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Update for **November 2022**

## **Greetings to the MAHB Community**

What a month this has been. As predicted, human population numbers hit 8 billion, and ironically, this coincided with the 10th anniversary of World Vasectomy Day. Then there was COP27 (with at least an agreement on a loss and damage fund) and the festive season with its usual shopping madness is upon us, too. We had asked our members if it has to be that way so we dedicated a special page to this issue. As a result, this month's round-up is a bit longer than usual (and if that leads to more reading than shopping, great).

**So, check out what's happening:** Visit our dedicated pages on [8bn people and counting](#) and how to [celebrate the festive season](#) without mindless consumption. Cheer on responsible men and the [10th anniversary of World Vasectomy Day](#) (WVD) with events throughout November, culminating in a 24-hour global celebration on December 2 on [Facebook Live](#).

Also, [join a discussion on November 29](#) with Artist Meredith Nemirov about her work with the Think Resilience course by the Post Carbon Institute and how this has affected her studio practice.

**Read** this month's [blogs](#) and [resources](#), including letters from [Paul Ehrlich](#) in support of WVD and from [Paul Raven](#) to the misguided editors of The Washington Post. Hear from media organizations calling on world leaders to act

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on the [climate crisis](#) and from Nobel prizewinner [Malala Yousafzai](#) on the failure of COP27 to connect population growth with rising global temperatures.

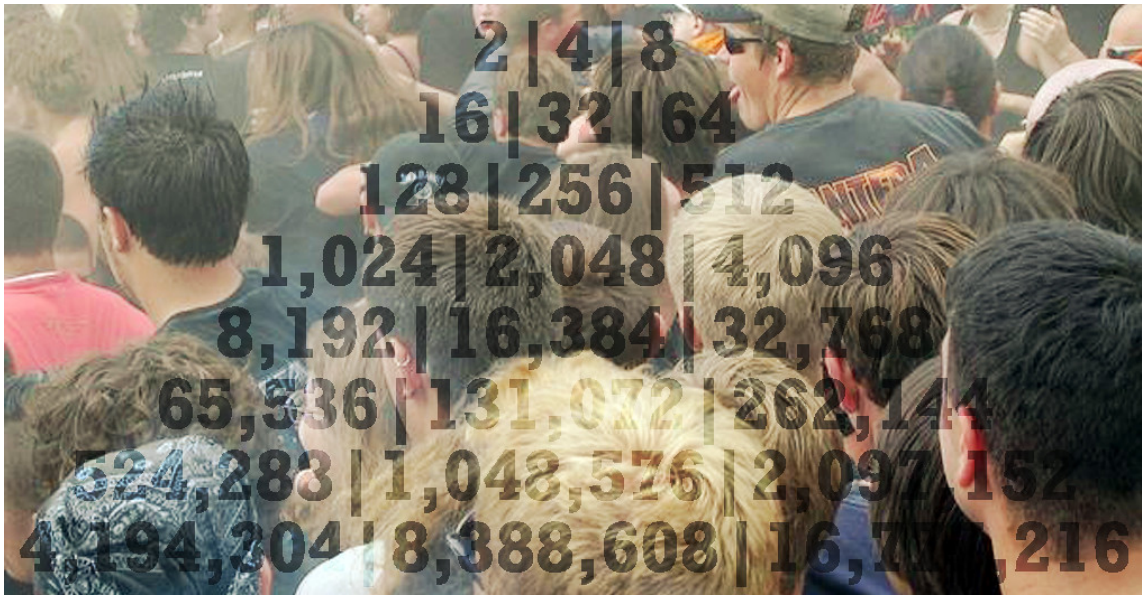
**Listen** to the latest podcast of [Our New World](#) with inspiring young leader [Kevin Patel](#) and Nate Hagens' TGS episode with [Arthur Berman](#) on why the devil is in the diesel.

Also, **watch** the recorded discussions from the recent What's Next For Earth art call on the "[Six Foundations for Building Community Resilience](#)" and the Women Eco Artists Dialogue (WEAD) where Michele Guieu speaks about her [science and art projects with young students](#).

*Check out the latest MAHB announcements [here](#).*

**Not a member of the MAHB yet? [Join the MAHB](#) and help transform progressive civil society into an increasingly powerful force for positive change.**

## What's Happening



## November 14: Global Population hits 8 Billion

**From now on, it's 8 billion and counting.**

Check out our new population page [here](#), visit our [population library](#), and get involved!

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## Celebrating the Festive Season without Mindless Consumption

**We asked: Is it possible to spend the festive season without the usual “shop ’til you drop”? Can we celebrate this precious time without excessive consumption? What can you do or give to kids instead and still make it magical and special?**

[Here](#) we have summarized your suggestions, added resources, ideas, and a film around mindful consumption - especially for, but not limited to, the festive season.

