamama Alliance

*"Building a critical mass of committed global citizens... to create a human presence on the planet that is **environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just.**"*

### **PACHAMAMA OF GREATER ROCHESTER**

## **SAVE THE DATES! SHARE WITH OTHERS! FORWARD ATTACHED FLYERS!!**

### **AWAKENING THE DREAMER SYMPOSIUMS**

**December 7, 2014 12:00pm – 5:30 p.m.**  
(11:30 check in – so we may start promptly)  
The Sufi Order of Rochester Center for Sufi Studies. 494 East Ave. Rochester, New York. (Carriage house in back) Please bring bag lunch – light refreshments will be provided. Register at [www.pachamama.org](http://www.pachamama.org) or call 585-248-0427

**Dec 14 , 4-5:30 p.m. Symposium follow-up (for any and all past participants)** – Sufi Center 494 East Ave (carriage house in back) Join us if you want a symposium refresher - to reconnect with the power of its vision, community and action possibilities!

**Jan 11, 2015 1-5 p.m.** – Temple Sinai

*PLEASE let us know of other groups who might like to host symposiums! We need your contacts to help spread this vision and empowering experience!*

SEE THE TRAILERS BELOW:

<http://vimeo.com/11086775>

(15 minutes)

<http://vimeo.com/2217073>

(4 minutes)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=MoXJZ\\_3-J9w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MoXJZ_3-J9w) (7:08 minutes)

## **December 2014 Newsletter**

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR:**

**Winter Solstice Gathering – Dec. 21 4:30-6:30 p.m.** 506 Panorama Trail (Sue Staropoli's house)

The Solstice is a cosmic event that has been recognized and ritualized throughout human history, and celebrated by people around the globe. We envision this event as an opportunity for those who want to live awake to the reality of our communion with the whole Cosmos to come together to celebrate and pray for the emergence of an *environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on our planet*. It is a follow up to the symposium, but all kindred spirits are welcome. We want to respect peoples' timelines, so we plan to start very soon after 4:30 and will end the ritual by 5:30 p.m. After the ceremony all are welcome to stay for a simple pot luck supper. Please feel free to invite others who might be interested in joining us.

**Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014 7:30 PM**

***Renewable Energy Solutions that YOU Can Use*** presented by Susan Spencer PhD, Microsystems Engineering, Rochester Institute of Technology and ***A Citizens' Solution to Climate Change*** presented by Sarah Mittiga, Group Co-Leader Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), Rochester NY Chapter

First Unitarian Church, 220 S Winton Rd, Rochester NY 14610 Sponsored by the Environmental Climate Task Force

**Dec. 5-6, Metro Justice is hosting its 33rd annual Alternative Fair,** at the **First Unitarian Church** 220 S Winton Rd,

Rochester, NY 14610 *"featuring thousands of unique fair trade, earth friendly, and locally produced goods that support a strong local economy and a just and sustainable world."*

[http://www.metrojustice.org/alternative\\_fair14](http://www.metrojustice.org/alternative_fair14)

## [Dec. 8 - Human Rights Day in Rochester](#)

Rochester Committee on Human Rights and other social justice and environmental groups in Rochester are sponsoring: “**Capitalism Versus Human Rights**”, an annual community gathering on the **Articles of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights** where committed individuals come together as a community to eat, talk, and listen to each other. See link above for details.

## [NEWS FROM PACHAMAMA ALLIANCE](#)

**The Game Changer Intensive**, our online course that is the follow-up to the Awakening the Dreamer Symposium. ***This is THE course to take if you are a committed activist*** – or want to become one. Join a powerful community dedicated to changing the game. Get more information and register now. The next Game Changer Intensive begins January 12th 2015 and the application deadline is January 5th, 2015. Apply here: <http://www.pachamama.org/engage/intensive/apply>

**15 Magical Moments from the 2014 San Francisco Luncheon:**

[http://www.pachamama.org/news/15-magical-moments-2014-san-francisco-luncheon?utm\\_source=2014%20Luncheon%20Recap&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Luncheon%20Announcements](http://www.pachamama.org/news/15-magical-moments-2014-san-francisco-luncheon?utm_source=2014%20Luncheon%20Recap&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Luncheon%20Announcements)

**Giving Tuesday:**

[http://www.pachamama.org/blog/shift-relationship-holidays-giving-Tuesday?utm\\_source=2014%20Luncheon%20Recap&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Luncheon%20Announcements](http://www.pachamama.org/blog/shift-relationship-holidays-giving-Tuesday?utm_source=2014%20Luncheon%20Recap&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Luncheon%20Announcements)

**Don't forget: Sign up to receive inspiring and informative PA Facebook messages.**  
[www.facebook.com/PachamamaAlliance](http://www.facebook.com/PachamamaAlliance)

**Listen to past Community Calls:**

<http://hub.pachamama.org/facilitator-calls/past-calls>

## [CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY GROUP](#)

CCL recently came out with a new website. <http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org> The site is replete with well written and accessible information. *At the bottom of the new website are these words: “What’s missing to stop global warming? Citizens like you. Get in the game.”*

**We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, 7-9 p.m. Next Meeting: December 15 at 1600 East Ave**

[www.facebook.com/CitizensClimateLobby](http://www.facebook.com/CitizensClimateLobby)  
For more information Contact Tim McGowan at [tdmcfowan@frontiernet.net](mailto:tdmcfowan@frontiernet.net)

**SAVE THE DATE:** Anti-fracking rally  
What: [Not One Well: Rally Against Fracking and For Renewable Energy at Cuomo's State of the State Address](#)

When: Wednesday, January 7th, 2015 (time TBA)

Where: Empire State Plaza, Albany NY  
Who: Hundreds of groups and thousands of New Yorkers just like you.

