

CITY LIGHTS FOUNDATION & COUNTERPULSE PRESENT

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PUBLIC CONVERSATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNITY HISTORY 2ND WEDNESDAYS

January 18* GENERAL STRIKES

San Francisco's class relations were changed forever by the General Strike of 1934. But few remember the momentous general strike that erupted in Oakland in 1946. Both strikes will be described and analyzed.

Speakers: Gifford Hartman and Chris Carlsson

February 8 PHILIPPINES & San FRANCISCO

From the barely remembered American-Philippine War of 1899-1904 that killed a half million Filipinos, to the the Cenral Valley-driven immigration of Filipino men in the 1910s and 1920s, and from the rise to the the ultimate demise of Manilatown, San Francisco has been a vital crossroads for Filipinos, and Filipinos in turn have left important marks on the city. Join the author(s) of *The Forbidden Book* and other Filipino-American scholars and activists. We'll also show an excerpt from Chunk Moonhunter's *The Fall of the I-Hotel*. **Speakers:** Abraham Ignacio, Oscar Peneranda, Teresita Bautista, and others TBA.

March 8 INFRASTRUCTURE WARS: SUSTAINABLE MOVEMENTS

A historical look at how San Franciscans have fought for a human-centered city. From saving Telegraph Hill, stopping freeways, and resisting redevelopment, the corporate agenda has been thwarted again and again. Today new movements are again contesting the direction of the city. We'll have a look at the historic Burnham Plan and some other ideas for reshaping the city.

Speakers: Chris Carlsson, Kyle Pedersen, and others TBA.

April 12 BLACK EXODUS/BLACK EVICTION

The infamous redevelopment process of the 1960s did much to diminish a vibrant African-American community in the old Fillmore. The black population of San Francisco has been falling steadily since 1970. Is today's Bayview-Hunters' Point neighborhood facing another round of racist relocation? Community activists and historians will discuss the past to inform the present and change the future! **Speakers:** Kevin Epps (featuring excerpts from *Straight Outta Hunters' Point*), Alicia Schwartz (POWER) and Willie Ratcliff (publisher, *San Francisco Bay View* newspaper)

May 10 San FRANCISCO'S FOOD REVOLT

Going back to the Victory Gardens of WWII, San Franciscans have long organized to get more control over their food supplies. More recent examples include the People's Food System, the expansion of Farmers' Markets in the city, and the community garden movement. We will also screen excerpts from *The Farm* documentary. **Speakers:** Jesse Drew (*Call Any Vegetable*), Christopher Cook (*Diet for a Dead Planet*), and others TBA.

June 14 A San FRANCISCAN'S LOST HISTORY

Calvin Roberts has been making films for decades. After a stint in the Vietnam War, he has been shooting San Francisco's history from the streets since the late 1960s. At this event he will share some of his rarely seen footage of early Black Panthers, politics in the Mission District, wars in Southeast Asia, and many more surprises. Calvin was there, and he'll bring us along on this special retrospective night. **Speaker:** Calvin Roberts

*the first event of the series is on the 3rd Wednesday

Nature IN THE CITY LAST WEDNESDAYS

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January 25 San FRANCISCO'S NATURAL Areas: a PRE-URBAN VIEW

Come and hear Greg Gaar as he takes us on a slideshow tour of San Francisco before it was paved over and turned into a city. Sand dunes, hilltops, wildflowers and more.

February 22 WHAT IS NATURE?

Nature in the City's Peter Brastow and Ruth Gravanis will present a comprehensive overview of San Francisco's natural environment, discussing the less-than-obvious meanings of the concept of "nature."

March 29 WHAT'S NATURAL ABOUT NATURAL DISASTERS?

Featuring Tom Athanasiou of Eco-Equity (author, *Divided Planet*), Sherlina Nager (Literacy for Environmental Justice), and Peter Davidson, UCSF director of the Tenderloin's UFO project. We'll be looking at earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, epidemic flu, chronic disease, etc. and framing the elements of a community response based on mutual aid, cooperation, and a renewed commitment to a public health infrastructure.

April 9 SPECIAL SLOW FOOD FEAST OF FOOLS & FRIENDS

A Slow Food banquet to benefit CounterPULSE, prepared by Carin McKay, Tim Weiss, Gabriella Taylor, and friends. Rare and tasty local foods and wines will tickle your palate, while wild fools, entertainers, singers, and film excerpts will stimulate your brain. \$35-75 per person.

April 26 RECLAIMING BAY Area MILITARY BASES

Featuring speakers addressing restoration and remaking the Presidio, community activists fighting over the future of Hunters' Point, and restoration and permaculture activists from the Alameda Naval Air Station. **Speakers:** Doug Kern (Presidio), Kat Steele (Urban Permaculture Guild, Alameda), Arthur Feinstein (Alameda), and others TBA.

May 31 Can San FRANCISCO FEED ITSELF?

Can urban food production be compatible with urban native habitat conservation and restoration? What are the limits and advantages of systematic effort to grow food within the city? What should our relationship be to local gardening, regional Community-Supported Agriculture, and Slow Food? A feast of edible weeds will be provided by our local gardeners and food activists. **Speakers:** Margit Roos-Collins (author, *Flavors of Home*), Brahm Ahmadi (People's Grocery), Antonio Alcala (Alemany garden), Lane Cunningham (local forager extraordinaire), Raquel Rivera-Pinderhughes (author, *Alternative Urban Futures*).

June 28 ECOLOGICAL ACTIVISM: LOCAL VS. INTERNATIONAL

Representatives of San Francisco-based groups will compare and contrast the scope and activities of local activism vs. global activism. How do they fit together? How do they conflict? What can they learn from each other? **Speakers:** Kelly Quirke (Friends of the Urban Forest), Bonnie Sherk (Living Library), Patrick McCully (International Rivers Network), and others TBA.



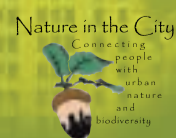
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