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EARTHWAYS CENTER
 a division of the  MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
We promote sustainability through environmental education and improving the built environment.

Learn Green - Live Green - Special Festival Edition!

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Saturday, September 26, 2009

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

3600 block of Grandel Square in mid-town St. Louis

Free Admission -- Free Parking!

[Map and Directions.](#)

It's a giant Green street fair - featuring over 90 exhibits and demos! Our region's sustainable-living experts are ready to talk about YOUR projects, questions and ideas.

RESOURCES

- Green homebuilding, energy audits and home weatherization
- Alternative transportation and fuel options
- Renewable energy technologies
- Options for Green cleaning, landscaping, entertaining, and more!

28 EXPERT WORKSHOPS

- Solar electricity and water heating
- Rain gardening & composting
- Home energy efficiency
- Keeping backyard bees and chickens

FUN FOR KIDS

Build and race a solar car, paint a Metro bus, print a picture with sunlight, and more!

NEW THIS YEAR

Shop in good conscience at the Sustainable Stuff – [the Green Craft Fair.](#)

You can also enjoy Schlafly beer and tasty treats in the Local Food Court.

DANCING IN THE STREET

While you're in the neighborhood – enjoy this live, lively and *free* performing arts festival from 1 to 9 p.m. [Get details.](#)

Plenty to do Rain or Shine!

**All vendors are tented • Local Food Court is covered
 Green Craft Fair is indoors • Workshops are indoors**



Get complete event details by visiting www.greenhomesSTL.org or call (314) 577-0220 for more information

Volunteer at the Festival!

Volunteering at the Green Homes Festival is great way to begin learning about sustainable living.

Festival volunteers will:

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Work one 4-hour shift, options range from workshop monitors to kids' activity assistants – and more!

- Work with EWC's sustainability experts and our guest exhibitors and presenters

Festival volunteer benefits:

- Green Home Festival t-shirt (organic cotton)
- Food/beverage voucher
- Pass to attend the festival workshop of your choice
- TERRIFIC THANK YOU PARTY on October 1 at Schlafly Bottleworks

Questions?

Call Lauren at (314) 607-2624 or Rachel at (314) 210-7764.

Upcoming Programs – Adult Classes Offered by EarthWays Center



Back by popular demand, [Backyard Chickens Class](#) October 20 and February 9 – and during the Green Homes Festival on September 26.
Photo: Diana Linsley

2009-2010 Classes and Educational Opportunities

EWC's education programs explore sustainability through the investigation of energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy sources, solid waste reduction and recycling, green building, water conservation and air quality.

The Garden continues it's sustainability efforts by going GREEN with paperless registration for all of our classes!

EWC fall and winter offerings include *returning favorites* like "Cashing In On Home Comfort," composting and rainwater harvesting how-tos, and a field trip to a local landfill.

New this season:

- Sustainable Chocolate -- [Learn more.](#)
- Backyard Beekeeping! -- [Learn more.](#)

[View a list of all EarthWays Classes.](#)

Registration is required for all classes.

Featured Organizations



**Missouri Coalition
for the Environment**
Effective Citizen Action Since 1969

Celebrating 40 Years -

Protecting Clean Air, Clean Water and Missouri's Open Space

The Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE) is a non-profit, membership-supported organization working statewide for environmental protection. MCE addresses a wide range of environmental issues. Program areas include:

- **Renewable Energy, Air, & Toxics** – Helping Missouri transition to renewable and non-polluting energy sources; watch-dogging air quality to protect public health; promoting efficient and low-impact transportation systems; and protecting people from exposure to radioactive waste, lead and other mining wastes and other toxic substances.
- **Watershed Health** – Keeping Missouri's waterways clean enough for human recreation, so that rivers and lakes can maintain thriving native fisheries; and working to restore degraded aquatic ecosystems.
- **Open Space and Wildlife** – Ensuring that Missouri's public



Confluence of the River Des Peres and Mississippi River: the concrete culvert becomes a real stream again, but what's in that water? MCE works to remediate urban watershed problems.
Photo: Dale Dufer Studio

lands are managed to benefit wildlife and outdoor recreation; that imperiled species and their habitat are protected; that forests are managed in a sustainable fashion; and that extraction of the state's mineral resources does not harm the environment.

[Learn more.](#)

And join MCE's staff, board and membership on November 21 to **celebrate 40 years** of legal, legislative and educational accomplishments: anniversary celebration at Washington University's Steinberg Auditorium.

EarthWays Center Public Tours



3rd Saturday & Sunday each month / 11 a.m. • Noon • 1 p.m. • 2 p.m.

Upcoming tour weekends: October 17-18 • November 21-22 • December 19-20

Admission: \$3 per person. Missouri Botanical Garden Members and Children age 12 & under Free. No reservations or advance ticket purchase needed for public tour weekends.

For more information on the EarthWays Home Public Tour Days and examples of things you can see here visit [EarthWays Home Public Tour Days](#) online.

Note: This historic building is not wheelchair accessible. EarthWays Center is located in the Grand Center arts district of midtown St. Louis, not on the grounds of Missouri Botanical Garden. For a map to EWC, [click here](#). For directions during the I-64/Hwy 40 reconstruction, visit www.thenewi64.org.

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