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To celebrate the [10th anniversary and responsible men](#), World Vasectomy Day (WVD) is organizing events throughout November, culminating in the 24-hour global celebration on December 2nd on **Facebook Live**.

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## Artists and Creatives: Meredith Nemirov – Piplantri

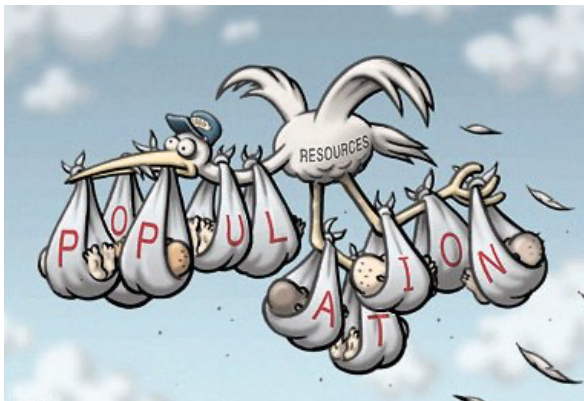
Artist Meredith Nemirov will discuss her contributions to the What's Next for Earth art calls and exhibitions: Community Resilience, What is Resilience?, Culture Change and Neuroscience, Shifting Cultural Stories, and Thinking in Systems.

**[THE LINK TO THE EVENT IS HERE.](#)**

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## Great Wave

Two people, tending 1000 yards of beach



## Has the Population Bomb exploded?

What those who advocate larger populations are really advocating

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## Protecting the Biodiverse Fabric of Nature – A MAHB Dialogue with Ana Luz Porzecanski,



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## Director at the AMNH

We must take our dependence on  
biodiversity seriously and act as if  
our lives depend on it



## World Vasectomy Day 2022 - A Letter from Paul Ehrlich

Be part of a global conversation  
about our collective future where  
men everywhere are stepping up

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[Read More](#)

Please add your thoughts to the conversations. Previous posts to the MAHB  
Blog can be found [here](#).



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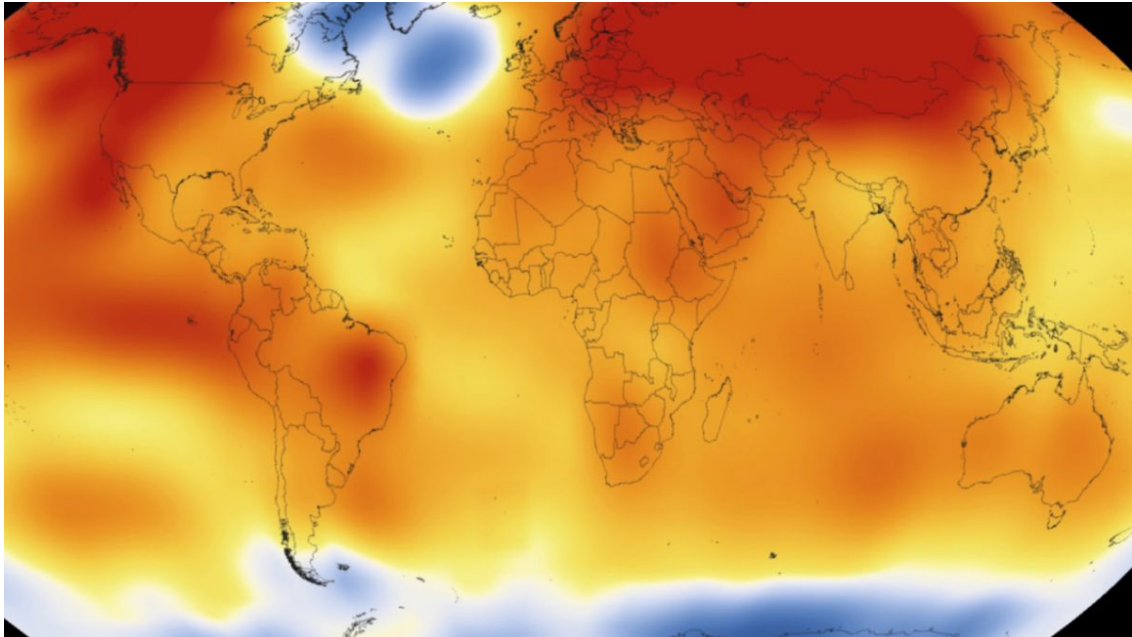
## Resources



Malala Yousafzai: It should not be controversial to say a population of 8 billion will have a grave impact on the climate

It's time to ditch the generations-long argument between those who blame overpopulation and those who worry about consumption.

