

Earth Day, Every Day

ABCD & the Belfast Free Library and many other organizations in Belfast have lined up an inspiring series of events & activities during Earth Week 2022. Check out some of them below!



Detail from "Polar Ice", Janice Kasper, 2013, 12 x 55 in, oil board

Upcoming Events

"The Art of Re-climation" Exhibit

April 5 - May 28, 2022 at the Belfast Free Library

"The Art of Re-Climation" is a curated art exhibit shown in the Belfast Free Library's Kramer Gallery during April & May 2022. Pieces are also exhibited in an online digital collection. In response to the current climate crisis, the exhibit expresses climate change impacts, concerns and hopes for a future of reclaiming the earth's climate balance. This exhibit, part of the All of Belfast: Climate Dialogues (ABCD) project of the Belfast Free Library, was curated by Belfast artist Mj Viano Crowe and Brenda Harrington, program librarian at the Library.

Pictured: "Climate Reborn" by Mark Burnham

Go to www.belfastlibrary.org/abcd-events to learn more.



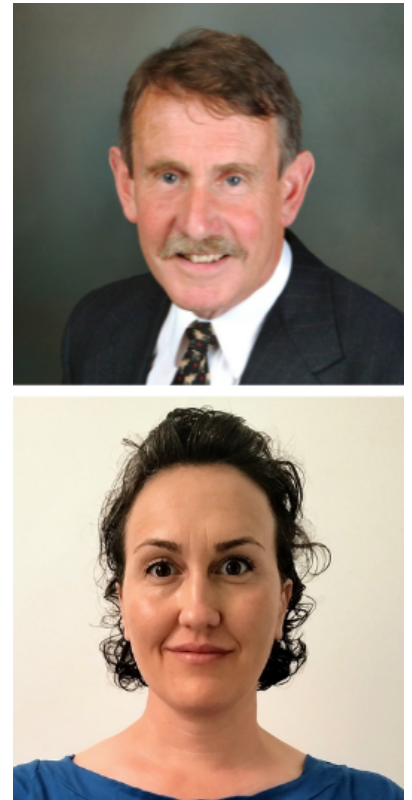
Imagining Our Climate Future: A Policy Perspective

Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Presented by the Belfast chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby. Peter Garrett, PhD will encourage attendees to participate in the En-ROADS interactive Climate Solutions Simulator to explore the impact of a range of climate-related policies, such as electrifying transport, pricing carbon, and improving agricultural practices. We'll see how each would impact energy prices, temperature, and sea level rise. Belfast CCL member Katrina Matheson will share an overview of CCL's keystone policy initiative, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 2307), and some of the reasons that it is the most aggressive solution to a transition away from fossil fuels, as well as the most compassionate for average Americans.

Pictured: Peter Garrett and Katrina Matheson

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Celebrating Our Adventures on Earth: Fireside Chat at Waterfall Arts with ABCD

Wednesday, April 20th, 7:00 - 8:00 PM at Waterfall Arts
256 High Street, Belfast

Waterfall Arts' Fireside Chat this month will be hosted by All Belfast Climate Change Dialogues to help us celebrate Earth Day—come share a tale of your adventures on Earth. At last month's Fireside Chats, we shared sea stories with Come Boating; this month, ABCD is asking you to share your “earth stories.” Come share your tale of adventures or misadventures on land: encounters with wildlife or wild weather, camping or gardening gone well or awry, etc. **How have you been transformed by your adventures on Earth?**

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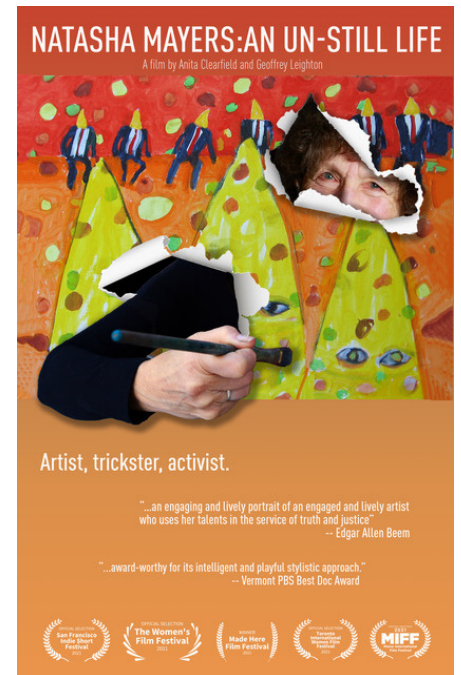


“Natasha Mayers: an Un-still Life” Free Film Screening & Community Discussion

Saturday, April 23rd at 3:00 PM
The Colonial Theatre, Belfast

In celebration of Earth Day and climate activism, the producers behind *Natasha Mayers: an Un-Still Life* have partnered with Waterfall Arts to bring the film to midcoast audiences at the Colonial Theatre in Belfast! *Natasha Mayers: An Un-Still Life* presents an artist who has remained true to her passion for over 50 years, the film follows Natasha as she takes on social, economic and environmental justice issues with humor, irreverence and a keen aesthetic that enlightens while it entertains.

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More Local Earth Week Events

Take & make “Earth Day Activity Kits” for elementary-school aged children, available from April 12-20 at Carver Library in Searsport and Belfast Free Library. Courtesy of Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition, Friends of Sears Island and Waterfall Arts.

Thursday, April 21 6:30pm - **Troy Howard Middle School Seed Saving Program** on ZOOM

Friday, April 22 3:00 & 6:00pm - **Movie: “WALL-E”** at the Colonial Theatre

Saturday, April 23 - 10:00am - 1:00pm **Explore the Nature of Sears Island** with Cloe Chunn at Sears Island. Meet at the island gate on the causeway in Searsport. Bring water, lunch, rain gear, binoculars.

Saturday, April 23 - 10:00am **Yard Sign Making Workshop for climate awareness** with Natasha Mayers at Waterfall Arts

Sunday, April 24 11:00am **Tour the Possibility Alliance** + How to Make a Mushroom Log at 85 Edgecomb Road in Belfast



Your feedback is needed for Belfast's Climate Action Plan

In collaboration with the Belfast Climate Crisis Committee, we are asking for feedback from the community on Belfast's Climate Action Plan.

What are your ideas for how Belfast should deal with the effects of climate change? Share your thoughts in our brief survey.



Here's a sampling of responses we've received from citizens so far:

"We have to deal with bay/ocean rising and with changing weather patterns. Given more extreme precipitation events, more consideration needs to be given to where we build and how we build..."

"Helping families afford to make changes to their heat sources would be helpful both to the climate and the local economy."

"We need a Climate Action Plan that is balanced between PROactive and REactive strategies. [...] Also, we are in a crisis and need all hands on deck, working together. We have no time to duplicate efforts or get gridlocked in differences. Let the science tell us what we need to do."

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code above, or go to www.belfastlibrary.org/belfast-climate-action-plan-input to share your ideas!

Learn more about the ABCD project on the Library website, Facebook, and Instagram, and by chatting with your librarians.

Sign up to receive this newsletter by email: www.belfastlibrary.org/abcd-newsletter

The All of Belfast: Climate Dialogues (ABCD) project is capturing community perspectives - photographs, written stories, videos and more - on the ABCD website. This collection will help increase our awareness of each others' experiences, create a point of reference for the future, and perhaps prompt us to take action now in preparation for the challenges ahead.

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