



# EARTHWAYS CENTER

a division of the  MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

*We promote sustainability through environmental education and improving the built environment.*

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*An employee sorts textiles for recycling at Remains, Inc. Remains is a sponsor of the upcoming clothing upcycling event, [Swap-O-Rama-Rama](#), hosted by the Missouri History Museum on April 10th.  
Photo: Remains, Inc.*

## EARTHWAYS PROVIDES SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

*EWC education programs for youth and adults explore sustainability topics. Join us to investigate energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy sources, solid waste reduction and recycling, green building, water conservation, and air quality.*



**ST. LOUIS  
GREEN BUSINESS**

# CHALLENGE

The St. Louis RCGA will launch the [Green Business Challenge](#) February 14, running through 2010. Open to any RCGA member company. This friendly competition will regionally boost daily Green practices

through monthly how-to seminars and ongoing coaching by the Garden's EarthWays Center. Sign up and Green up!

# EARTHWAYS

## Living the Green Life

Last chance to visit the Garden's 150th anniversary celebration of technologies, products, and ideas to help you grow Green for fun, family, and a healthy future. **Exhibit closes March 14, 2010.**

[Learn more...](#)



### EARTHWAYS IMPROVES THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

*EarthWays Center programs focus on improving all aspects of our living and working environments. EWC is home to the U.S. Green Building Council—St. Louis Regional Chapter.*

Don't miss:  
**NET-ZERO HOME ENERGY WORKSHOP**  
 March 13–14, 2010

Learn to cut energy costs up to 50%—and power your home renewably! Dan Chiras, PhD, is author of over 20 books on practical energy saving and green building and now lives and teaches in Gerald, Missouri. This workshop's special discounted registration fee introduces Dan's wealth of resources to the St. Louis region. [Learn more...](#)



*Nationally-known energy expert Dan Chiras and his net-zero energy home. Photo: Evergreen Institute.*



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

*Take a Class—Take a Field Trip—Learn Green to Live Green with EWC!*

### 2010 CLASSES & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

EWC winter and spring offerings include returning favorites like “Cashing In On Home Comfort,” “Composting Expanded: Bokashi,” and rainwater harvesting how-to’s.

The Garden continues it’s sustainability efforts by going GREEN with **paperless registration** for all of our classes! [Learn more...](#)

#### New this season:

**Green Roof Basics** with Kelly Lockett  
of [Green Roof Blocks](#)  
Tuesday, February 16  
[Learn more...](#)



*Drought-loving sedum tops the Green Roof Pavilion in EWC’s urban garden.  
Photo: Green Roof Blocks.*

**Field Trip: Textile Recycling Facility**  
Friday, March 19  
[Learn more...](#)



*Employees sorting textiles for recycling at Remains, Inc. Photo: Remains, Inc.*



growing green awards  
honoring people + organizations transforming the built environment

***Nominations Now Open! Don't delay!  
Honor a person or organization today!***

**WHAT:** US Green Building Council–St. Louis Chapter's Second Annual **GROWING GREEN AWARDS**—celebrating individuals and organizations transforming the built environment.

**WHY:** Recognize achievements in seven categories: Corporate, Educator, Innovator, Government, Home Builder, Quietly Green, and Non-Profit (new in 2010!).

**WHEN:** Nominations are due electronically by **4 pm Central Standard Time on February 23, 2010** to [GrowingGreenAwards@gmail.com](mailto:GrowingGreenAwards@gmail.com). Awards Dinner will be held from 6–9 pm on March 31, 2010.

[Learn More...](#)

## FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS

### **Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts**

*EWC's neighbor in Grand Center*

Gordon Matta-Clark used neglected structures slated for demolition as his raw material. He carved out sections of buildings in order to reveal their hidden constructions, to provide new ways of perceiving space, and to create metaphors for the human condition. The placement of Matta-Clark's work in the Pulitzer's building by Tadao Ando offers the means to recall the artist's lost interventions. Moreover, the Pulitzer's exhibition programming builds upon Matta-Clark's desire to give abandoned objects and buildings new meaning by connecting the artist's social activism to present-day St. Louis. [Learn more...](#)



**URBAN ALCHEMY**  
**GORDON MATTA-CLARK**

*Credit: The Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts.*

**WHAT: URBAN ALCHEMY/GORDON MATTA-CLARK**

**WHEN: October 30, 2009–June 5, 2010**

**WHERE: The Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts  
3716 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108**

### **Show-Me Solar**



**Show-Me Solar** is a grassroots non-profit, based in Columbia, Missouri, working to educate the general public about the benefits of solar living and to boost use of solar energy across the state. Empower yourself with affordable and FREE resources including hands-on workshops, webinars, and an annual Solar Homes Tour.

## EARTHWAYS CENTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*EarthWays Center Seeks Volunteers to Learn and Teach About Sustainability*

We have opportunities for volunteers to help with tours and special events on a monthly basis. The only requirement is a minimum of four hours of your time every three months—we'll teach you the rest! We need help during the week, on weekends, and an occasional evening. This is a wonderful way to become even more knowledgeable about sustainable living—and to feel good about spreading the word! An EarthWays shirt and name badge will be provided for regular volunteers when one-day training is completed. Come help make a difference!

### **Featured opportunity:**

EWC is gearing up for a busy spring season of community outreach! Volunteers needed to assist with tabling at various events and teach attendees about the importance of resource conservation & eco-friendly options for daily living. Here we come, Earth Day!

If you're interested in helping, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Katy Mike Smaistrla via email at [KatyMike.Smaistrla@robot.org](mailto:KatyMike.Smaistrla@robot.org).



