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Water Rising

The Cedar Tree Institute (CTI) and the interfaith Northern Great Lakes Water Stewards is teaming up with other local art and environmental organizations to present to Marquette, *Water Rising*, an acclaimed art collaboration. The *Water Rising* is providing a month-long exhibit and a companion series of public events. With each event, viewers and participants are invited to consider their personal connection to the natural environment and their sense of place. A core concept behind *Water Rising* is the awareness that stewardship begins with caring and that caring begins with connection -- we cannot save nature or heritage unless we find ways to connect with it.

CTI agrees, “We believe that artists, poets, filmmakers, and spiritual leaders will be the guides for an awakening. We look forward to welcoming Leila and Garth as gifted and prophetic artists to help us learn to see and understand new and magical ways.”

Water Rising is a collaboration between - British sculptor, Garth Evans and American writer, Leila Philip. Evans and Philip hope to help communities discover their own unique connection to place, deepening the personal sense of responsibility to stewardship of their particular cultural heritage(s) and environment.

Superior Watershed Partnership, one of the project collaborators, will provide community members access to volunteer opportunities in environmental projects throughout the Marquette area. Other collaborators include Northern Michigan University's College of Art & Design, the City of Marquette's Arts & Culture department, and the Fresh Coast Film Festival.

The public is invited to experience the richness of this unique Humanities program and to learn more about the state of the Great Lakes waters and about how to care for them. *Water Rising* programs include an exhibition of watercolors from the book (of the same name), along with a video installation that combines music, image, spoken word, photography and interviews with the authors—on view for the month of October at the Marquette Arts & Culture Center. The 5-day artist residency is scheduled to dovetail into the Fresh Coast Film Festival week (October 15 – 19) and will include the film screening of the companion video, *Environment, Memory & Things*. Workshops with the visiting artists are scheduled for Northern Michigan University's Visiting Artist program as well as for the public. (For more information, refer to scheduling details along the sidebar.) Go to <https://www.marquettemi.gov/departments/community-services/arts-and-culture/> for more information.

Water Rising, the book will for sale with 100% of net proceeds going to support the environmental work of the Superior Watershed Partnership SWP.

Water Rising is sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council with assistance from the Ray & Peg Hirvonen Foundation.

Water Rising Schedule of Events

Water Rising Exhibit October 1 - 30
City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center
*Free & Open to the Public

Artist Workshop: Craft Talk by Leila Philip
October 15, 4pm Northern Michigan University
*NMU Students Only

Author Reading by Leila Philip
October 16, 4pm Northern Michigan University
*Free & Open to the Public

Meet the Artists Reception
October 16, 7 - 9pm
City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center
*Free & Open to the Public

Artist Workshop: A Sculpture Workshop with Garth Evans
October 17, 9am - 1pm Northern Michigan University
*NMU Students Only, Materials Provided

Public Lecture: by Garth Evans
"Cardiff:" An Encounter with the Public and some Consequences
October 17, 6:30 - 7:30pm Northern Michigan University
*Free & Open to the Public

Writing in Response to the Environment with Leila Philip
October 18, 10am - 12pm City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center
*Free & Open to the Public, Materials Provided

Art in Response to the Environment with Garth Evans
October 18, 1 - 3pm City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center
*Free & Open to the Public, Materials Provided

The Gift of Water: Hosted by Cedar Tree Institute
October 19, 10 - 11:30am Presque Isle Pavilion
Presenters include members from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Department of Natural Resources, Jordan Matterrella, project coordinator for the Interfaith Northern Great Lakes Water Stewards, and the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) who will lead a volunteer coastal resiliency project for interested attendees. Native teas will be served. Open and free to the public.
*Free & Open to the Public

Environment, Memory & Things: Film Screening & Artist Talk

October 19, 2 – 4pm Masonic #1, Masonic Square Mall
*Fresh Coast Film Festival Pass Required

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