

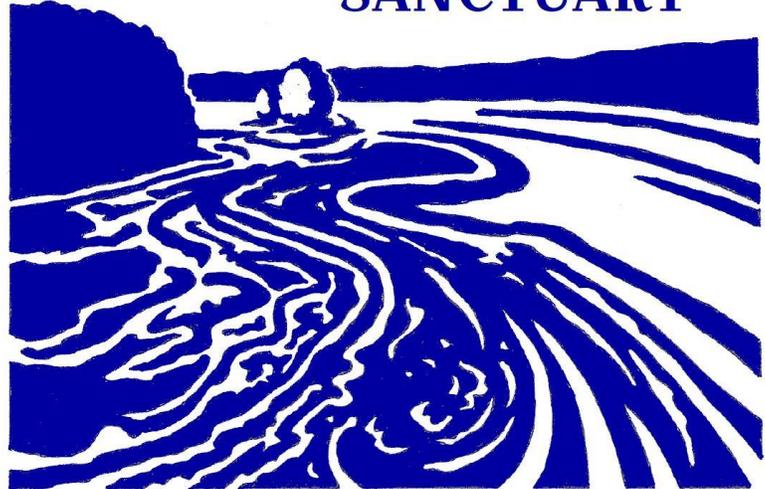
*Ebb and Flow*

*June 2018*

*Reversing Falls  
Sanctuary*

*Newsletter*

## REVERSING FALLS SANCTUARY



The Mission of Reversing Falls Sanctuary is to:

- ❖ Build strong community bonds
- ❖ Support local artists and musicians
- ❖ Care for our earth
- ❖ Welcome people on diverse spiritual paths

This Sunday evening at 7 p.m. Kelsey Juliana, one of the many remarkable young people who have recently emerged on the national scene and engendered so much hope among we older folk, will be speaking about ***Our Children's Ecological Lawsuit***. The lawsuit is filed against the U.S. government and raises this challenge: "Does the government have the right to disregard science and fact in its allocation or withholding of resources necessary to the well-being of tis citizens?"

The event, ***Will Children Save the Environment?***, takes place at the Bagaduce Music Lending Library's Performance Hall, 49 South Street in Blue Hill. It is an intergenerational event hosted by Rob Shetterly of Americans Who Tell the Truth. Kelsey Juliana will tell her story. Students from George Stevens Academy will read ecological poetry they have written for the event. Shawn Mercer will provide music.

The lawsuit was filed by Juliana and 20 other youths ranging in age from 10 to 22. Their complaint asserts that because our government's deliberative actions have caused climate change, it has violated the youngest generation's rights to life, liberty, and property.

The event is sponsored by Americans Who Tell the Truth and Reversing Falls Sanctuary. It has been endorsed by the Bagaduce Watershed Association, Blue Hill Heritage Trust, College of the Atlantic, Indivisible, Island Peace and Justice, Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries, Pax Christi, Peninsula Peace and Justice, Sierra Club Maine, Veterans for Peace, and World Ocean Observatory.

Thanks to Rob Shetterly for bringing this timely and ever so important event to our community. Thanks to Peter Neill of the World Ocean Observatory for his recent lecture, "Fire to Water to Fire: In Search of Solutions in Changing Times." And thanks to the three legal experts, Kathleen Caldwell, Ken Kline, and Peter Neill, who plumbed both the depths and the details of the case at last week's forum. Because of those presentations, we are better prepared to fully understand what Kelsey Juliana, her co-plaintiffs, and their lawyers have accomplished and hope to achieve. Thanks to Tony Ferrara who involved George Stevens Academy students in writing poetry, who organized the lawyers' forum and Peter Neill's lecture, and who recruited endorsements from the eleven organizations listed above. And thanks to Sheila Moir for posters for all of these events.



Information: 326-8564 or [www.reversingfalls.org](http://www.reversingfalls.org)

At Peter Neill's presentation Hendrik Gideonse recommended a website of interest: <http://www.mainelongrangeenergyplanning.com/> Hendrik writes that "for more than two years he has been trying to get his head around how much serious planning – and of what kinds – is being done about Maine's energy issues . . . The short and unfortunately accurate answer is **virtually none!** The website makes the argument why it is so desperately important and necessary, offers a schema for such planning and how it could be accomplished and paid for . . ."

Monique Fowler has regretfully informed us that *summer theatre classes* at Reversing Falls Sanctuary have been canceled because the grant that was to pay faculty to teach has not been received. We join Monique and John in regret and disappointment. Monique promises future opportunities to collaborate, and we welcome and look forward to her proposals. In the meantime, take advantage of the plays offered at the Bagaduce theatre this summer.

**Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh**, who teaches and conducts research at Bethlehem and Birzeit Universities in Palestine, will give a talk entitled, **“The Importance of Human and Biological Diversity: Threats and Opportunities in Palestine as Case Study,”** at Reversing Falls Sanctuary in Brooksville on June 20 at 7 p.m. Qumsiyeh is a Palestinian Christian, a biologist, and a human rights activist. The Downeast BDS Coalition, Maine Voices for Palestinian Rights, Episcopal Peace Fellowship of Maine, and Americans Who Tell the Truth are co-sponsoring his visit to Maine.



Mazin Qumsiyeh explains that movements toward uniformity such as Zionism have threatened the crucial diversity found in the landscape, both social diversity and biodiversity. He argues that restoring our social and natural ecosystems requires challenging the ideas of dominance and hegemony. Qumsiyeh will frame his talk with three points of focus: the plants and animals of the Holy Land and the status of nature conservation

there; the role fulfilled by establishing museums and botanical gardens in developing areas; and the perspective of a Palestinian scientist.

Professor Qumsiyeh is the founder and director of the Palestinian Museum of Natural History, and Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability. He has served on university faculties at Tennessee, Duke, and Yale and has published more than 150 scientific papers. He has written many books including: *Mammals of the Holy Land*, *Sharing the Land of Canaan: Human Rights and the Israeli/Palestinian Struggle*, and *Popular Resistance in Palestine: A History of Hope and Empowerment*.

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## Coming Events

Thu. May 31 - Fri. June 1, RFS Board and Team retreat

Sat. June 2, 6 p.m. Crosby Center, Belfast – View silent auction items for  
*Healing the Wounds of Turtle Island*  
7 p.m. Benefit Dance for *Turtle Island*. Music by the Soul Benders.

Sun. June 3, 7 p.m. Kelsey Juliana, a plaintiff in Our Children’s Ecological Lawsuit, will join Rob Shetterly for a presentation at the Bagaduce Music Lending Library Performance Hall in Blue Hill.

Tue. June 5, Kelsey Juliana speaking at GSA and the College of the Atlantic

Sun. June 10, 4 p.m. Women’s Circle at RFS  
Lighting of the Third Fire at Nibezun in Passadumkeag.  
Time and details to be announced.

Wed. June 14, 4 p.m. Program Team meets at RFS

Wed. June 20, 7 p.m. Palestinian Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh will give a talk titled  
“The Importance of Human and Biological Diversity: Threats and Opportunities in Palestine as Case Study” at RFS.

Wed. June 27, 4 p.m. Board of Directors meets at RFS

Sun. July 1, 4 p.m. Women’s Circle at RFS

Sun. July 8, 7 p.m. Reggie Harris Concert at RFS

Fri. July 13 – Monday July 16, *Healing the Wounds of Turtle Island* at Nibezun in Passadumkeag



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