

DECEMBER CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING NEWS

Monday, Dec 10: "International Human Rights Day"

Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh St., Rochester. 5:15 Potluck , 6:30 Folksingers Bonnie Abrams and Allen Hopkins., followed by Reading of the UN Declaration of Human Rights and Environmental Covenant and Program: "Community out of Fear: Rochester in Black and White" with Kunde Gibson, NYS Div. of Human Rights, Bill Johnson, RIT Prof. and former Mayor of Rochester, and John Klofas, RIT Prof. of Criminal Justice. CSL is one of 96 co-sponsors...largest collaboration in the area!

T-V This weekend: "Interfaith Power and Light"

a topic of our Green Sanctuary Movement . Watch CNN Sunday Dec. 9 3-4pm, Headline News: Sunday Dec. 9: 4-4:30. Topic: Addressing climate change.

Saturday, Dec. 22: 7 pm., "Winter Solstice"

Unitarian Universalist of Canandaigua, Cooley. Rd., (just N. of Rts.5 & 20 W. at blinking yellow light) , Music, Storytelling, the Universe Story, Poetry....All ages welcome.

Saturday, Jan 19, 2-4 pm CSL Board Meeting. (followed by potluck)

All invited. Odonata Sanctuary, home of Steve Melcher and Cheryl Kelley and family, 20 Parrish Rd., Honeoye Falls. Agenda: Fleshing out the 2008 workshops from strawbale building and the bee crisis and their role in sustaining the environment, field trips to wetlands and green businesses, building a walking community and more. Contact Bill Bross with suggested offerings: wilperry@arochester.rr.com

Jan 25-27. Northeast Organic Farmers Assn. of NY (NOFA-NY) 26th Annual Conference,

"Organic Solutions: How Farmers, Gardeners, and Communities Nurture the Environment". Saratoga Hotel and Conference Center. 72 workshops, 3 keynoters on Animal Wellbeing, People's Grocery, and Vt. Valley Community Farm, music, dancing and great food. See www.nofany.org

RESOURCES:

We encourage you to check out these websites which will give you a better Idea of the underpinnings and origin of the CSL in building sustainable living.. Genesis Farm www.genesisfarm.org and the website of Connie Barlow and Michael Doud: www.thegreatstory.org We may have special events later in the year featuring these early leaders in "earth literacy" and "sustainable living"

The FARM BILL, largest piece of legislation to go before Congress every 5 years or so, is now before the Senate. It includes food stamps, labeling, conservation, foreign trade, commodities and more. We urge you to sign up on the alert list of the National Sustainable Agriculture Campaign; www.sustainableagriculture.com . One can sign up

for just the areas in; which you have interest. An example would be on labeling: COOL, Country of Origin Labeling = the right to know where your food comes from. This was passed in the last Farm Bill but was never implemented, so pressure is needed.

Also, being concerned with the huge loss of farmers, the Federal Milk Marketing Improvement Act, S1712, would give dairy farmers in all regions coverage of their cost of production. This is critical to stop the terrible loss of dairy farms and disintegration of rural communities. It costs \$30 per 100# of milk to produce and farmers receive in good times \$19 per 100# Pressure on our Senators could make a difference.

These are just examples, but the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture is making a difference because it brings together farm, environmental, consumer, faith, labor, and anti-poverty groups to listen to one another and advocate together. Do join the alert list.