

## 9 women to be inducted into Hall of Fame at gala

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The Marin Women's Hall of Fame will honor the contributions of nine women leaders at its 22nd anniversary gala dinner and awards ceremony March 20 in San Rafael.

"The Hall of Fame was the first nonprofit organization to dedicate resources and identify extraordinary women leaders and recognize them for their high level of achievement," said Noreen O'Neill, executive director of the Marin Women's Hall of Fame. "These women have affected positive change in our community and around the world."

The San Rafael-based organization mentors and empowers Marin girls and women and has recognized and documented the achievements of 110 honorees since its 1987 founding.

This year's honorees are:

► **Angeles Arrien**, a cultural anthropologist, educator, consultant, author of seven books and facilitator of many talks and workshops. She will be recognized for



Arrien

her book, "The Four-Fold Way: Walking the Paths of the Warrior, Healer, Teacher and Visionary."

► **Teveia Barnes**, an attorney who was appointed executive director for nonprofit Lawyers for One America at the request of former President Bill Clinton. She will be honored for her commitment to social change by promoting diversity



Barnes

for women and lawyers of color. The organization provides pro bono legal services to underserved communities.

► **Joan Linn Bekins**, a volunteer publicist, grant writer, fundraiser, photographer and editor and publisher of several books and guides.



Bekins

She will be recognized for her commitment to spiritual growth and the personal and professional development of others. She is well-known for

her husband started a visual effects studio, Matte World, and she has been involved in the production of many films



Capurro

effect on children in Marin and across the nation.

► **Joan Capurro**, a longtime Marin banker who serves on a slate of committees for local nonprofits, civic and educational organizations. She will be honored for her public affairs, leadership, mentoring and networking efforts. Some of her affiliations include the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership, San Rafael Chamber of Commerce and the United Way.

► **Krystyna Demkowicz**, an entrepreneur and acclaimed visual effects producer. She will be honored for her contributions to technology and motion pictures. She and



Demkowicz

► **Marilee Eckert**, executive director of the Conservation Corps North Bay, who grew the small community service organization into a \$7 million operation. She has endeavored to help struggling youth for most of her life. She will be recognized for her actions



Eckert

to help disenfranchised youth improve their lives and leadership skills and chances for success.

► **Remmy Kingsley**, an environmental pioneer. She will be honored for her involvement in the environmental movement that



Kingsley

started in the 1970s and ongoing commitment to education. She helped form the Marin Environmental Forum, led Natural Science Education Resources, which trained Audubon Canyon Ranch docents and designed classes for Mill Valley educators, and also taught classes for children at the Richardson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary.

► **Catherine Munson**, a businesswoman who forged a career in real estate. She will be awarded for her past efforts to preserve the Marin County Civic Center, acquire land for permanent open space and create the Point Reyes National Seashore. She formed Lucas Valley Properties and has also served on local boards, including the Frank Lloyd Wright Civic Center Con-



Munson

servation, Marin Symphony and Buck Institute for Age Research.

► **Jean Taylor**, a fundraiser and advocate for the homeless. She will be honored for her volunteer leadership, efforts to ease, eliminate and



Taylor

educate the public about homelessness and for aiding in the creation of affordable housing in Marin. She has served on boards of the Marin County Commission on Homelessness and the St. Vincent de Paul Society and founded the New Beginnings Fund for Homeless.

Tickets cost \$135 per person. The gala will include a silent auction, dinner and awards ceremony. It will be at 5 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 101 McInnis Parkway in San Rafael.

For information and to register, call 455-4900 or visit [www.marinwomenshalloffame.org](http://www.marinwomenshalloffame.org)

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