For bus information and rally updates please go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/656150794505434/>

## [GENERATION WAKING UP](#)

[www.generationwakingup.org/](http://www.generationwakingup.org/)  
[www.facebook.com/generationwakingup](http://www.facebook.com/generationwakingup)

Please help us connect with colleges, high schools or youth groups to bring this engaging and enlightening program to the next generation!

## [OP EDs AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR](#)

One way we can spread the ATD message in our communities is to write letters to the media about our concerns, hopes, vision, etc. Notice your response to articles you read and consider expressing your

viewpoint to help awaken others! *And let us know if you're interested in joining with others who want to support each other in writing and sending messages to legislators and the media! See recently published letters below. You can do it too!*

[http://www.fltimes.com/opinion/letters\\_to\\_editor/article\\_605b22c6-73ed-11e4-ab98-db9aab35ca0d.html](http://www.fltimes.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/article_605b22c6-73ed-11e4-ab98-db9aab35ca0d.html)

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/opinion/letters/2014/11/24/letter-stand-salt-mine-storage/19359867/>

### **SHARING YOUR RESOURCES AND INFORMATION:**

*Please let us know if you have information to share with others about projects you're involved with or information of interest!*

Mothers Out Front - Join other mothers concerned about climate change and ready to be involved! **Upcoming house parties: Saturday, December 6, 6:30- 9pm Wednesday, December 17th 7 - 9:30pm**  
**Contact Neely Kelley:**  
[neely@mothersoutfront.org](mailto:neely@mothersoutfront.org).

### **RECOMMENDED READING:**

NEW!! – Coming Back to Life by Joanna Macy and Molly Brown  
(If you want true wisdom for tough times, if you want to connect with your joy even in the midst of sadness, if you want to see new life arise out of despair, Coming Back to Life has my highest possible recommendation. – John Robbins)

**TIPS FOR SHARING AND LIVING THE VISION:** Share these with your friends by email, on Facebook!

**FROM** [RochesterClimateAction.org](http://RochesterClimateAction.org) comes some great ideas for the upcoming Gift-Giving Holidays (Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa/etc.) Sustainable gift-giving does not require

sacrifice and deprivation. On the contrary, it's likely to result in gifts that are exceptionally meaningful and memorable. Experience-based gifts such as tickets to local concerts, visits to local museums, classes at local dance studios, and meals at local (vegetarian!) restaurants are (1) relatively eco-friendly, (2) supportive of your community's economy, and (3) opportunities for meaningful interaction with the people you care about. Other non-material gift options include digital media (e.g., online magazine subscriptions, ebooks, iTunes gift cards) and charitable donations in someone's honor (e.g., adopt a [rainforest](#) or [coral reef](#), or give to a climate-focused organization such as [350.org](#) or [Citizens' Climate Lobby](#)). If you feel strongly about giving a tangible object, consider buying secondhand and/or buying locally produced items. Rochester has several stores that sell gently used clothing and other items (e.g., [Once Upon a Child](#), [Plato's Closet](#), and [Savers](#)).

### **Action To Protect Seneca Lake**

*Taking a stand to protect our land, air and water...*

*See the link to learn more and find ideas on how you can make a difference.*

<http://www.wearesenecalake.com/>

[Seneca Lake\Forum FactSheet 1pager vF1.doc](#)

[We Are Seneca Lake\GAS STORAGE FACT SHEET-FINAL!.pdf](#)

**And check out these articles:**

[http://articles.kwch.com/2011-01-16/explosion\\_27032956](http://articles.kwch.com/2011-01-16/explosion_27032956) and <http://www.dcbureau.org/2014100310011/natural-resources-news-service/ferc-approves-ny-methane-storage-project.html#more-10011>

Ask NYS Attorney General Eric Schneiderman to investigate the Crestwood

gas-storage expansion on Seneca Lake: <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/investigate-the-crestwood-gas-storage-expansion-on-seneca-lake.html>

## **THE GREAT TURNING**

**CHANGE IS HAPPENING: CHECK THIS OUT:**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/26/us/politics/obama-to-introduce-sweeping-new-controls-on-ozone-emissions.html?emc=edit\\_na\\_20141125](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/26/us/politics/obama-to-introduce-sweeping-new-controls-on-ozone-emissions.html?emc=edit_na_20141125)

And this:

<http://m.utsandiego.com/news/2014/nov/12/navy-solarcity-solar-deal/>



**Five Intentions suggested by Joanna Macy**  
**I vow to myself and to all beings:**

- **To commit myself daily to the healing of our world and the welfare of all beings.**
- **To live on Earth more lightly and less violently in the food, products, and energy I consume.**
- **To draw strength and guidance from the living Earth, the ancestors, the future beings, and my brothers and sisters of all species.**
- **To support each other in our work for the world and to ask for help when I feel the need.**
- **To pursue a daily spiritual practice that clarifies my mind, strengthens my heart, and supports me in observing these vows.**

<http://sacredartstudio.net/category/joanna-macy/>

***This is your moment to take a stand***



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