



# EARTHWAYS CENTER

a division of the MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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

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Participants prepare for solar car races at 2009 Green Homes Festival. Photo: © Kathryn T Lebbon

## GREEN HOMES FESTIVAL



A spectacular rainbow welcomed Green Homes Festival attendees in 2009. Beneath it is the Metro Arts in Transit 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  
Free admission and parking!

This family-friendly Green street fair features over 90 exhibits and demos by our region's sustainable-living experts, ready to talk about YOUR projects, questions, and ideas.

#### Highlights:

- Green homebuilding, alternative transportation, and renewable energy

technologies

- Paint a Metro Arts in Transit bus with an eco-themed mural alongside nationally-recognized artist [Charles E. Houska](#)
- ["Made From Scratch" Green Marketplace](#) of local crafters and farmers
- Bike Valet provided by [St. Louis Bicycle Federation](#)
- Part of the [ASES National Solar Tour](#)

Plenty to do rain or shine: all vendors are tented; local food court and green marketplace is covered; and workshops are indoors.

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

[Exhibitor and Sponsor opportunities](#) available through September 9, 2010.

[Learn More...](#)

## 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.*

### ANNUAL GREEN HOMES FESTIVAL TO FEATURE 26 WORKSHOPS

Local experts offer practical, hands-on tips to green your life.

Hourly workshops from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. will cover more than 20 topics ranging from beekeeping to composting, green cleaning to electric cars, solar power to backyard chickens, sustainable gardening practices to financing home energy improvements, and more!

Purchase a \$10 wristband to attend any combination of workshops throughout the day, or a \$5 single-session ticket.

Festival workshops to be announced September 1, 2010. [Learn more...](#)



*Workshop attendees learn about raising chickens during one of the workshops at the 2009 Green Homes Festival.*

## 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.*

### GREEN YOUR HOME

"Green" can grow your biggest investment—your home—even in this economy! From basic leak-stopping weatherization to renewable energy conversions, you'll build your knowledge base and find skilled local businesses to work with you, at the [Green Homes Festival](#). Learn to make best use of federal, state, and local [tax incentives](#) and product rebates, to save money as you invest in energy savings!



*The Home Performance with Energy Star wall exhibit models common energy leaks and fixes staffed by local energy experts! See it at the Green Homes Festival. Photo: EWC staff.*

## SUPER SOLAR CONNECTION

EarthWays Center and the Green Homes Festival are sites on the [2010 National Solar Tour](#), sponsored by the American Solar Energy Society. Volunteers from [Show-Me Solar](#) will share their expertise and interpret EWC's own solar-electric system during Festival hours.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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

### 2010 CLASSES & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

EWC summer and fall adult class offerings include returning favorites like "Preserving the Harvest," "Cashing in on Home Comfort," and composting how-to's.

The Garden continues its sustainability efforts by going GREEN with **paperless registration** for all of our classes! [See full class listings and learn more...](#)

#### New this season:

##### **More About Seed: Seed Saving and Starting Seed**

Tuesday, September 21

[Learn more...](#)



*Take part in the entire growth cycle of your garden—starting with the seeds*  
Photo: EWC staff.

##### **Three Season Vegetable Gardening**

Tuesday, October 12

[Learn more...](#)



*Extend your growing season to have fresh veggies on your table even longer!*  
Photo: EWC staff.

## HELP EARTHWAYS CENTER RAISE FUNDING

On September 16, 2010, [Whole Foods Market](#) will donate 5% of all sales from two stores to EWC! Our staff will also be there, providing education and activities about saving energy, water and more! Mark your calendar to stock up—or just pick up lunch—at either participating Whole Foods locations. See you there!



WHAT: Whole Foods Market 5% Day—Community Giving

WHEN: Thursday, September 16, 2010; 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

WHERE: [Galleria and Town & Country Whole Foods Markets](#)

## FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS

### THE MISSOURI COALITION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

[The Missouri Coalition for the Environment](#) (MCE), a state-based, membership-supported organization, has worked since 1969 for environmental protection. Their main programs include:



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

- Clean Energy—The Renew Missouri project advances efficiency and renewable

energy in Missouri. Visit [www.RenewMO.org](http://www.RenewMO.org) for more information.

