

The Beacon

Photos from Hego and Christine Goevert



Christine, Patrick, Hego and Caroline



Grand Central Station: Dagmar Oeser, Krisztina, Christine and Hego, Gabor

Photos from Katarina and Stefan Tunedal



NYC: Steve, Joe, Carla & Stefan



Carla, Kat, Steve and Joe



At a NYC Diner







From the top of ESB



Meeting at the top of ESB: Carla, Stefan, Kat & Krisz



Krisz, Kat, Gabor. Steve and Carla







Times Square: lady from the Chicago musical



Central Park



NYC doughnut



In Carla's kitchen



Celebration cake



The party in Carla and Steve's home



Stacey Ward Kelley + Gabor



Left: Doug Kinsey



Elisabeth Winchester



Linda Domanoski and Krisz Asztalos



Middle: Carla Lensen



Linda Domanoski, Jeffrey Hellman & Maura Stephens



Carla Lensen, Hego Goevert and Carla Goldberg



Mirca Council except for Martin Bonnici



Carol Flaitz and Stacie Freudenberg





Mount Beacon Fine Art Gallery



Nay Tin Myint, Maura Stephens and Stacie Freudenberg



Nay Tin Myint, former leader of Aung San Suu Kyi's security detail who was later imprisoned and tortured by Burma officials and today is the Secretary NLD (USA)



Representative from Amnesty NY







Eileen, gallery owner



A panel discussion on Burma and Aung San Suu Kyi will take place at Mount Beacon Fine Art Gallery in Beacon, NY is set for February 14th, 2009 during the opening of the art exhibit FREEDOM & ART- a collaboration of international artists of the Mirca Art Group.

The Panel members are:

Nay Tin Myint-Former Burmese political prisoner and Secretary of NLD-LA (USA

Maura Stephens-a longtime professional journalist who spent 19 years at Newsweek and Newsweek International magazine.

Stacie Freudenberg- a photojournalist and a frequent contributor to the Associated Press, Chicago Tribune and has had numerous editorials grace the NY Times.

Jeffrey Hellman-a Filmmaker poet, artist, activist.

Award winning poet, Jeffrey aims his words predominately towards the humanitarian crisis in Burma. As a senior in high school Jeffrey was awarded an internship at Crossroads Films and a scholarship to Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School for his film

"Suppressed Freedom" from the Matthew S. Hisiger Film Foundation.

Now a graduate with a degree in Film, Photography, & Visual Arts B.F.A., he is a spokesperson for the International Campaign for Freedom of Aung San Suu Kyi and

Burma, a producer for World Dharma's Burma Project USA/Canada, a film producer/director/editor for the Burma Global Action Network, a filmmaker for the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, and a proud volunteer for the US Campaign for Burma.

Jeffrey is currently co-producing/co-directing with filmmaker, Changhee Chun, Honoring Home, a feature length documentary about Burmese Freedom Fighter, U Han Lin and the plight of his homeland for MBC. He is also working for MyPeace Media LLC. and

Video Note, which is based out of Cornell University. Jeffrey believes that if we all come together united for an, "International Campaign for Freedom of Aung San Suu Kyi and Burma" as his late teacher U Han Lin said, "Burma will be Free."

Endorsement for Jeffrey Karl Hellman

"I would like to emphasize that among Jeff's numerous and remarkable talents, it is his compassion for alleviating human suffering, his commitment to elevating universal human rights, and his calm working presence that makes him so outstanding."

Kyi May Kaung- an Artist, economist, activist, Burmese exile.

Nay Tin Myint is Secretary of NLD-LA (USA). In 1988 uprising, He was a final year student at the RU and a General Secretary of Tri- Color Student Front and a leader of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's Security Guard. He was a co-founder of NLD & a leader of NLD (Youth). He was arrested and sentenced 4 years and released in 1992. He was arrested again in 1993 and was sentenced 20 years. He stayed in solitary confinement more than 7 years and mental & physical tortured day by day by the regime; consequently, he was paralyzed two times because he was hobbled iron shackles & iron bars between his legs. He is also one of the founders and leaders of "88 Generation Student. He organized several campaigns before he left from Burma. He left from Burma to Thai border on May 25, 2007. He is a central

committee of NLD LA (H.Q) and a coordinator of CMM (Committee of Mass Movement). He has migrated to the US on April, 2008.

Maura Stephens is a longtime professional journalist, writer, editor, actor, humanitarian, and public educator and speaker. She has also been an entrepreneur, having started up two companies.

From 2004, soon after first meeting a Burmese refugee named Han Lin who worked at Ithaca College, until 2007 Stephens was the chief policy strategist and U.S. spokesperson for the International Campaign for Freedom for Aung San Suu Kyi and Burma. On behalf of this grass-roots activist group struggling nonviolently to bring peace, democracy, and freedom to the Burmese people who have been crushed by a brutal military regime, she has written numerous policy papers and corresponded with political leaders and top diplomats of more than 20 members of the United Nations. She was also a primary international English-language media representative for the organization and has been interviewed by media worldwide.

Stephens spent 19 years at Newsweek and Newsweek International magazine in various capacities, from researcher to reporter to general editor. In 1995 she became the founding editor and CEO of an early Internet venture, an extensive database and "e-zine." Since 1997 Stephens has worked as editor of ICView magazine, the magazine of Ithaca College. Stephens also programs visits of distinguished visitors and lectures in classes.

Her columns for openDemocracy.net, a UK-based online magazine of politics and culture, deal with topics including torture; the plight of the Burmese people under a tyrannical military regime; the Irish economy; and her recommendations for peace in Iraq. She has written for Alternet, Organic Gardening, AttachE9, New Age Journal, Salon.com, and Bookpress, among other publications.

Artist's work confirmed so far:

Isabelle Lemaitre
Laurence Loungueville
Svetlana Konstatinova
Elizabeth Winchester
Carol Flaitz
Derek T. Grey
Bruce Rimmel
Stefan Tunedal
Katarina Tunedal
Linda A. Murphy
Elly Prestergard
Carla Goldberg
Dagmar Oeser
Naomi Renouf
Catherine Petre
Ali Ramahad
Doug Kinsey
Leopold Baiwir
Owen Lennox
Kristina Astalos
Melissa Steckbauer
Don Murphy
Prem Singh
Annika Stromberg
Alberto D'Assumpcao
Bianka Guna

Midori McCabe
Constatin Sevrin
Pilar Roldan
Rickie Dickerson
Carla Lensen
H. Goevert
Serge Selvon

Photos from Krisztina Asztalos



There's something right about this picture







At times there were lots of people standing in the back because there were no seats.



Photos from Stacie Freudenberg





Martin Bonnici, online via Skype, is given the tour of the kitchen.



Books were signed by artists present and later put on sale at the gallery.





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