



EARTHWAYS CENTER

a division of the  MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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

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Sculptor Agnieszka Gradzik of the Tree Hugger Project at work. [EWC is co-presenting the Tree Hugger Project on April 23, 2010.](#) Photo: Tree Hugger Project

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.

CAMP EARTHWAYS: YOUNG GREEN BUILDERS

Students ages 10–13 create a fantasy green home from the inside out, interact with green building professionals, and hop aboard public transportation to discover new neighborhoods and homes. During the optional second week, campers will visit new sites, explore green careers, and put their skills to the test with a hands-on project.

SESSION 1: July 12–16, 2010

SESSION 2: July 19–23, 2010

COST: \$170 members; \$185 nonmembers

Discounted rate if booking both weeks: \$290 members; \$320 nonmembers

[Learn more...](#)



Two campers from the "CAMP EWC: Young Green Builders" program collaborate on building a model of their ideal community! Photo: Katy Mike Smaistrila.

ENERGY CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

Spend four days learning about energy production and use in the bi-state region as we take behind-the-scenes tours of a coal power plant, wind turbine, dam, landfill, biomass facility, oil refinery, and other places in the bi-state region where energy is produced.

FOR: K-12 educators

CREDIT OPTION: 3 credits

WHEN: June 21-24, 2010

COST: \$200 (includes meals and transportation)

[View tentative schedule and registration information.](#)



2009 Energy Institute participants visit Bagnell Dam and see one of the original water turbines up close. Photo: Julian Lo.

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.

ST. LOUIS TOUR OF GREEN HOMES

Saturday, June 19, 2010;
Noon to 4 p.m.
FREE!

Building a new home? Planning a home-improvement project? See options for saving energy and water, protecting indoor air quality, conserving building materials—in high-performance certified-Green homes.

New and rehabbed homes will be open for self-guiding tours. Missouri and Illinois home locations will be posted online—visit as many as you like.

Sites will be staffed by our region's Green builders and product and home systems experts to answer your questions about sustainable building.

Hosted by [EarthWays Center](#), [St. Louis Homebuilders' Association](#), and [U.S. Green Building Council—St. Louis Regional Chapter](#).

Learn Green to Live Green—in your biggest investment!

[Learn More...](#)



An independently-certified Green home looks like a conventional home—until you look at the high-performance features! Photo: Jean Ponzi.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

2010 CLASSES & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

EWC spring and summer offerings include returning favorites like “Planning Your New Green Home,” “Composting Completely,” and rain barrel 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:

Rain Barrel Workshop with members of the [River des Peres Watershed Coalition](#)
Saturday, May 8
[Learn more...](#)



River des Peres Watershed Coalition volunteers train EWC staff and volunteers to make a rain barrel. Photo: Kim Petzing.

Special Social Event: Habitat Build Day
Saturday, June 12
[Learn more...](#)



Roof work at Habitat for Humanity Summer 2009 Build Site. Photo: Katy Mike Smaistrila.

With our partners at The Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts

“URBAN ALCHEMY” PROJECT CULMINATION

See work by students involved in the outreach efforts of the exhibit.

WHAT: [Transformation Project Walk](#)

WHEN: Saturday, May 15; 3 to 7 p.m.

WHERE: First stop: The Pulitzer at 3716 Washington Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

Pick up a map to explore the various project sites including EWC via shuttle

ADMISSION: FREE and open to the public.



URBAN ALCHEMY GORDON MATTA-CLARK

Artwork by Gordon Matta-Clark in the Urban Alchemy exhibit. Photo: The Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts.



A spectacular rainbow welcomed Green Homes Festival attendees in 2009. Beneath it is the Metro Arts in Transit art bus painted during the event. Photo: Rob Thurman.

GREEN HOMES FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 25, 2010; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
3600 block of Grandel Square in mid-town St. Louis

This family-friendly Green street fair features over 90 exhibits and demos by our region's sustainable-living experts.

You'll find resources for:

- Green homebuilding, alternative transportation, and renewable energy technologies
- Expert workshops (New offerings for children!)
- Green Marketplace of local crafters and farmers markets

[Exhibitor and Sponsor opportunities](#) available soon.

