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# **ENDURING POWER: The Middle Eastern and Iranian Women's Story**

— *A Photography Exhibit & Film Series* —

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**AT:** the Resource Center for Nonviolence,  
612 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, CA

*Overview of EVENTS:*

## **Enduring Power Photography EXHIBIT:**

**November 2 – December 17, 2015.** Extended Exhibit **HOURS:** Sundays, 2-4PM, M-F noon – 4p.m. or by appointment, 831-423-1626.

**Enduring Power's** striking images represent the aspirations, fears and realities of women from Yemen, Egypt, Bahrain, Iran and Kuwait. Several female photographers of Middle Eastern backgrounds present an intimate and unique perspective of an otherwise private world to the American audience. *"These women are empowering themselves – against all obstacles. They are not weak or afraid. They are powerful and energized.... Let their stories be heard."* — Sina Araghi, curator.

## **Enduring Power FILM SERIES:**

- ❖ **Tuesday, December 1, 7:30PM: INTO THE SEA-** setting: *Baluchistan, IRAN.* Irish champion surfer Easkey Britton is joined by two pioneering Iranian sports women who use surfing as a tool for empowerment, self-expression, and bridging barriers.
- ❖ **FIRST FRIDAY Exhibit RECEPTION & FILMS: Friday, December 4, 6:00 – 9:00PM** at RCNV, 612 Ocean St., Santa Cruz. Two showings at **6:00 & 8:00PM** of several short films: *"The Trials of Spring."* Nine courageous women fighting for peace in a state of war in Yemen, Egypt, Bahrain, Libya, Tunisia and Syria. At **7:00PM, Tata Masud**, Founder and CEO of Senses Cultural, Davis, California, will speak about the exhibit. Light refreshments will be provided.
- ❖ **Thursday, December 10, 7:30PM: THE TRIALS OF SPRING feature-length film** about the strength of Egyptian women. When Hend Nafea travels from her village to Cairo to add her voice to the thousands of Egyptians demanding an end to 60 years of military rule, she is arrested, beaten, and tortured by security forces and later punished and imprisoned by her family for daring to speak out. Unbreakable, she sets out in a search for freedom and social justice. Shown in honor of International Human Rights Day.

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**For more information: [rcnv.org](http://rcnv.org) or 831-423-1626.**