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## [The Guardian's view on COP27: this is no time for apathy or complacency](#)

This editorial calling for action from world leaders on the climate crisis was published by more than 30 media organizations in more than 20 countries.

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## The Economics of Biodiversity: Afterword

**This Afterword to The Economics of Biodiversity: The Dasgupta Review** discusses the ideas in the Review that have been accepted readily by decision-makers and are being put into operation, those that have been accepted but are judged by decision-makers to be unworkable in the contemporary climate, and those that are seen as politically too sensitive even to acknowledge in public.

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## Earth now has 8 billion people—and counting. Where do we go from here?

We've added a billion people in just 12 years. The implications for the planet, and our welfare, hinge on how we tackle climate change.

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## [A Letter to the Editorial Board of the Washington Post](#)

By Dr. Paul Raven on the paper's stunning lack of correspondence between modern economic theory, and indeed reality.

**Podcasts & Videos**



## Bringing Youth to the Table – Kevin Patel

Much of the current climate crisis seems divisive. It's a problem that is impacting us all, and one that we all need to band together to tackle. Kevin Patel recognises this and is doing something about it. His organization '[One Up Action](#)' gives youth an opportunity to get involved in climate action with a focused and guided approach.

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## [The Great Simplification #44 – Arthur Berman: “The Devil is in the Diesel”](#)

In this episode, petroleum geologist Arthur Berman returns to discuss recent diesel shortages and goes into depth on the importance of diesel and the complexity of getting it and other products from a barrel of crude oil. He also talks about the nuances of the global oil market as it shifts from the effects of the Russian/Ukraine war.

**The Arts**



## SIX FOUNDATIONS FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE ART CALL

Based on the Think Resilience Course by Post Carbon Institute  
November 1st, 2022

Deep Transformation Network  
Artists and Creatives Group

Hosted by Christina Conklin and Michele Guieu

# Artists and Creatives: What's Next for Earth / Building Community Resilience Art Call

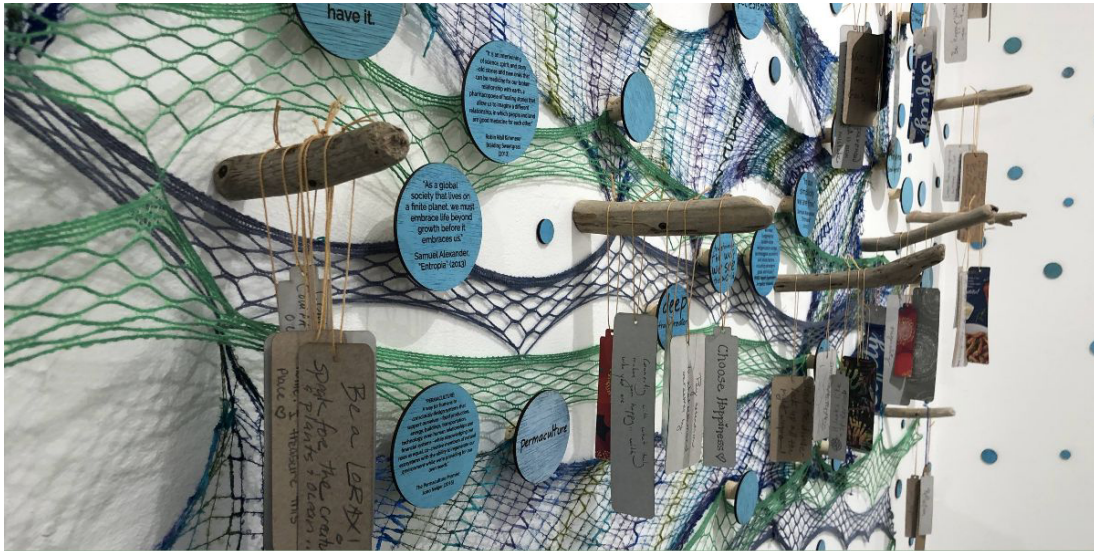
Recording available: A discussion around “**Building Community Resilience**,” the What’s Next For Earth art call. It was based on the “Six Foundations for



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Building Community Resilience” lesson from the Think Resilience free online course by the Post Carbon Institute.

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## WEAD | WOMEN ECO ARTISTS DIALOG

Art + Education Series  
Down To Earth  
with Michele Guieu  
Sunday, October 30th, 2022  
from 10:00 to 11:00 am Pacific Time

[WEAD Art + Education Series:  
Down to Earth with Michele Guieu](#)

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[A recording](#) of Michele Guieu's work with young students (K-12) in public schools in the Bay Area, primarily in underserved communities. Michele talks about Science + Art projects that help the students make some essential connections about what is unfolding in our rapidly changing world and reconnect with reality at a moment when most people in the global north live in a civilization that hides the Earth's physicality.

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