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**Solstice Ritual at Alewife Reservation**

Environmental Artist Maya Apfelbaum, Rev. Lilia Cuervo and Tracker, Dave Brown help local Alewife communities face the realities of the silver maple forest death and  rebirth Saturday, December 20th beginning at 1:30 at Alewife Reservation in northwest Cambridge. "Facing the Reservation's future" is the theme of the Friends' Solstice at a time of equal light and darkness in this hemisphere. A "Truth Mandala" ceremony, designed by noted Buddhist, author, Joanna Macy, is planned around a small fire with masks and symbols to express feelings of sadness, anger, hope and peace. Songs, chants and poems are planned and the surrounding communities will be recognized. Participants are encouraged to bring instruments and a special poem. Families are welcome. At 3pm, wildlife specialist Dave Brown will lead walkers down the North Trail to face the realities of a removed forest and to discuss preservation of remaining habitat. Proper dress of long pants, gloves, hat and hiking boots are suggested with water bottle. Meet Cambridge, Acorn Park Drive, DCR Parking lot. From Alewife T cross LIttle River and into Reservation path. Sponsored by Friends of Alewife Reservation. 617 415-1884 for directions or information.