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**'THE KITE RUNNER' TO BE SHOWN FREE  
AT MINERAL POINT OPERA HOUSE**

**Fri., Jan. 28, 7 p.m.**

**Fri., Jan. 28, 7 p.m. (MINERAL POINT) FREE SHOWING OF THE "KITE RUNNER"**

A free showing of the Golden Globe-nominated film "The Kite Runner" is scheduled for Friday, January 28 at 7 p.m. at the Mineral Point Opera House. Everyone is welcome. "The Kite Runner" is the story of two Afghan childhood friends whose lives are torn apart by betrayal and war, yet in the end it is a heart-warming tale of redemption.

This event is part of the Uplands All-Community Read project. Moderating a discussion following the film will be Sanad Shah, a Pashto Language instructor at UW-Madison. Sanad Shah formerly taught at Govt. College in the Federally Administrated Tribal Areas (FATA) and the University of Peshawar in Pakistan. He returned to his native country in 2007 to develop English language skills for students of tribal areas of Pakistan.

The free showing of the film is sponsored by Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin and the Center for South Asia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a designated National Resource Center funded by the US Department of Education Title VI, and a member institute of the Division of International Studies.

**OTHER UPCOMING 'STONES INTO SCHOOLS' COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS**

\*\*\*\*Thurs., Jan. 27, 7 p.m. HOLLANDALE Library, 200 5<sup>TH</sup> Avenue. The discussion will continue from an earlier session (new folks welcome.)

\*\*\*\*Tues., Feb. 1, 7 p.m. COBB LIBRARY. Afghan artifacts and clothing to be shown.

\*\*\*\*Sat., Feb. 12, 10 a.m., SET IN STONE BOOKSTORE, Mineral Point. We'll be showing off Afghan artifacts and clothing.

"STONES INTO SCHOOLS" EVENTS ARE CONTINUALLY BEING ADDED

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or "friend" the "Uplands Stones into School" project  
on FACEBOOK

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=111840425539368#!/group.php?gid=111840425539368&v=wall>

**REMINDER:** Thurs., Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) **SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY BRAINSTORMING SESSION** If sustainability and a concern for the environment are issues of importance to you, please join the Sustain Iowa County group to brainstorm future local projects, including a discussion about the Sustain Iowa County Fair. LOCATION: Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church Fellowship Hall, 115 West Merrimac in Dodgeville. (Enter at side entrance on Main Street.) For more information about the Sustain Iowa County group, check out our website: [http://www.grassrootswi.org/sustain\\_iowa\\_county/](http://www.grassrootswi.org/sustain_iowa_county/)

**Sat., Feb. 19, 8:30 to 4 p.m. (Mazomanie) WISCONSIN PROGRESSIVE GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL** This all-day festival and workshop will be packed with speakers, breakout sessions, food and fun. The theme for the day is "Let's Move Forward." LOCATION: Wisconsin Heights High School, on Hwy. 14 between Black Earth and Mazomanie. Among the speakers will be the AFL-CIO's David Newby on the topic "Fighting for Economic Justice: America's Vanishing Middle Class"; David McCabe, "What's Undercutting American Democracy?"; Lisa Graves on "State of our Media"; Bruce Spieght on "The Role of Passenger Trains in our Future"; Dr. Robert Craig on "Healthcare Reform or Repeal?" and Kaja Rebane on "The Ongoing Effort to Firmly Establish That Money Isn't Speech." For more info, contact Nate Timm at 220-0139 or [nptimm@chorus.net](mailto:nptimm@chorus.net).

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