

OCTOBER NEWS OF CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING

ANNUAL GATHERING

Pizza on the “beehive stone oven” will be our usual main dish. We welcome other dishes or snacks to accompany it. Bring instruments, poetry, voice and dancing feet. AND bring your ideas for next year’s workshops and ways you can participate. Our voluntary organization has a simple structure for busy people!

OTHER SUSTAINABLE LIVING EVENTS

October 6, 10am to 4pm “Green Homes Tour”, involving homes using solar and wind power. It will cover conservation methods and features of passive solar design. Self-guided tour is free and sponsored by the American Solar Energy Society and local Solar and Wind FX of Canandaigua.

October 13, 5pm to 11pm Seeking Common Ground’s “Decade Celebration”, Shimmering Light Farm, 6141 Hicks Rd., Naples, half way between Canandaigua and Naples off Rt. 21.

5 pm Reception featuring local wines, brews and cheeses Locavore Culinary entries
Silent Auction

5:30 Locavore Culinary Challenge -Those wanting to enter the recipe for their dish made of all local ingredients

6:15 Sit down pot luck dinner

7:00 Trip down “memory lane”....

8:00 All Night Ramblers Cajun Band

9:00 New Aliens, Cajun/zydeco band

Pre-register: 394-7610 or on-line www.seekingcommonground.org \$10 (kids free)
October 21, Sanctuary at Crowfield Farm, “Family Wilderness Weekend”, 2480 Arcadia Zurich Rd., Newark

Making cordage from available plants

Making friction fire

Building a survival shelter

Basket making

Flint knapping

Registration: Steve Aman, mlbobcat@msn.com, 315-331-8128 WORKSHOP
COMMENTARY

Bob Bradley's Thoughts on Sept. 19 workshop, "Leveraging Technology to Foster Sustainability"

The recent Center for Sustainable Living workshop on technology and sustainability, held at the Victor Free Library, was very informative. Dan Workman, the first presenter, talked about "E-waste", which is the term used to describe the accumulation of out-dated electronic devices such as computers and monitors, TV sets, and cell phones. He explained that these products of technology have toxic substances in them and require proper disassembly when they become outdated. Dan said that there are several companies in the Rochester area that will accept certain electronic devices for recycling. There is a cost to the consumer for this service, but it's a small price to pay for taking care of harmful substances. Dan also suggested that consumers ask the recycling companies about the procedures they use for recycling the toxic materials. Another promising aspect of this issue is that certain computer manufacturers are starting to accept their old out-dated products back from consumers for recycling. Folks should keep this in mind when making decisions about purchasing new devices. Anyone desiring an electronic copy of his resource sheets, "PC Recycling", contact Dan at bolobot@frontiernet.net

Ben Munson's presentation focused on the use of Web 2.0 Technology, and how this type of Internet communication can be used to promote ideas. The term Web 2.0 is used in an overall sense to cover all the recent developments in Internet social networking capabilities. Users of the Internet are now able to easily create blogs which can be used to post information about whatever issue the blogger desires. Well known examples include MySpace and YouTube. Ben explained that there are websites which allow anyone to create their own blog and upload text and photos to the blog. He's in the process of creating a blog on Urban Gardening, which will have his written thoughts as well as videos of various gardening activities. The purpose of the blog is to have a site where Ben can share his thoughts and experiences with anyone in the world who has Internet access and is interested in urban gardening. For people who are interested in creating a blog, Ben stressed the importance of making regular additions to the blog so that readers will continue to return to the site. Anyone interested in a electronic copy of "Internet Resources: Blogs, Websites and Sustainability Reading List" can contact Ben at benmunson@gmail.com.

ADVOCACY: "Ag Jobs"

Join farmworker organizations and others in support of "Ag Jobs". Though major immigration reform legislation was defeated, legislation entitled Ag Jobs (S.340/HR.371) would allow undocumented workers to stay permanently in this country by continuing to

work in agriculture. This bill has bi-partisan support, but emails and phone calls are critical. Call the Congressional office through 1-800-868-5530 and ask for your representative. For further information: www.ufwaction.org

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON OCTOBER 21 1-4PM AT OUR ANNUAL GATHERING, 1445 UPPER HILL RD., MIDDLESEX FOR INFORMATION: Kim at kk1177@hotmail.com, or Alison at accompost@gmail.com.