- Clean Water—The Clean Water program strengthens protections to make all Missouri waters healthy and safe.
- Protection of Public Land—The Public Lands program preserves parks, forests, and natural treasures from pollution and destruction.

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## LUCKY YOU PRODUCTIONS

[Lucky You Productions](#) specializes in small and large events, weddings and floral design. Owner, Rachel McCalla has created, planned, organized, and designed events professionally for fourteen years. An avid eco-devotee since the age of twelve, Rachel uses her knowledge and experience of earth-friendly practices to plan Green weddings and events as well.



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## FIRST EVER FOOD AND FARMERS EXPO SET FOR SEPTEMBER 19

The Healthy Planet magazine is partnering with Farm to Family Naturally, to present an event that will entertain, inform, offer delicious farm foods and leave attendees feeling much more in touch with the farmers who grow their food. Exhibits, demonstrations and classes are planned to inform attendees about the food they eat while engaging them in interactive displays.



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**Farm to Family Naturally LLC**

WHAT: [Food and Farmers Expo](#)

WHEN: Sunday, September 19, 2010; 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

WHERE: Webster Groves Recreation Complex at 33 East Glendale Road

## EARTHWAYS CENTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

### CALL FOR GREEN HOMES FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS!

On Saturday, September 25, 2010 Grandel Square (in beautiful Grand Center), the urban home of the EarthWays Center, will become an exciting Green Street Promenade of exhibitors, green vendors, and children's activities.

**We need individuals to cover the day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. WE NEED YOU!!!**

In exchange for a 4-hour shift, volunteers will receive:

- Complimentary parking
- A funky sustainably made T-shirt
- Voucher for one free workshop admission
- Beverages throughout the day
- \$5 in food vouchers redeemable at the festival's food court
- An invitation to the follow-up thank you party at [Schlafly Bottleworks!](#)

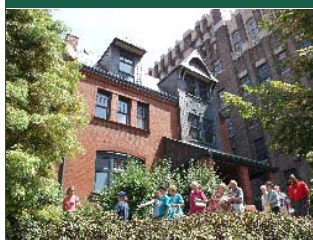


*Volunteers Lindsay and Jessica greet attendees with programs and FREE reusable tote bags at the 2009 Green Homes Festival. Photo: Rob Thurman*

SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT TODAY! And learn more about all the excitement happening on September 25th at the [Green Homes Festival](#).

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

- **August 21 & 22** / Theme: *Urban Homesteading*
- **September 18 & 19** / Theme: *Green Homes Festival Sneak Peek*
- **October 16 & 17** / Theme: *Energy Awareness*

**WHAT:** EARTHWAYS CENTER PUBLIC TOURS

**WHEN:** 3rd Saturday & Sunday 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:

#### August 21 & 22

Theme: *Urban Homesteading*  
We will focus on this hot trend! Are you interested in keeping bees? Raising chickens? Growing tomatoes? Preserving your veggies? See how it's possible to settle on an ordinary city lot in a sustainable way.



A family observes the activity of a thriving honey bee hive at the 2009 Green Homes Festival. Photo: Heather Marie Osborne.

## GREEN ON THE GO

*EWC People & Programs in the News*

### Ongoing:

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

### May 26, 2010:

[Construction Career Center Program Concludes](#), Katy Mike Smaistrila, Education Coordinator, interviewed in video recap.  
*Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts BLOG ARCHIVES*

### Summer 2010:

[Sustainable Schools: Learning Green—In Greener Buildings](#)  
*Missouri Botanical Garden's BULLETIN*

### June 19, 2010:

[Reducing Our Dependence on Oil. Every Day To Do's](#), Jean Ponzi, Green Resources Manager  
*KMOV Channel 4 – Extra Edition*

### July 2010:

Jean Ponzi featured in [ARCHETYPES](#)

July 27, 2010:

[Burp the Jars to Save the Beets](#) article—EWC teaches preserving and canning

*Suburban Journals*