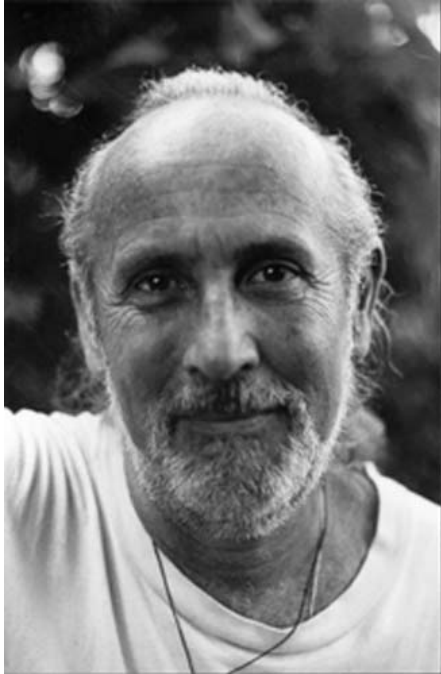


## Presentations by Australian Deep Ecology Activist John Seed

October 8-12, 2003  
The University of Florida



**John Seed** is founder and director of the [Rainforest Information Centre](#) in Australia, and one of the world's leading proponents of deep ecology spirituality as a way to connect to nature and reharmonize life on earth.

Once dubbed by the Christian Science Monitor "the town crier for the global village", Seed began his forest activism 1979 fighting for the protection of the Australian rainforests. After founding the Rainforest information Centre [WWW.RAINFORESTINFO.ORG.AU](http://WWW.RAINFORESTINFO.ORG.AU), he helped create the US-based Rainforest Action Network in 1984.

In 1987 he co-produced a television documentary for Australian national television about the struggle for the rainforests, which was subsequently shown around the world.

**Seed** has created numerous projects protecting rainforests in South America, Asia and the Pacific, deploying a strategy that includes providing benign and sustainable development projects for their indigenous inhabitants tied to the protection of their forests.

He has written and lectured extensively on deep ecology and has been conducting Councils of All Beings and other re-Earth'ing workshops all over the world. With Joanna Macy, Pat Fleming and Professor Arne Naess, he wrote *Thinking Like a Mountain: Towards a Council of All Beings*, which has now been translated into 10 languages.

An accomplished bard and songwriter Seed has produced 5 albums of environmental songs and has scripted and produced several videos, the latest of which is called "Work in Progress".

In 1995 he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) by the Australian Government for services to conservation and the environment.

For further biographical information, soon to be published in the Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature, see: <http://www.religionandnature.com/encyclopedia/samples/Seed,John.pdf>

Now Seed comes to Gainesville bringing his unique combination of experiential deep ecology and environmental activism, in three, major events:

**Wednesday Evening, 8 p.m., HPNP Auditorium (Health Professions Nursing and Pharmacy Building, room 1404).** Directions: The Auditorium is located between Center Drive and Newell Drive on the north side of the Health Science Center. Enter the HPNP through the door under the covered walkway and go up the curving (unfinished) stairs; an elevator is just around the corner left of that door. **Sponsors:** UF Center for Spirituality and Health [www.spiritualityandhealth.ufl.edu](http://www.spiritualityandhealth.ufl.edu), UF's Department of Religion, School of Natural Resources and the Environment, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and programs in Environmental and Land Use Law, and Tropical Conservation and Development.

## PROTECTING THE RAINFORESTS: CASE STUDIES FROM PAPUA NEW GUINIE AND ECUADOR

John Seed has been working for the protection of the world's rainforests since 1979. For over 15 years John and his colleagues at the Rainforest Information Centre have been focusing particular attention on the rainforests of Ecuador, one of the most diverse places on Earth. Today a massive threat is looming in the form of the OCP crude oil pipeline being built from the Ecuadorian Amazon, over the Andes, to the Pacific coast. If completed it will double the amount of oil that can be extracted from the Amazon headwaters. John will screen Juan Pablo Barragan's brilliant video "AmazonOil Pipeline - Pollution, Corruption and Poverty" and speak about how we can all help to prevent the devastation of this unique area. For further background see: <http://www.rainforestinfo.org.au/ocp/welcome.htm>

**Thursday Evening, 7 p.m., HPNP Auditorium (Health Professions Nursing & Pharmacy Building, rm. 1404).** Directions: The Auditorium is located between Center Drive and Newell Drive on the north side of the Health Science Center. Enter the HPNP through the door under the covered walkway and go up the curving (unfinished) stairs; an elevator is just around the corner left of that door. **Sponsors:** UF Center for Spirituality and Health [www.spiritualityandhealth.ufl.edu](http://www.spiritualityandhealth.ufl.edu), UF Department of Religion.

## ECOLOGICAL HEALING

Describing the themes he will explore in this presentation, Seed writes: "Humans exist at the intersection of the ancient cycles of air, water and soil. When they sicken, so do we. The pain of the Earth is our own pain; the fate of the Earth is our fate. We are cells in the body of the Earth. To heal ourselves we must heal the Earth. As we heal ourselves, our ability to help heal the Earth matures."

**October 10-12, 2003, Friday afternoon through mid-day Sunday**

## WILD EARTH, WILD MIND, WILD HEART: EXPERIENCING DEEP ECOLOGY

John Seed will facilitate this residential workshop in deep ecology. About the experience Seed writes: "Ecological ideas are not enough. To effectively serve the Earth and our people we need ecological identity, ecological self. We nurture ecological identity with processes such as those practiced by our ancestors - experiential processes which acknowledge and nourish the interconnectedness of the human with the rest of the Earth family. This weekend includes the Council of All Beings, the Timeline of Light and other deep ecology practices which empower us as agents of healing change and help us release the culturally-conditioned, competitive, isolated self. Thus we come home to our interbeing with all of life."

Venue, fee, and other details to be announced; partial work-exchange available in lieu of fee.  
ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO PROTECTING AMAZON HEADWATERS  
RAINFORESTS.

To book a place at this weekend experience, or for information about the other events, contact  
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