

Ahimsa Village Education Committee
Sustainability Series Lecture

***Challenges and Opportunities
for Traditional Communities
in the Amazon Rainforest***

Friday, February 15

Ahimsa Village, 4022 S. Eagle Valley Road, Julian, PA, 16844

6:00 pm – simple meal and gathering

7:00 pm – lecture, display and sale of Amazon handicrafts



Presenter: Dr. Campbell Plowden

Founder /President of the Center for Amazon Community Ecology

Indigenous and other traditional communities in the Amazon face intense pressures from loggers, ranchers, miners, and colonists. They also feel pressed to clear forest to improve their livelihoods. Some groups are trying to increase local income by harvesting and selling more non-timber forest products (NTFPs). This strategy has many potential benefits, but it also has many ecological, social and economic challenges.

Campbell Plowden has worked for tropical forest conservation since 1985 with groups including Greenpeace, Amazon Watch and the Environmental Investigation Agency. He spent two years with the Temb  Indians in the Brazilian Amazon studying the ecology, harvest and marketing of oils, resins, fruits and fibers. Last year, he founded the Center for Amazon Community Ecology to promote forest conservation and sustainable development in the Amazon. He recently returned from Peru where the Center is studying the ecology and harvest of copal resin and developing a project to support local handicraft makers.

The evening will begin with a simple meal for a \$5 donation. Please RSVP by February 10 if you plan to join us for dinner. After Dr. Plowden's presentation, attendees will be invited to view and purchase a variety of jewelry and other handicrafts made by traditional communities in Brazil and Peru. For more information about the Center see: www.amazonecology.org.

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