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MAUDE BARLOW, AUTHOR AND GLOBAL WATER EXPERT, TO SPEAK IN DURHAM SEPT. 24

BARRINGTON, NH – Save Our Groundwater (SOG) will host “An Evening with Maude Barlow” on Monday, September 24, 2012 at Fellowship Hall of the Community Church of Durham, located at 17 Main Street, Durham, NH from 6:30-9 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. There is free parking at the church.

Light supper refreshments will be served from 6:30-7 p.m. with the talk starting at 7 p.m.

Maude is known for her trail-blazing books *Blue Covenant: The Global Water Crisis and the Battle for the Right to Water* (2007) and *Blue Gold: The Fight to Stop the Corporate Theft of the World's Water* (co-written with Tony Clarke in 2002) and her dedicated activism at the global level to stop the privatization of water and make access to clean water and healthy sanitation a human right. In 2008-2009 she served as the First Senior Advisor on Water to the President of the United Nations General Assembly. On July 28, 2010, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a historic resolution recognizing the human right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation.

Maude hails from Ottawa and is the chair of the Council of Canadians—the nation’s largest citizens’ organization, founded in 1985, with chapters and members across the country.

SOG is celebrating eleven years of protecting water for people and the environment. SOG’s advocacy and educational work with local governments, community commissions, state legislators and other policy makers seeks to conserve water and to expand local community involvement in decisions about water.

“We are delighted to welcome back Maude Barlow, our friend and ally in water justice, to New Hampshire,” said Denise Hart, the clerk of SOG’s board. “Maude will bring her global perspective about water issues and offer solutions for the challenges ahead. We always learn from her talks and are inspired by her work in the world.”

The volunteer-run grassroots organization began in 2001 when a bottled water company sought to set up operations on 100 acres straddling the towns of Nottingham and Barrington in the Seacoast region and applied to withdraw more than 400,000 gallons/day of groundwater for export to Europe. Since then, not one bottle of water has been processed or sold from the site. The company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy (reorganization) in June 2008, which last month was converted to court-ordered Chapter 7 liquidation proceedings. An auction of the company’s assets is scheduled for September 28, 2012. For more information, please visit saveourgroundwater.org.

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