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## Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) Announces 2019 Wallace Stegner Lecture Series

*Activist Dr. Vandana Shiva, Wildlife Photographer Joel Sartore  
and CNN Commentator Van Jones to Appear*

*Tickets on sale October 4 – Series runs February-April 2019*

**Palo Alto, Calif. – October 1, 2018** — Environmental activist and author [Dr. Vandana Shiva](#), National Geographic photographer [Joel Sartore](#) and CNN political commentator and environmental justice advocate [Van Jones](#) are the trio of speakers for the [Peninsula Open Space Trust's](#) (POST) 2019 Wallace Stegner Lecture Series, which is now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year.

**Subscription packages for all three lectures go on sale Thursday, October 4 (see details below).**

The three speakers will address the theme of “Change & Resilience,” focusing on how their work has inspired action across diverse social groups and engaged them with the issues surrounding environmental resilience in a changing climate. All lectures will be held at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts.

“We are thrilled to bring three such distinguished speakers to the Bay Area to share their insights and passion for the natural world,” said **Walter T. Moore**, President of POST. “This year’s line-up brings together a diverse range of voices who see building environmental resilience and sustainability as something we can all participate in.”



*Dr. Vandana Shiva  
Environmental Activist, Author, Feminist*

The series kicks off with environmental activist and author **Dr. Vandana Shiva on Tuesday, February 12**. Dr. Shiva is an advocate of a more equitable and sustainable food system that uses

indigenous knowledge and a wide array of crops. She sees a return to natural and organic methods of farming as a solution for both food insecurity and climate change. As a founder of the [Navdanya Initiative](#), she has established seed banks and programs throughout India to teach farmers organic techniques. In her lecture, Dr. Shiva will touch on the connections between sustainable agriculture and conservation, linking intersectional feminism with environmentalism.

The series continues **on Tuesday, March 12 with National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore**. Sartore is an award-winning photographer who has travelled the world documenting wildlife for more than 25 years. In 2006, he launched the [Photo Ark project](#) to document 12,000 species in captivity worldwide before they disappear. He hopes to inspire people to fall in love with these animals and join in conservation efforts to protect them. Sartore's lecture will include a slide show of his most compelling images.



*Joel Sartore  
National Geographic Photographer &  
Photo Ark Project Founder*

The lecture series concludes on **Tuesday, April 23 with CNN political commentator and environmental justice advocate Van Jones**. Jones began his career as an activist in the Bay Area pushing for criminal justice reform, before focusing on the environment. His work promoting green jobs as an avenue to spur economic growth within disenfranchised communities earned him a spot as Special Advisor on Green Jobs in the Obama Administration. After his tenure in Washington, Jones returned to activism. He became involved in mainstream media as a political commentator for CNN, gaining recognition for his coverage of the 2016 election. Since the election, he has worked to promote civility and compassion in American politics and continues to run The [Dream Corps](#).



*Van Jones  
CNN Political Commentator,  
Environmental Justice Advocate*

**Series subscriptions for the whole Wallace Stegner Lecture series are available for a limited time and offer the public an early chance to secure seats, starting on Thursday, October 4 through Sunday, November 18, at [www.openspacetrust.org/lectures](http://www.openspacetrust.org/lectures). Single tickets will be available on Thursday, December 6.** All proceeds of the lecture series support POST's work to protect open space on the Peninsula and in the South Bay for the benefit of all.

POST's Wallace Stegner Lecture series pays tribute to the conservation legacy of Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, Stanford University professor and ardent spokesman for the West's wild places, Wallace Stegner. The series is supported by the Bill and Jean Lane Endowment, with additional support from Sand Hill Global Advisers, Noble & Lorraine Hancock, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Pie Rach, Alex Wang Group, Fenwick & West and Embarcadero Media.

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### **About Peninsula Open Space Trust**

POST protects open space on the Peninsula and in the South Bay for the benefit of all. As a private nonprofit land trust, POST has been responsible for saving more than 76,000 acres over the last 40 years. POST works with private landowners and public agencies to connect people and nature. Visit [openspacetrust.org](http://openspacetrust.org) for more information.

