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## Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) and Muwekma Ohlone Tribe Present “An Evening with Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer” on May 15, 2022

*Live in-person and online event with author of best-selling Braiding Sweetgrass*

Palo Alto, Calif. – March 29, 2022 – On Sunday, May 15, at 7 p.m. Pacific Time, the [Peninsula Open Space Trust](#) (POST) and the [Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area](#) will present an evening with [Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer](#), author of the best-selling book *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*.

The event will take place in person at the California Theater in downtown San José, CA. Tickets range \$10-\$20 and include reserved seating. The event will also be available online for FREE, as a live simulcast and as a recording until June 4. **Advance registration is required** for access: <https://openspacetrust.org/event/braiding-sweetgrass-an-evening-with-dr-robin-wall-kimmerer/>.

Kimmerer’s talk will focus on themes featured in *Braiding Sweetgrass*, including the intersections of traditional ecological knowledge and science. These intersections, in turn, inform how native traditions and scientific disciplines provide different languages for interpreting the world and how the two can provide a roadmap for how people can come into relationship with the land, while both honoring the past and planning for a more sustainable future.

**Charlene Nijmeh**, Chairwoman of the [Muwekma Ohlone Tribe](#), will host the event. Nijmeh will also share details about the launch of the [Muwekma Ohlone Preservation Foundation](#), a nonprofit land trust that will support the Muwekma Tribe’s goals related to preservation and strengthening of the Tribe’s culture, identity and connection to its aboriginal homelands. In addition, Tribal Vice Chairwoman Monica Arellano will deliver a land acknowledgement and blessing, along with other Muwekma tribal members.



Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer

**Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer** is a mother, scientist, decorated professor and enrolled member of the [Citizen Potawatomi Nation](#). She is the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, which has earned Kimmerer wide acclaim. The book was listed as a bestseller by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *Los Angeles Times*. Her first book, *Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses*, was awarded the John Burroughs Medal for outstanding nature writing. Her other work has appeared in *Orion*, *Whole Terrain* and numerous scientific journals.

**Lead sponsors** for this event include **The Bill & Jean Lane Endowment** and **Sand Hill Global Advisors**, with additional sponsorship by **Alex & Lily Wang, the Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati Foundation, IBM** and **Pie Ranch**.

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#### **About the 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 80,000 acres since its founding in 1977. POST works with private landowners and public agencies to connect people and nature. Visit [openspacetrust.org](https://openspacetrust.org) for more information.

#### **About the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe & the Muwekma Ohlone Preservation Foundation**

**The Muwekma Ohlone Tribe** is comprised of the known surviving American Indian lineages aboriginal to the San Francisco Bay region who trace their ancestry through the Missions Dolores, Santa Clara and San Jose, and who were also members of the historic federally recognized Verona Band of Alameda County. The aboriginal homeland of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe includes portions of San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda and Santa Cruz counties. The missionization policies deployed by the Catholic Church and militarily supported by the Spanish Empire brought many distantly related, intermarried tribal groups together at the missions. **The Muwekma Ohlone Preservation Foundation** was established in 2020 by a vote of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Council to create a nonprofit land trust to support the Tribe.

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## CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

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

#### Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) and Muwekma Ohlone Tribe Present an Evening with Author Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer, an in-person and online event on May 15

- WHAT:** [Peninsula Open Space Trust](#) and the [Muwekma Ohlone Tribe](#) are honored to host Indigenous leader, author and scientist **Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer** for a talk centered around the themes of her best-selling book *Braiding Sweetgrass*. A citizen of the Potawatomi Nation, Dr. Kimmerer writes about the intersections of traditional ecological knowledge and science and how native traditions and scientific disciplines provide different languages through which we can interpret the world.
- WHO:** [Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer](#) is a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and writes about the intersections of traditional ecological knowledge and science and how native traditions and scientific disciplines provide different languages through which we can interpret the world. **Charlene Nijmeh**, Chairwoman of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, will host and share news about the formation of the **Muwekma Ohlone Preservation Foundation**. The event will open with a blessing and land acknowledgement by Tribal Vice Chairwoman Monica Arellano and other tribal members.
- WHEN:** **In-Person:** Sunday, May 15 at 7 p.m. PT at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose  
**Virtual Simulcast:** Available Sunday, May 15 at 7 p.m. through 12 a.m. Sunday, June 4
- WHERE:** In-Person at The California Theatre and online.
- TICKETS:** The in-person event is \$10-\$20. Advance registration required [here](#). The online simulcast is FREE. Advance registration required [here](#).