



A festival of events to promote peace and support the voyage of the GoldenRule

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AGAINST THE WIND SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT FOR SECOND FESTIVAL

A Community Input Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 5:30 -6:30 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse to discuss planning for the next *Against the Wind Festival*.

Following a successful week of activities in fall, 2018, *Against the Wind Festival* organizers have reserved November 11-17, 2019 at the Arcata Playhouse for next festival dates. The first *Against the Wind Festival* was created by local volunteers to draw attention to the nuclear threat to life on earth and to fuel a new voyage of the first nuclear protest vessel, the *Golden Rule*.

Events for the first Festival week included a concert, a forum with international nuclear experts, a lecture by historian Lawrence Wittner, a film evening, and performances of **Which Way the Wind?**, an anti-nuclear arms docudrama that premiered in 1959. There was also a student art and poetry project that resulted in the publication of "Fresh Perspectives on War and Peace." The student art was featured at the Morris Graves Museum in its spring 2019 Youth Arts Festival.

The 2018 ATW Festival generated \$14,500 to support the *Golden Rule*. The vessel was raised from the bottom of Humboldt Bay in 2010 and rebuilt by volunteers and member of Veterans for Peace (VFP). In 2015 it was relaunched and is sailing once more to show that nuclear abolition is possible, and that bravery and tenacity can overcome militarism. The crew also provides information about the continuing dangers of nuclear power, including its poisoning of the air, water, and soil.

Local volunteer committee members are currently meeting regarding potential 2019 Festival events and, as international circumstances have evolved, are considering broadening the focus. The nexus between global warming, environmental degradation, and nuclear power has led the planning committee to the importance of addressing broader issues threatening our world. Local residents with interests, concerns, or opinions are invited to be part of the planning for "*Against the Wind II*". There will be an open discussion at the Arcata Playhouse on Thursday, June 13, 5:30 -6:30 p.m. Please join us. All are invited.

Further information is at www.againstthewindfestival.org and www.vfpgoldenruleproject.org