



NAAEE Conference 2019

Therapeutic Horticulture
Women, Healing and Gardening

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The award-winning cinéma vérité documentary
Nature is taking over the city and a new generation is taught to harvest its profit.



filmmakers MASCHA and MANFRED POPPENK cinematographer SUZAN VAN STEENWIJK
filmed at CATHERINE FERGUSON ACADEMY in DETROIT design JASON FELTON

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Academy in Detroit
High School for Teen
mothers with working
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Twelve hundred broilers and 440 lbs of honey will be produced by students involved in the Catherine Ferguson Academy Agriscience Program



Gave tours to Danny Glover, Ossie Davis, Nobel Peace, Europe, Africa, Asia,





Gold Dust

Hamtramck

near

Detroit

Yemen





Women's Garden Projects

- Chrysalis House
- Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program
- Women's Hope Center
- One Parent Scholar House
- KY Refugee Ministry
- Faith Community

CHRYSALIS HOUSE



Community
Garden 

BLUE GRASS
GARDENS





WELCOME TO OUR GARDEN













HE'S SO ORIGINAL



Jim Embry cultivates meaningful connections.

Jim was planting the seeds of change at a tender age. "I was on picket lines when I was 10 years old." Growing up in Covington, he was a civil rights activist and youth organizer of the 1964 March on Frankfort, in which Dr. Martin Luther King participated. Jim's activist credentials include a lifetime of promoting equality, democracy and sustainability. These days, he's leading the Sustainable Communities Network, a Lexington non-profit he founded in 2006 to promote community garden projects, green schools and sustainable living. Jim and other volunteers encourage residents to connect with the Earth and their community through these gardens, including several projects designed to help women and children heal from addiction and abuse. Jim believes society's desecration of women is linked to its desecration of Mother Earth. "A woman, like the Earth, should be regarded as a sacred being."

His favorite thing about reading skirt? "It's a great addition to the local media environment, particularly in that it focuses on women."

And wearing a skirt? "It symbolizes reclaiming this sacred connection with the divine mother spirit, the nurturing spirit."

