



EARTHWAYS CENTER

a division of the  MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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

DOCENT UPDATES APRIL 2007

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the first EarthWays Docent Update List! We'll be sending these out periodically in hopes of keeping you up to date without filling your email boxes. Hope you all are well. Let us know what you think!

SITE NEWS – EarthWays Home is a model of energy and resource efficiency

- The kitchen insulation cut-aways were replaced, and although the cellulose looks slightly different, it still has all of the original properties. It was replaced because the old insulation appeared to have fallen or slipped down, which misrepresented the product, according to the great guys over at Fiberlite Technologies.
- The sedum on green roof blocks is growing away! New handouts on green roof blocks can be found upstairs on the windowsill in the conference room.
- Energy Bikes – two of them have been ordered! More info to come when they arrive.
- The model toilet is scheduled to be repaired on Thursday, April 12. It should be in working order by the April public tour weekend.
- Flowering Quince on the front porch invites guests inside! Many thanks to Jean for the new plants on the porch.
- The sidewalk trash can has returned.

SAFETY UPDATE – Did you know the west staircase is the fire rated stairwell? In the event of a fire head to those stairs to exit the building. Also – new first aid equipment has been added to the first aid supplies located in the bottom file cabinet drawer of the closet outside of Glenda's office.

PROGRAM NEWS – EarthWays Center promotes sustainability through environmental education and improving the built environment

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

- Julia's students will be presenting on their Missouri Schools Going Solar program at the Garden on Monday, April 16th.
- This month Katy Mike will be partnering with St. Louis SCORES, a soccer & poetry after school program. In addition to making recycled poetry, several of these St. Louis public schools will adopt recycling or composting as their service project.
- "Detox your Domicile" is currently being aired on the Higher Education Cable Channel. If you don't get cable, wait for the dvd version to be released to your local library.
- Camp EarthWays is still accepting registrations – pass the word!!

- “Art & Your Recycle Bin: Paper.” This adult education class is part of a series of workshops looking at the artistic properties of the various materials in your recycle bin. This month we’ll focus on paper and make greeting cards & other projects with Sage Paper Store on Tuesday, April 17th from 6:30-9:00pm.

IMPROVING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- EarthWays received the grant for “Home Performance with ENERGY STAR.” Glenda is looking for more contractors to expand the program in both MO and IL.
- The EarthWays is seeing a rising interest in its GREEN Homes programming and more classes will be added in the future.
- Look for the article in this month’s MBG Bulletin about how the “USGBC-STL grows green buildings!”

GREATER GARDEN NEWS

- Children’s Garden opened April 1. Tuesdays are now free for all Garden Members to enter the Children’s Garden.
- Tower Grove House is also now free – take a tour and check out all the new work in Henry Shaw’s beautiful home on Garden grounds
- Chapungu exhibit at the Garden opens April 28. Be sure to check it out the 2007 art exhibit.

EWC CALENDAR NEEDS

- EWC Public Tour Weekend! We still need people to sign up for April’s open house public tour weekend! As a special Earth Day activity, visitors will be able to make “green” homemade household cleaners to take home.
- As of right now, it appears that we have enough volunteers to help Jean with the EWC booth at the Earth Day Festival in Forest Park.
- Because April is such a busy month at EWC, we have a need for assistance with weekday school tours.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Hunter Lovins. 10:00-11:00am, Thursday, April 5th at Washington University’s Gargoyle Auditorium in the Mallinckrodt Student Center. She’ll be presenting on the “The Business Case for Protecting the Environment.”
- April Green Drinks. 6:30 –9:00pm, April 17th at the Home Eco Store. This month will celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the St. Louis Chapter of Green Drinks.

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EarthWays Home Public Tours:

3rd Saturday & Sunday each month at 11 am • Noon • 1 pm • 2 pm; Admission: \$2 per person, Missouri Botanical Garden. Members and Children Age 12 & Under Free

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