We are proud to announce our 2015 International Young Eco-Heroes. These inspiring environmental leaders and young inventors, are working on wildlife protection; prevention of discarded trash including plastics, food waste, and batteries; water and electricity conservation; water pollution; and educating and inspiring other youth to take action and to campaign for a better world. For full information, please visit our Web site at www.actionfornature.org.

This year’s winners include young environmentalists from USA, South Africa, Kenya, UAE, South Korea, New Zealand, and Australia.
Mimi Griffin-Jones (1922 – 2015)

Our dear friend, Mimi-Griffin-Jones, passed away on March 7, 2015. She co-founded AFN, was a long time board member, including Board Secretary, and a loyal and generous donor and supporter. We remember the wonderful retreats at her Bolinas home perched on the beach where, as the tide flowed in and out beneath us, we discussed AFN’s future plans. Mimi had many interests activities and friends. Hers was a life well lived and much enjoyed. She adored her large multi-generational family to whom we extend our deep sympathy on their loss.

NEWS OF ALUMNI

DAVID GILFORD was featured in our book “Acting for Nature” for his work on campaigning against Colorado landfills, and later became an AFN board member. Now he is VP of the New York City Economic Development Corporation which promotes economic growth. He is Director of Urban Innovation & Sustainability and oversees programs that link environmental goals with economic opportunities. Remembering his days administrating AFN Young Eco-Hero awards program, he founded a competition (http://www.rise-nyc.com) to help small NYC businesses prepare for the impacts of climate change.


DEEPIKA KURUP, a 2014 Eco-Hero who spoke at our 2014 reception, has been recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the “Top Thirty Under Thirty” young people working on Energy issues in the USA. In 2014 she was the youngest person to receive recognition that year for her invention of an inexpensive method of purifying water. Congratulations Deepika!

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us for our 2015 AWARDS Celebration on October 24, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Seven Hills Conference Center at San Francisco State University in San Francisco. Eco-Heroes are expected to speak and our 2015 video will be premiered. It will be an inspiring event. Details to follow.

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