

news Briefs

Cantril is hesitant to speak in detailed terms about her long-term vision for Huerto. With constantly variable funding, she says, "it's hard not to be in the here and now." She is excited to implement the micro-development program, however, and is looking forward to hiring a new staff member. Eventually, she aspires to be less dependent on grants and work more on educating Latino youth about organic farming.

Cantril emphasizes that both Huerto and SFP have only gotten as far as they have through an outpouring of local support. "We're extraordinarily grateful for that," she says. To get involved, email Cantril at familygarden@efn.org or visit Huerto's website, huertodelafamilia.org

— Caitlin McKimmy

ACTIVIST ALERT

• A proposed **community center in Bethel Park** is the topic of a public meeting hosted by Eugene Parks and Open Space from 6:30 to 8 pm Thursday, Dec. 8, at Meadow View School. More information at <http://wkly.ws/151> or call 682-4915.

• **Kit Kittredge**, an activist member of both CodePink and Veterans for Peace, will speak at 6 pm Thursday, Dec. 8, in the Tykeson room of the Eugene Public Library, sponsored by Al Nakba Awareness Project. Kittredge was aboard the last two Gaza Freedom Flotillas including the recent "Freedom Waves" that was seized by Israel in international waters. She has visited Gaza five times in the past three years with CodePink, working with doctors, farmers and children's groups, and was in Tahrir Square during the January 2011 Egyptian revolution. She has just returned from Egypt. See www.al-nakba-history.com

• A peaceful "**Anarchy = Equality**" demonstration is planned for noon to 2 pm Friday, Dec. 9, at the corner of 8th and Oak in Eugene. Later that day at 5 pm will be a free potluck/jamboree at Maitreya

Ecovillage near the corner of Broadway and Chambers hosted by the Eugene Mutual Aid Society. At 8 pm will be a showing of *Breaking the Spell* by Cascadia Forest Defenders. Out-of-town participants can contact Warren Weisman at weiswar@yahoo.com to arrange free accommodations.

• The Eugene Occupy movement will be hosting a **silent** interfaith meditation/prayer circle from noon to 1 pm Friday, Dec. 9, at the camp. An introduction to the practices of prayer and meditation will be offered at 11:45 am. Participants are asked to bring a chair, cushion or mat, and warm clothing.

• **Cascadia Wildlands'** ninth annual Wonderland Auction and gourmet dinner catered by Ring of Fire is from 6 to 10 pm Saturday, Dec. 10, at the EMU Ballroom on campus. This is the Eugene-based regional nonprofit's biggest fundraiser of the year. Tickets in advance are \$30, at the door \$35. Kids under 12 free. Tax-deductible donations of items or services are welcomed. See www.cascwild.org or email kate@cascwild.org or call 434-1463.

• A **candlelight vigil** to demonstrate popular support for the Occupy Eugene campers is scheduled for 5:30 pm Monday, Dec. 12, in the courtyard of Eugene City Hall during the City Council work session. On the council agenda is whether or not to extend the camping permit that expires Dec. 15. Several community groups are organizing to attend, demonstrate or speak during the council's public input time.

• The **Helios Resource Network** annual winter party will be from 6 to 10 pm Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 120 W. Broadway in Eugene. Suggested donation at the door is \$5-\$10. See www.heliosnetwork.org or call 556-8241.

• Members of the **Vermont single-payer campaign** will speak and take questions at 7 pm Thursday, Dec. 15, at Harris Hall, 8th and Oak. Sponsored by Health Care for All Oregon and Jobs with Justice (see cover story this week).

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