

## Public Policy (Plus!) Calendar: April/May/June 2011

(updated: 4/18/11 by [Susan Holland](#))

### Events

#### April 2011

**4/16 to 4/24**      **National Park Week**      <http://www.nps.gov/npweek/>

**Tues., 4/19, 1 PM**, Branch daytime book discussion, *Vanity Fair* by William Makepeace Thackeray, Kingston Library, Community Room

**6:30 PM** (setup – let [Susan H.](#) know if you can help!), *Carbon Nation*, **Our Public Policy Film/Discussion this month**, Backstage Studio Productions (BSP), 323 Wall Street, Kingston. Doors open at 7, film at 7:30, discussion afterwards. Hosted by Mid-Hudson League of Women Voters. Other sponsors: Catskills Live! Trails & Wilderness Association, Hudson Valley Smart Growth Alliance. Supporters: AAUW Kingston Public Policy Committee, BSP, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Sustainable Hudson Valley. A compelling and relevant film that illustrates how solutions to climate change also address other social, economic, and national security issues. **Cost:** free (donations accepted). <http://www.carbonnationmovie.com/>

**7 PM**, U.C. Legislature: Monthly Meeting, U.C. Office Building, 6th Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston

**Wed., 4/20**

**1 PM and 7 PM**, **Cultural Diversity Day** with Dr. Marc van Roosmalen, SUNY Ulster Student Lounge, Vanderlyn Hall [http://www.sunyulster.edu/events\\_news/events\\_details.jsp?eventID=5137](http://www.sunyulster.edu/events_news/events_details.jsp?eventID=5137)

**3 PM**, U.C. Reapportionment Commission Meeting, U.C. Office Building, Legislative Conference Room, 6th Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, [ucrc@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:ucrc@co.ulster.ny.us), 845-340-3900, [www.co.ulster.ny.us/reapportionment](http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/reapportionment)

**7 PM**, Northern Ulster County Public Comment Meeting, Olive Free Library, 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan, Ulster County Reapportionment Commissioners will attend to gather public input

**Fri., 4/22**      **Earth Day**      <http://www.earthday.org/>

**Mon., 4/25 to Sun., 5/1**      **Sustainable Action Week**      <http://npsustainability.blogspot.com/>

**Tues., 4/26, 8:30 AM**, Conversation with KCSD BOE Members, Dominick's Café, 34 N. Front St., Kingston  
**8 PM**, *Fresh*, Honors Center, SUNY New Paltz <http://www.freshthemovie.com/>

**Wed., 4/27, 4 PM**, *Living Downstream*, panel, anti-frack workshop, Lecture Center 100, SUNY New Paltz

**Fri., 4/29**      **Arbor Day**      <http://www.arborday.org/arborday/>

**8 PM**, *La Cosecha / The Harvest*, Quimby Theater, SUNY Ulster <http://armofthesea.org/>

**Sat., 4/30**, *Women, Sustainability, and Environmental Justice* conference, SUNY New Paltz  
<http://newpaltz.libguides.com/content.php?mode=preview&pid=169934&sid=1431203>

## **May 2011**

**Sun., 5/1, 2 PM**, *Living Downstream*, Rosendale Theater. Based on the acclaimed book by ecologist and cancer survivor Sandra Steingraber, Ph.D., *Living Downstream* is an eloquent and cinematic documentary. This poetic film follows Sandra during one pivotal year as she travels across North America, working to break the silence about cancer and its environmental links. David Carpenter, M.D., director of the Institute for Health and the Environment at the University at Albany, will speak and address questions following the film. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Oncology Support Program at Benedictine Hospital, member of the HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley. **Donation:** \$10 (\$6 students/seniors) [livingdownstream.com](http://livingdownstream.com)

**Mon., 5/2**, March on Albany to demand a statewide ban on fracking [frackaction.com/content/events](http://frackaction.com/content/events)

**Tues., 5/3, 7 PM**, UCCC Foundation Scholarship Award Ceremony, Quimby Theater, SUNY Ulster

**Wed., 5/4, 6 PM**, KCSD Board of Education: Monthly Meeting & Budget Hearing, 61 Crown St., Kingston

**Fri., 5/6**, Set up Women's Health Expo booth ([wahtera.ruth@gmail.com](mailto:wahtera.ruth@gmail.com), 845- 339-6568)

**12:30PM**, Conversation with KCSD BOE Members, Hudson Coffee Traders, 288 Wall Street, Kingston

**Sat., 5/7**, Branch booth at Women's Health Expo, Tech City, 300 Enterprise Drive, Kingston

**Sun., 5/8, 5 PM**, Potluck, film, & discussion, ViVi Hlavsa's home ([vvhlavsa@aol.com](mailto:vvhlavsa@aol.com), 845-331-0155)

**Tues., 5/10, 3 PM**, Board meeting, Kingston Library, Community Room

**6:30PM**, Conversation with KCSD BOE Members, Quick Chek, 1646 Route 9W, Lake Katrine

KCSD BOE Candidates Night, Miller Middle School, 65 Fording Place Road, Lake Katrine

**Sat., 5/14, 10 AM**, Branch Meeting, Kingston Library, Community Room

**Tues., 5/17**, Kingston City School District: School Budget Vote and Board of Trustees Election

**8 AM**, Conversation with KCSD BOE Members, Dominick's Café, 34 N. Front St., Kingston

**1 PM**, Book discussion, *Portrait of a Lady* by Henry James, Kingston Library, Community Room

**Wed., 5/18, 6 PM**, KCSD Board of Education: Workshop Meeting, 61 Crown Street, Kingston

**Sat., 5/21, 9 AM, Branch Trip:** Botanical Gardens or Bronx Zoo ([vvhlavsa@aol.com](mailto:vvhlavsa@aol.com), 845-331-0155)

**Tues., 5/24, 7 PM**, *The Economics of Happiness*, Rosendale Theater. Features voices from six continents calling for economic change. Government and big business continue to promote globalization and the consolidation of corporate power, but at the same time people are resisting those policies and demanding a re-regulation of trade and finance. Communities are coming together to re-build more ecological economies based on a new paradigm - an economics of localization. Q&A with filmmaker Steven Gorelick, author of *Small is Beautiful*, *Big is Subsidized* and co-author of *Bringing the Food Economy Home*. **Donation:** \$10

## **June 2011**

**Wed., 6/1, 6 PM**, KCSD Board of Education: Monthly Meeting, 61 Crown Street, Kingston

**Mon., 6/6, 9 AM, Branch Trip:** Museum of Natural History ([vvhlavsa@aol.com](mailto:vvhlavsa@aol.com), 845-331-0155)

**Sun., 6/12, 5 PM**, Potluck, film, & discussion ([vvhlavsa@aol.com](mailto:vvhlavsa@aol.com), 845-331-0155)

**Wed., 6/15, 6 PM**, KCSD Board of Education: Workshop Meeting, Kingston High School