Photo by Brad Luttrell

One Parent Scholar House









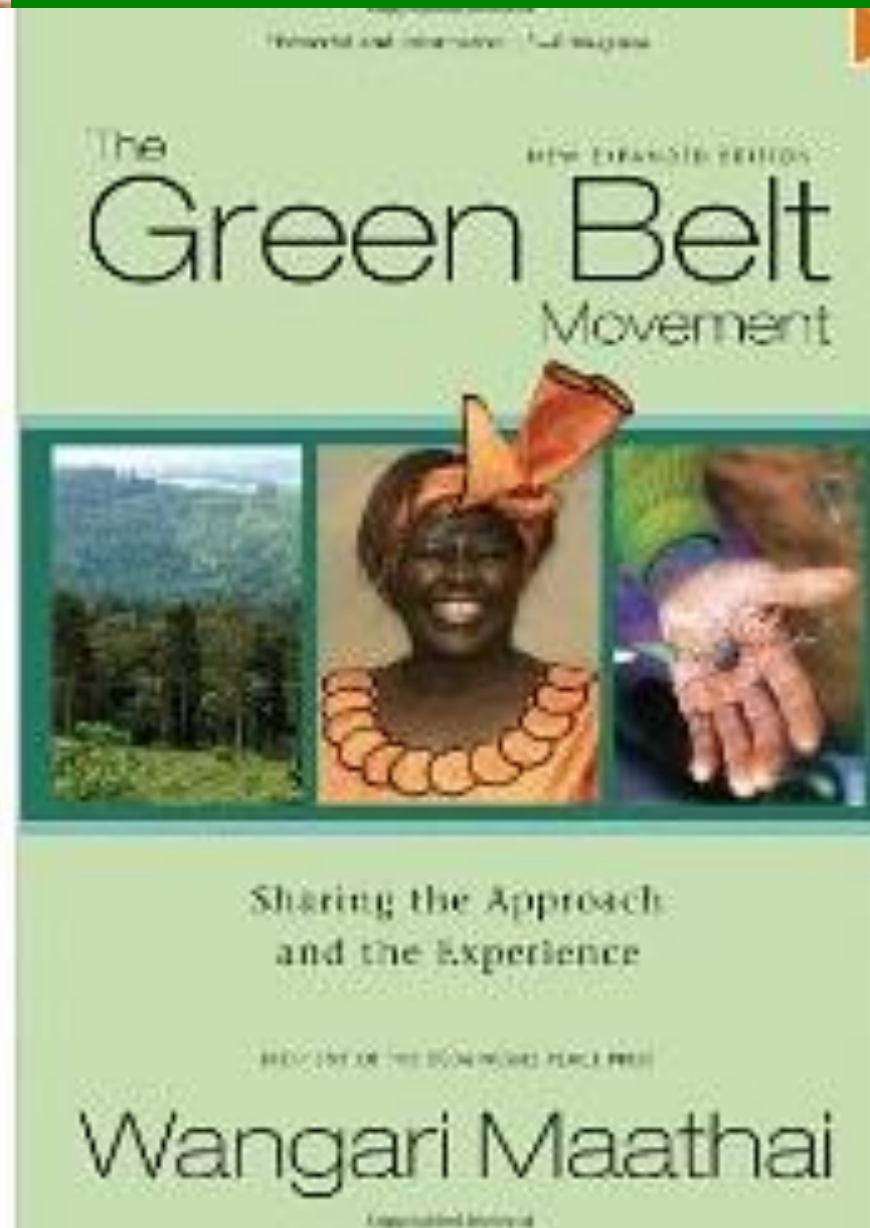


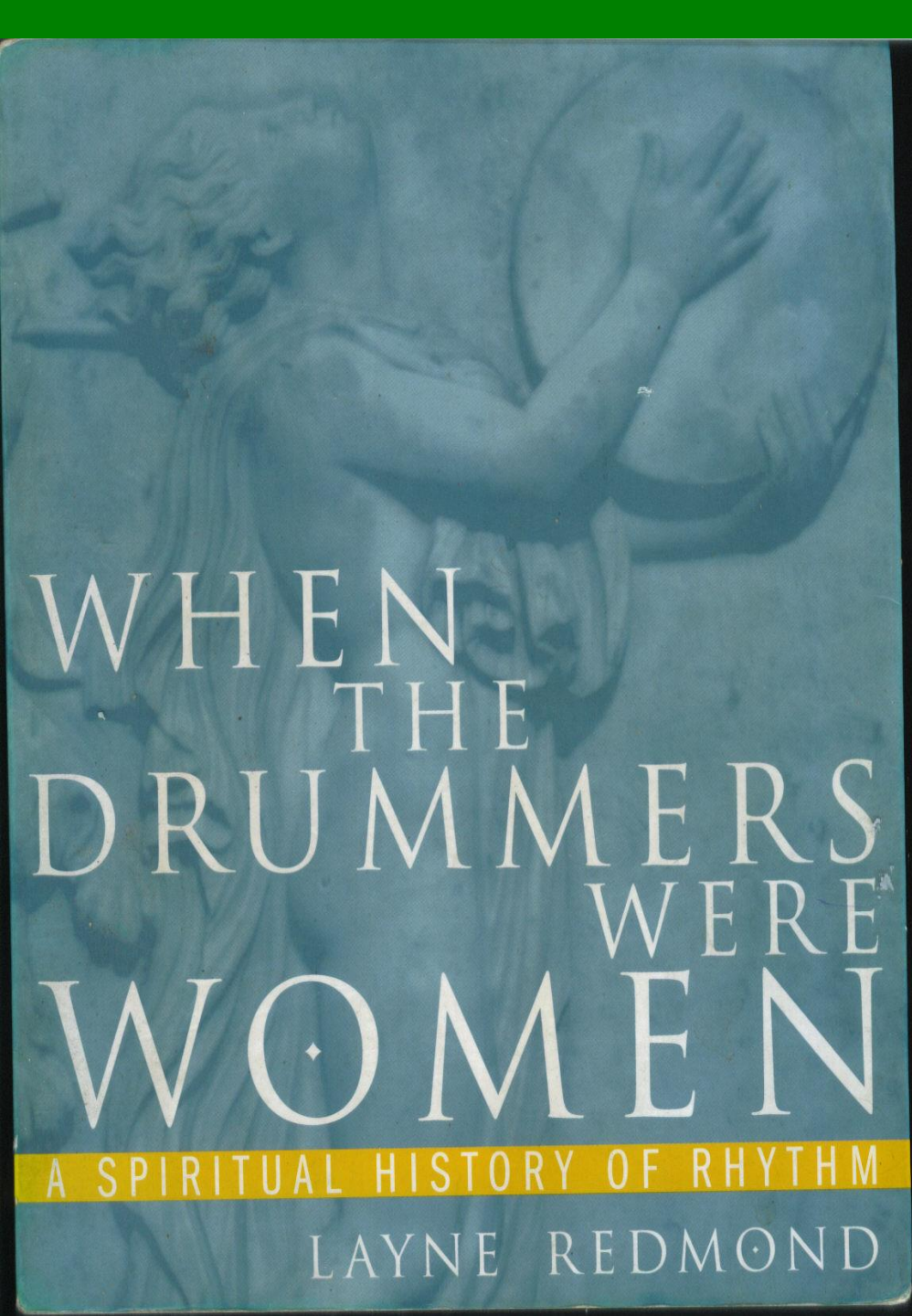
**Blue Grass
Domestic Violence
Program**

Green House 17

GREEN BELT MOVEMENT

KENYA





WHEN
THE
DRUMMERS
WERE
WOMEN

A SPIRITUAL HISTORY OF RHYTHM

LAYNE REDMOND

Healing of our
relationship with
food, healing our
sacred connections
with Mother Earth
also allows for us as
humans to restore
the sacred
relationship with
women

Iroquois Federation

Supreme court,
council



WASH STATE
EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT
CENTER
294-5249

THE CHAMP
IS HERE
JOHN CENA

VAARON
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Majora Carter **Sustainable Bronx**



White House Garden

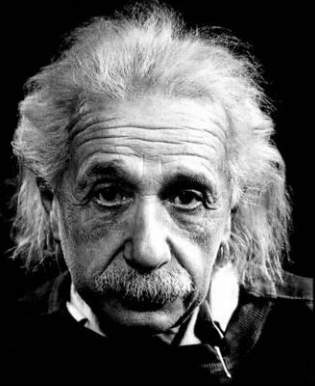












A human being is part of a whole, called by us the universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separated from the rest—a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.

Albert Einstein

“The future belongs to those who give the next generation reason to hope.”

-Teilhard de Chardin



Consuming



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Turbulent Transition



The cellular structure
of the caterpillar
dissolves

Slide courtesy of Elisabet Sahtouris



Crisis as Opportunity in the Chrysalis

Finding its place of service





It's up to US

Leaders for a Sustainable Future

- **Challenged to be
“architects of the future
not defenders of the decline”**