



Wolfe's Neck Farm Winter Community Forum

This series, "Sustainability: Transitions to Resilience", explores our ability to be genuinely sustainable and resilient to crisis. Our speakers are visionary Mainers who will address food, energy, and water systems, and have been selected to contribute a variety of perspectives. These presentations are paired with films, and together will explore inspirational and innovative models of sustainable and resilient communities, both past and present. Our post-lecture discussions will build on these ideas and aim to create a vibrant and purposeful community dialogue about Maine's future. We hope that generating discussion about resilience and sustainability is as exciting to you as it is to us. The Forum events in November were enlightening and engaging. Please join us each month as we continue taking steps towards our future together!

January 19, 2010 – Film: "Colonial House" A History Channel series in the Maine woods, where modern day people are challenged to live in a 17th century village, and to make that village sustainable and profitable. Come watch how people cope with very unfamiliar circumstances, and how they set aside their differences for the sake of survival.

January 28, 2010 - Presentation and Discussion: "Sustainability: Then and Now" with Historian Fred Koerber Local historian Fred Koerber will talk about changes in the use of land and water throughout history. Using examples from Maquoit Bay, he will connect historic land use to our contemporary search for sustainability.

February 18, 2010 - Presentation and Discussion: "Americans Who Tell the Truth" with Artist Rob Shetterly

Robert Shetterly has spent the past eight years painting a series of nearly 150 portraits. Using his portraits he will discuss the historic struggle for sustainability in the United States, politically and environmentally.

February 23, 2010 – Film: "The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the End of the American Dream"

Suburbia, and all it promises, has become the American Dream. As we enter the 21st century, serious questions are beginning to emerge about the sustainability of this way of life. With brutal honesty and a touch of irony, The End of Suburbia explores the American Way of Life and its

prospects as the planet approaches a critical era, as global demand for fossil fuels begins to outstrip supply.

March 6, 2010 – Presentation by Bill McKibben**

Renowned environmentalist Bill McKibben will speak about sustainability, resiliency, and what it means for our lives, our communities, our nation and our world.

March 25, 2010 - Presentation and Discussion: "The Maine Local Twenty: Can Maine Feed Itself?" with MOFGA Chef Cheryl Wixson

Cheryl Wixson, MOFGA's Organic Marketing Consultant and Resident Chef, will talk about her research on Maine's ability to produce a balanced, year-round local, seasonal, organic diet for its 1.3 million residents. This report is a blueprint for Maine food independence.

March 30, 2010 - Film: "Food, Inc."

This 2009 documentary reveals surprising—and often shocking truths—about what we eat, how it's produced, who we have become as a nation and where we are going from here.

April 22, 2010 - Presentation and Discussion: "Perspectives on Transition: Values to Action" with Transition Initiators Noah Wentworth and Amory Weld

Noah Wentworth of the Evergreen Building Collaborative and Amory Weld of Transition Greater Brunswick will talk about innovative examples in Maine of personal, family, and community transitions to a more sustainable world.

April 27, 2010 – "Escape from Suburbia: Beyond the American Dream..."

An award-winning feature documentary for our times. Meet ordinary people making extraordinary choices as they tackle the key issues facing us today -- the rising cost and supply of energy, the roller-coaster economy, and the faded memories of the American Dream. Reinvent. Rethink. Relocalize.

All presentations and discussions will be held at the Freeport Community Center at 6:30pm with a reception and community discussion to follow. Suggested donation is \$5. Films will be screened at Frontier Café in Brunswick, at 7:30pm. Tickets cost \$5, and a work exchange at the Farm is an option.

** Bill McKibben will speak at the Freeport Performing Arts Center at 7 pm. Tickets cost \$5.