*Volunteers Katie Newman and Sue Onnen help at the EWC booth during the [Missouri History Museum's Green Living Expo](#) this past December. Photo: Kim Petzing.*

## EARTHWAYS CENTER PUBLIC TOURS



Visitors tour EarthWays Home.

Visit the EarthWays Home with your family and friends—explore many ways to live more sustainably in your own home! No reservations necessary—free for MBG members.

Upcoming Public Tour weekends:

- **February 20 & 21** / Theme: *Here Comes the Sun*
- **March 20 & 21** / Theme: *Down the Drain*
- **April 17 & 18** / Theme: *Urban Renewal*

**WHAT: EARTHWAYS CENTER PUBLIC TOURS**

**WHEN: 3rd Saturday & Sunday of each month;  
11 AM • Noon • 1 PM • 2 PM**

**WHERE: EarthWays Center  
3617 Grandel Square, St. Louis 63108**

**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.**

[Learn more about EarthWays Home Public Tour Days and examples of things you can see at EarthWays Home.](#)

*Note: This historic building is not wheelchair accessible. EarthWays Center is located in the Grand Center arts district of mid-town St. Louis, not on the grounds of Missouri Botanical Garden. [View EarthWays Center map.](#)*

**NEW!**

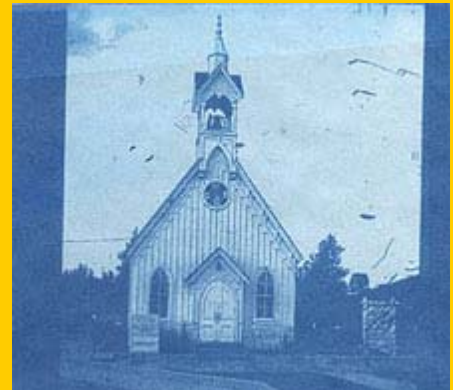
### Themed Public Tour Weekends

Each month's tours will focus on a different theme with particular attention given to that topic in addition to the general tour. Pick a theme you're interested in and come on down!

For example:

#### **February 20 & 21**

Theme: *Here Comes the Sun*  
Experts will be on hand to describe and demonstrate how solar energy works, and kids can take unique pictures using a film process known as **cyanography**.



*Cyanotype picture of an unknown building: This photography uses the sun's energy to develop the pictures and is named due to the cyan-blue color of development. Photo: Katy Mike Smaistrla.*

## GREEN ON THE GO

*EWC People & Programs in the News*

**Ongoing:**

[Your 2010 Green Resolutions in the Garden's exhibit "EarthWays—Living the Green Life" resolution wall created by HOK](#)

**Ongoing:**

["Green Jean" Ponzi's Q & A feature and Green Living podcasts ecolifeSTL.com](#)

**March 11, 2010:**

[Jean Ponzi panelist for KETC-TV's Community Cinema Series "Dirt"](#)  
*Missouri History Museum*

**January 14, 2010:**

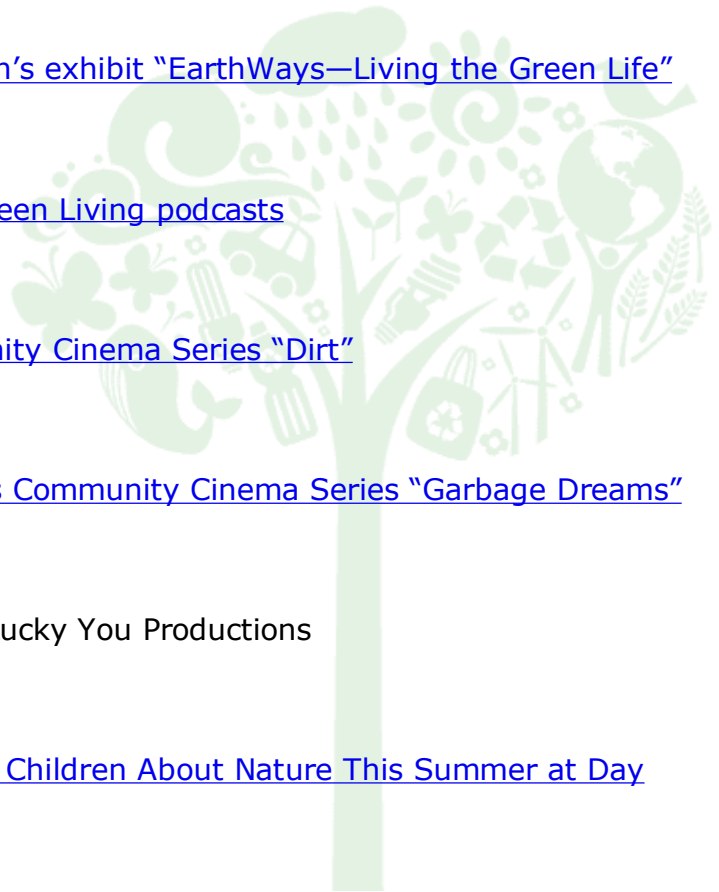
[Katy Mike Smaistrla panelist for KETC-TV's Community Cinema Series "Garbage Dreams"](#)  
*Missouri History Museum*

**January 2010:**

["Dynamic Duo"](#)—EWC praised by partner Lucky You Productions  
*Alive Magazine*

**December 1, 2009:**

[Let Missouri Botanical Gardens Teach Your Children About Nature This Summer at Day Camp](#)  
*Zoo and Aquarium Visitor*



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