

**Here is a unique opportunity for CACC members to hear author, SandraSteingraber, of *Living Downstream: an Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment* for Half Price - or attend the entire conference at Half Price!**

(All groups that have membership in Michigan Environmental Council are also invited to see Sandra Steingraber at half price. The entire conference is also available at half price for any Earth Share member.)

**Sandra Steingraber**, nationally renowned ecologist and author of the highly acclaimed "Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment" will be speaking at Schoolcraft Community College, in Livonia, Michigan on September 29th as part of a larger conference. See Sandra's bio below. The organizers of the conference - Wise Traditions Michigan – are generously offering members of Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination to attend Sandra's talk for half-price.

**Here's more about the conference and their offer to CACC:**

"Log onto [www.wisetraditionsmichigan.org](http://www.wisetraditionsmichigan.org) for complete conference details. **CACC members can attend Sandra's session only or attend the entire conference for half-price** if they wish to see other fantastic speakers in the areas of health and nutrition, community farming solutions, sustainable agriculture, genetically altered food dangers and more. Although the conference has a lot of nutrition and health topics, nutritious food starts with clean water and a clean environment. It's all connected and we're all connected to the earth. Additionally we have a farmers market during the extended lunch break featuring locally grown organic produce and artisan foods. The lunch will also feature organic locally grown foods prepared by the chefs at Schoolcraft College's highly acclaimed culinary arts program. "

We support the efforts of Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination and would like to get as many members at the talk as possible to get the latest information on environmental toxins and their effects on the human body. Sandra will also be talking about her new book ***Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood which investigates fetal toxicity.*** To take advantage of the discount, please contact Dee Currie at 248-343-2941 [rdeecurrie@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rdeecurrie@ozemail.com.au) for details.

The conference is held at the Vista Tech Center at Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia, MI just outside Detroit and is open to health care professionals and the public however seating is limited so please sign up early and take advantage of the early discount prices. Keep up the great work and we hope to see you at the conference.

Regards,  
Archie Welch  
Conference Committee

**PLEASE NOTE:**

In order for CACC members to receive the half-off discount for either Sandra Steingraber's speech or for the entire Wise Directions conference, CACC members need to log in under "group" when you first go onto the registration page. Once you are at the page to select a ticket, you will need to enter a special code which is wise2007, which will provide you with a half price discount for this ticket. From there, you just need to turn up for registration either on Friday evening (5-6pm) or on Saturday (8-9am) or before the session begins. You will be given your ticket/s and a conference program.

Sandra Steingraber

Ecologist, author, and cancer survivor, Sandra Steingraber, Ph.D. is an internationally recognized expert on the environmental links to cancer and reproductive health. Steingraber's highly acclaimed book, *Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment* presents cancer as a human rights issue. It was the first to bring together data on toxic releases with newly released data from U.S. cancer registries. *Living Downstream* won praise from international media, including *The Washington Post*, *the Nation*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Weekly*, *The Lancet*, and *The London Times*. In 1997, Steingraber was named a *Ms. Magazine* Woman of the Year. In 1998, she received from the Jenifer Altman foundation the first annual Altman Award for "the inspiring and poetic use of science to elucidate the causes of cancer," and from the New England chapter of the American Medical Writers Association, the Will Solimene Award for "excellence in medical communication." In 1999, the Sierra Club heralded Steingraber as "the new Rachel Carson." And in 2001, Carson's own alma mater, Chatham College, selected Steingraber to receive its biennial Rachel Carson Leadership Award.

Continuing the investigation begun in *Living Downstream*, Steingraber's new work, *Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood*, explores the intimate ecology of motherhood. Both a memoir of her own pregnancy and an investigation of fetal toxicology, *Having Faith* reveals the alarming extent to which environmental hazards now threaten each crucial stage of infant development. In the eyes of an ecologist, the mother's body is the first environment for human life. *The Library Journal* selected *Having Faith* as one of its best books of 2001. In 2002, it was featured on "Kids and Chemicals," a PBS documentary by Bill Moyers. Most recently, Sandra has contributed to *What We Do Now*, an anthology of individual manifestos outlining a series of passionate new ideas for living.

An enthusiastic and sought-after public speaker, Steingraber has keynoted conferences on human health and the environment throughout the United States and Canada and has been invited to lecture at many universities, medical schools, and teaching hospitals including Harvard, Yale, Cornell, and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. She is recognized for her ability to serve as a two-way translator between scientists and activists. In 1999, as part of international treaty negotiations, she briefed U.N. delegates in Geneva, Switzerland on dioxin contamination of breast milk. Interviews with Steingraber have appeared in *The Chicago Tribune*, *USA Today*, *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*, on National Public Radio, *The Today Show*, and *Now With Bill Moyers*. Steingraber is currently Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York. She received her doctorate in biology from the University of Michigan and master's degree in English from Illinois State University. She is the author of *Post-Diagnosis*, a volume of poetry, and coauthor of a book on ecology and human rights in Africa, *The Spoils of Famine*. She has taught biology at Columbia College, Chicago, held visiting fellowships at the University of Illinois, Radcliffe/Harvard, and Northeastern University, and served on President Clinton's National Action Plan on Breast Cancer.

### **More on this conference!**

This conference is designed to help the attendee expand their knowledge in the area of environmental toxins and cancer; the dangers of unfermented soy; the real causes of heart disease; community farming solutions and other important topics by national and international speakers tops in their respective fields. Key note speaker Jeffery Smith will speak on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> on the dangers of Genetically Modified Foods. Saturday's sessions will feature Sandra Steingraber, an expert on environmental toxins. Sandra has been hailed by the Sierra Club as the "new Rachel Carson". The conference is held at the Vista Tech Center at Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia, MI

just outside Detroit and is open to health care professionals and the public however seating is limited so please sign up early and take advantage of the early discount prices. Organic wine and hors d'oeuvres will be provided Friday evening and a three course gourmet lunch will be served

on Saturday featuring locally grown organic food prepared by the chefs of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Program.

For more information, session times, registration, speaker bios, accommodations and costs, please log onto: [www.wisetraditionsmichigan.org](http://www.wisetraditionsmichigan.org) .

If you would like brochures to hand out to your clients or other professional peers, wish to place an ad in the conference program, or have questions, please contact Dee Currie and 248-343-2941 or email me at [info@wisetraditionsmichigan.org](mailto:info@wisetraditionsmichigan.org)