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## **CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:**

### **\*\*CALENDAR LISTING\*\***

### **Environmental activist and author Dr. Vandana Shiva Lectures at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts on February 12**

**WHAT:** [Dr. Vandana Shiva](#) will address the connections between sustainable agriculture and conservation, linking feminism with environmentalism, as part of POST's annual Wallace Stegner Lecture Series.

**WHO:** Dr. Vandana Shiva is an advocate of a more equitable and sustainable food system that uses indigenous knowledge and a wide array of crops. She sees a return to natural and organic methods of farming as a solution for both food insecurity and climate change. As a founder of the [Navdanya Initiative](#), she has established seed banks and programs in India to teach farmers organic techniques. This lecture is part of the annual Wallace Stegner Lecture Series organized by [Peninsula Open Space Trust](#) (POST).

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2018**  
8 p.m.

**WHERE:** **Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts**  
500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041  
(650) 903-6000

**COST:** \$40 single (available Dec. 6)  
\$25 students (21 and under)  
Tickets available [here](#).

**MORE INFO:** For more information on Dr. Vandana Shiva's lecture, visit <https://openspacetrust.org/wsls-vandana-shiva/>

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**\*\*CALENDAR LISTING\*\***

**National Geographic Photographer Joel Sartore Lectures at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts on March 12**

**WHAT:** Longtime National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore will share the best of his 6,500+ wildlife images and speak about his decades-long career documenting wildlife. He will also give insight into his [Photo Ark project](#), which fosters awareness of these vanishing species.

**WHO:** [Joel Sartore](#) is an award-winning photographer who has travelled the world documenting wildlife. Reflecting on his career, he embarked on the Photo Ark project to document 12,000 species in captivity worldwide before they disappear. He hopes to inspire people to fall in love with these animals and join in conservation efforts to protect them. Sartore has already photographed about 6,500 species and estimates he needs 15 more years to complete the project. This lecture is part of the annual Wallace Stegner Lecture Series organized by [Peninsula Open Space Trust](#) (POST).

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, Mar. 12, 2018**  
8 p.m.

**WHERE:** **Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts**  
500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041  
(650) 903-6000

**COST:** \$40 single (available Dec. 6)  
\$25 students (21 and under)  
Tickets available [here](#).

**MORE INFO:** For more information on Joel Sartore's lecture, visit [www.openspacetrust.org/wsls-joel-sartore/](http://www.openspacetrust.org/wsls-joel-sartore/)

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## **\*\*CALENDAR LISTING\*\***

### **CNN Political Commentator, Environmental Justice Advocate Van Jones Lectures at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts on April 23**

- WHAT:** Van Jones, CNN commentator, author and environmental justice activist, will discuss his work as a social entrepreneur, fighting for social and environmental justice under the [Green For All](#) initiative of his organization [The Dream Corps](#).
- WHO:** [Van Jones](#) began his career as an activist in the Bay Area pushing for criminal justice reform, before focusing on the environment. His work promoting green jobs as one avenue to spur economic growth within disenfranchised communities earned him a spot as Special Advisor on Green Jobs in the Obama Administration. After his tenure in Washington, Jones returned to activism. He became involved in mainstream media as a political commentator for CNN, gaining recognition for his coverage of the 2016 election. Since the election, he has worked to promote civility and compassion in American politics and continues to run Dream Corps. This lecture is part of the annual Wallace Stegner Lecture Series organized by [Peninsula Open Space Trust](#) (POST).
- WHEN:** **Tuesday, Apr. 23, 2018**  
8 p.m.
- WHERE:** **Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts**  
500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041  
(650) 903-6000
- COST:** \$40 single (available Dec. 6)  
\$25 students (21 and under)  
Tickets available [here](#).
- MORE INFO:** For more information on Van Jones' lecture, visit [www.openspacetrust.org/wsls-van-jones/](http://www.openspacetrust.org/wsls-van-jones/)

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