[Learn More...](#)



FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS

EARTH DAY EVENTS AROUND TOWN!

WHAT: **Washington River Festival & Clean-up**

WHEN: Saturday, April 17; Festival: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;

Clean-up: 9 a.m. to noon

WHERE: James W. Rennick Riverfront Park, Washington, MO

ADMISSION: FREE and open to the public

<http://www.riverrelief.org>



WHAT: **The Living Building Challenge Road Show**

WHEN: Wednesday, April 21; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Learning Living Center at Washington University's Tyson Research Center, 6750 Tyson Valley Road, Eureka, MO 63025

ADMISSION: Advanced registration required

<http://ilbi.org/education/events/stlouis>



WHAT: **Green Ball** to benefit Missouri Botanical Garden's EarthWays Center

WHEN: Friday, April 23; 7 to 11 p.m.

WHERE: Hosted by The Moonrise Hotel, 6177 Delmar, St. Louis, MO 63112 (in The Loop)

ADMISSION: \$60 per person / Creative Green Attire

<http://www.moonrisehotel.com/greenball>



WHAT: **Earth Day at the Garden with EarthShare:**

terrific environmental learning resources!

WHEN: Saturday, April 24; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110

ADMISSION: Included with regular Garden admission; Garden members FREE

<http://www.earthsharemo.org>



WHAT: **St. Louis Earth Day Festival** with over 120 exhibitors, entertainment all day, children's area. Our region's oldest, largest Earth Day event—celebrating 40 years of Earth Day in 2010!

WHEN: Sunday, April 25; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

WHERE: Forest Park at the Muny Grounds

ADMISSION: FREE and open to the Public. (Volunteers wanted! See [website](#) for details)

<http://www.stlouisearthday.org>



EARTHWAYS CENTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

EarthWays Center Seeks Volunteers to Learn and Teach About Sustainability

JIM YOUNG NAMED GREEN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!

Please join us in recognizing Jim Young as Missouri Botanical Garden's Green Volunteer of the Year! Jim is the longest-serving volunteer assisting at the EarthWays Center and he is quite a tour guide. He's quick to identify the kind of information visitors are seeking, and he artfully tailors his tours to explain helpful hints related to their concerns. He is one of the people we encourage new docents to shadow and emulate.



Green Volunteer of the Year Jim Young interprets energy efficiency during a Public Tour weekend. Photo: EWC staff.

What makes Jim so adept at promoting sustainability is that he is a role model when it comes to green practices. He is notably doing his best to live as simply and sustainably as possible, and sharing his story with visitors and staff inspires them to do the same.

If you're interested in volunteering with EarthWays Center, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Katy Mike Smaistrla via email at KatyMike.Smaistrla@robot.org.

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:

- **April 17 & 18** / Theme: *Urban Renewal*
- **May 15 & 16** / Theme: *Right Plant, Right Place*
- **June 19 & 20** / Theme: *Green Homes Tour*

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:

April 17 & 18

Theme: *Urban Renewal*

We will focus on the possibilities of recycling buildings and recycling neighborhoods, using the history of the EWC physical building as well as the Pulitzer [Urban Alchemy exhibit](#).



The Urban Alchemy exhibit highlights the artist's desire to give abandoned objects and buildings new meaning by connecting his social activism to present-day St. Louis. Photo: The Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts.

GREEN ON THE GO

EWC People & Programs in the News

Ongoing:

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

ecolifeSTL.com

March 24, 2010:

[Sustainability and the Arts](#)—EWC's Green Resources Manager Jean Ponzi moderated a panel of artists and curators for the "Urban Alchemy" exhibition by Gordon Matta Clark.

[The Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts \(pulitzerarts.org\)](http://ThePulitzerFoundation.org)

April 14, 2010:

[Making Solar Electricity Affordable](#) co-hosted by Katy Mike Smaistrle, EWC's Education and Volunteer Coordinator

stlgreendrinks.org

April 23, 2010:

[The TreeHugger Project](#) will be presented to area schools and civic groups by partners EarthWays Center, the Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association, and AmerenUE

www.treehuggerproject.com

