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Talk: Evolving a Local Living Economy

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Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Location: Lincoln Center - Ludlow Room

Can you imagine an economy that is truly life-serving? A local economy loyal to community, the natural world, and the global human family? A living economy based on creativity, connectivity, and the common good?

Gailmarie Kimmel is tapping into a nation-wide movement in new economics. Her passion for growing a local living economy (one that acts more like an ecosystem and less like an empire) comes from a deeply spiritual and practical commitment to Life.

She works with the non-profit "Rocky Mountain Sustainable Living Association (RMSLA) and last year launched the "BE LOCAL Coupon Book" which promotes locally-owned, independent enterprises in the Fort Collins area. Not your typical coupon book, BE LOCAL also acts as a guide to local sustainability choices. It features stories of new leadership and innovation, a mini-directory of quality craftsmen, and an "Eat Local" map of farmers, ranches, dairies and the local outlets for their products.

BE LOCAL has been warmly received by Fort Collins businesses and community. Building on this success, RMSLA will produce a second edition of "BE LOCAL" and initiate a BALLE Network (Business Alliance for Local Living Economies), joining an international alliance of 43 independently operated local business networks with more than 15,000 members dedicated to building Local Living Economies.

www.livingeconomies.org.

This work allows Gailmarie to integrate her academic degrees - B.S. Biology, M.Ed. in Adult Education and M.S. in Creation-based Spirituality – with a deep call to service. She brings over 30 years of experience as an educator in non-profit organizations and higher education. Most recently with CSU, she coordinated green building education for professionals and worked with the Colorado State Forest

Service on sustainable wood utilization and forest health. She is a co-author of 147 Tips for Teaching Sustainability (2006).

She welcomes your participation in this endeavor – it takes a town to grow a living economy!
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