

Special Event!



Join us for this special event as Florence Reed, president and founder of Sustainable Harvest International, shares a story of hope and success in preserving our planet's tropical forests while overcoming poverty through sustainable farming, tropical forest preservation, and reforestation.

While serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Panama, Florence learned that traditional tropical agricultural practices cause environmental and cultural damage but that farmers were searching for sustainable alternatives. Not only concerned with farm yields, they wanted to leave a healthy ecosystem for future generations.

After her Peace Corps service, she founded Sustainable Harvest International (SHI), a nonprofit organization working with rural Central American farmers to implement sustainable farming practices that dramatically improve their quality of life while restoring the health of their environment and communities.

Working with local partners, SHI helps poor farmers take responsibility for reversing local environmental degradation and achieving economic viability in their own communities, becoming self-sufficient stewards of the land and mentors for other families.

SHI has an impressive record, having worked with more

than 2,200 families in rural Belize, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. Participants have planted over 3 million trees, converted nearly 20,000 acres of degraded land to sustainable farmland, protected 100,000 acres of tropical forest from loggers, and raised their income by as much as eight times.

An acclaimed and award-winning speaker for audiences of all ages and backgrounds, Florence brings a unique combination of fascinating information, beautiful photography and a warm appreciation of people, cultures, and the natural environment. Her tales of struggle and hope exemplify what people can accomplish with determination and vision.

Monday, April 14, 2014–11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\$25 for FOA members; \$30 for non-members

Includes a buffet lunch served prior to the presentation.

“An Extraordinary, Garden-Variety Solution to Deforestation and Poverty in Central America”

presented by Florence Reed

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