Earth Charter Awards for 2010

The Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental principles for building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society in the 21st century.Â Various UN agencies and visionary thinkers developed the Earth Charter over a ten-year period.Â The final version was approved at UNESCO headquarters in Paris in the year 2000.Â The Charter has been endorsed by countless nongovernmental organizations, including the United Nations University for Peace in Costa Rica.

Every October cities all over the world hold Summits to celebrate the Earth Charter.Â Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions coordinates Ventura County's Earth Charter Summits and presents annual Earth Charter Awards to those community activists who best embody the Earth Charter's core values.Â Our event is co-sponsored by Ventura College's International Studies Program.

For a brief overview of the Earth Charter, see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth_Charter

To read the entire document, go to http://www.earthcharterinaction.org/content/pages/Read-the-Charter.html

We are excited to announce this year's 10th Anniversary Earth Charter Summit and Awards program at Ventura College's Cafeteria/Student Center on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 3:00 p.m.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

The year 2000 marked the completion of the Earth Charter document at UNESCO in Paris, and the launch of the Earth Charter in Action Campaign at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands. At our 2010 event we will create a time capsule memorializing our hopes, dreams and goals for "The Next 10 Years."

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Social and Economic Justice (Richard Weinstock Memorial Award)

Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Social Justice and Civil Rights Attorney

Ecological Integrity

Community Supported Agriculture, The CSAs of Ventura County

Democracy, Nonviolence and Peace

Cindy Piester, Peace Activist

Respect and Care for the Community of Life

Juana Tapia, Activist for Immigration Rights and the â€œDream Actâ€•

Earth Charter and the Arts

Victor Aguilar, TomÃ¡s HernÃ¡ndez and Michael Schuman, Artists and Community Organizers of "Arts for Action"

Youth Education and Outreach

Lisa Hildebrand, Director of Education, and Mary Galvin, Director of Operations, at the Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

Youth Activism

Aaron Bergh, Student Organizer for "Spartans for Peace" at Rio Mesa High School