

Against the Wind Festival, November 11-17, Arcata Playhouse, Schedule of Events

Monday, November 11, Veteran's Day: "Seeking Peace." An evening developed around veteran issues (possible topics: sanctions, a pretext to war; US overseas bases = 800 in 177 countries; military budget and defense spending, 2.1 military actively deployed at cost of \$850K-1.2 million/soldier/yr.; privatization of VA; nexus between nuclear power and nuclear weapons; HSU veterans programs; GI Rights Hotline. Participants: Eric Hollenbeck (Viet Nam war vet, owner of Blue Ox Millworks, poet); Helen Jaccard or Gerry Condon, representing anti-nuclear, peace boat, "Golden Rule" and VFP; Bob Gould, M.D., President, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, Physicians for Social Responsibility; Ehren Tool (Gulf War veteran, ceramicist), Paul Chappell (West Point graduate, Iraq war veteran, Capt. US Army, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation Peace Literacy Project; and others

Tuesday, November 12: Students Spoken Word. High school, college age, and young adults presenting original works of poetry, dramatic reading, video, drama, and other student-created work

Wednesday, November 13: Panel Discussion organized by Peter Alstone, HSU Schatz Energy Center, presenting the science behind climate change/global warming and the solutions. Special emphasis on local initiatives – wind energy and micro-solar grids. The role of nuclear energy in solving the climate crisis will be presented.

Thursday, November 14: "Nuclear Jeopardy": game night based on College Board format, with 4 teams of 4 members. Questions will focus on defense spending, nuclear arms, climate change. Topics will be introduced. Teams will be scored on time to the answer.

Friday, November 15, and Saturday, November 16: "Songs of Freedom": US protest songs performed by local bands with local artists. The program will be curated with each song briefly introduced and placed historically. Jim Hubbard is coordinating this program

Sunday, November 17: Honoring Edie and Bryan Jessup of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for their work in this community promoting social justice, combating racism, advocating for a peaceful world free from war and nuclear weapons. Participants include: Ron White (Humboldt Area Foundation and Gandhi scholar), Paul Chappell (Nuclear Age Peace Foundation), Bonnie MacGregor, Peter Pennekamp, and others.