



Actions

1. **Protect Bumblebees: Deadline May 4.** The Trump administration's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering reauthorizing the use of a class of bee-killing pesticides, called neonicotinoids. These chemicals attack bees' central nervous systems, causing neurological damage and paralysis. Recent research has also found that baby bumblebees' brains are permanently and irreversibly damaged by feeding on pollen and nectar contaminated with neonicotinoids. This Earth Day, stand up for bees. Tell the EPA to ban the worst uses of neonicotinoids.

2. Rural and tribal communities are calling on TC Energy to **cancel the Keystone XL Pipeline** activity due to coronavirus public health threat. Please take action here on the critical issue and spread the word. #NoKXL

Events

1. **Drive Electric Earth Day Virtual Event: April 22, 2 PM.** Join the Electric Auto Association, Plug In America and the Sierra Club for a live virtual event on Earth Day, honoring clean electric vehicles and their positive impact on our planet's health. Designed for the EV curious, with live music, speakers, info on financial incentives, and videos. Register here, or set a reminder to watch on Facebook Live.

2. **Earth Day Live: April 22**, the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, will kick off a three consecutive day livestream that will bring together celebrities, activists, performers, and thought leaders for an empowering, inspiring, and communal digital experience. Sign up here to join Earth Day LIVE. Each day at noon will highlight local actions taking place across the U.S.. Sign up here for the local **Triangle Earth Day Live at noon on April 22** and sign up here for the local **Triangle Stop the Money Pipeline at noon on April 23**. Spread the word!

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3. Eco Story Hour from NC Interfaith Power and Light: Wednesdays at noon. Story hour will be held weekly on Wednesdays at noon on Facebook Live - here is the [Facebook link](#). You can hear the first story [here](#).

Inspiration

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

Kitty O'Meara is the poet laureate of the pandemic. Her untitled prose poem, which begins with the line, "And the people stayed home," has been shared countless times, on countless backgrounds, with countless fonts, since its first posting. It was most widely popularized by Deepak Chopra, and has since been shared by everyone from Bella Hadid to radio stations in Australia. The poem has become shorthand for a silver-linings perspective during the coronavirus outbreak — the hope that something good can come out of this collective state of "together, apart."

How Knitting Enthusiasts Are Using Their Craft to Visualize Climate Change

Read about the [Tempestry Project](#), which is a systematic way for knitters to depict weather and climate by using the same color yarns to depict temperature (see example below). If you're really inspired, you can order your own kit or simply follow the color key on your own. Or just enjoy!

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A Tempestry on view at the Schuylkill Center in Philadelphia (Courtesy of the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education)

