

Burma

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day by day, with beatings, hardly any food, no medical treatment, not even a blanket. No latrine. Living in darkness."

"A fellow prisoner in the next cell one day couldn't take it any more. He started screaming again and again, "Give me more food! I need enough to eat!" Then he banged his head against the wall so hard that he died. Another cellmate committed suicide."

"The military controlled my body, but not my mind," said the freedom fighter. "My mind belongs to me. Last year I came to the United States and I carry on my activities for the Burmese people. Everybody wants freedom. Please help us to save Burma! We request that the American people push for a United Nations res-

olution to recognize the 1990 election."

Journalist Maura Stephens, US spokesperson for the International Campaign for Freedom for Aung San Suu Kyi and Burma, as well as artist and filmmaker Jeffrey Karl Hellman so gave expansive presentations. Also, Kyi May Kaung, Burmese artist, poet, and Fullbright Fellowship recipient, participated via speakerphone.

Gallery director Eileen McTiernan thanked many people including Cabot Parsons, Carol Flaitz, Linda and Bob Domanoski, and the Kazlauskas family of New Canaan for donating airfare.

Food and wine were donated by Sukothai, Beacon Falls Cafe, El Burrito Mexican Restaurant, Yankee Clipper Diner, Cup & Saucer, Poppy's, Brother's Trattoria, Homespun Foods, Leon Cafe, Max's

on Main, and the Artisan Wine Shop.

"My wife and I ended up in Beacon as part of our first visit to the States," said participating artist Hego, of Westphalia, Germany. "As soon as we heard about this event we booked our flight, but could only stay for three days. So we flew to New York on Friday, came up to Beacon on Saturday, and we're leaving Monday! We wanted to do anything we could to help advance the cause of freedom in Burma."

According to Dr. Suu Kyi in her famed "Freedom from Fear" speech, "It is not power that corrupts, but fear. Fear of losing power corrupts those who wield it, and fear of the scourge of power corrupts those who are subject to it."

The show runs through March 8. For more information call 845-765-0214, or go to www.mirca-art.com, or www.uscampaignforburma.com.

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