



EARTHWAYS CENTER

a division of the  MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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

DOCENT UPDATES DECEMBER 2007 – JANUARY 2008

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the EarthWays Docent Update List! We send these out periodically in hopes of keeping you up to date without filling your email boxes. Hope you all are well!

EWC CALENDAR NEEDS

- EWC Public Tour Weekends! We still need people to sign up for the **December 15-16th & January 19-20th** open house public tour weekends! Please let Katy Mike know of your availability.
- Please note there are training sessions for new volunteers scheduled before the January and February Saturday tours. If you know of anyone interested in volunteering, please send them our way!
- Mark your calendars now! The 2008 Docent Schedule of Events is out; please check with Katy Mike if you haven't received one electronically yet. The first event listed is the next volunteer meeting, scheduled for **January 8th**, at DCAL Services.
- **January 31st** is the EarthWays Winter Gala! Please let us know if you'll be attending, or if you would like to help with the set-up.

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

- The front stairs leading up to the house have been made a little safer after the application of a special adhesive. The other concrete steps will still be very, very slick when they get icy, so be sure to remind visitors to watch their step out there. There will be a shovel and bucket of sand in the foyer should they need extra attention.
- The holiday decorations are up, and the lights serve as a great talking point about LED technology and energy conservation. There are even handouts available about LED holiday lights in the dining room.
- Please note that Highway 40 may not be accessible and that you may need to re-route your path as you travel in to the EarthWays Center. Expect congestion around the closing of the Kingshighway Bridge (especially during the December public tour weekend, of course!) if you typically travel in from that direction.

SAFETY UPDATE – Did you know we have a CPR shield? It's located in the file cabinet with the first aid equipment. This file cabinet with the first aid equipment is located in closet next to Glenda's office on the second floor.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

- A new line-up of adult education classes has gone to presses for the Spring MBG brochure. This fall, EarthWays will be hosting a number of exciting new workshops, so please let us know if you are interested in attending or assisting with any of them.

IMPROVING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- A new line-up of 2008 USGBC programs is also out. Please refer to the USGBC-STL website for more information about these upcoming programs on various green building topics.

GREATER GARDEN NEWS

- The Garden Gate Shop and Little Shop Around the Corner are offering a holiday sale that will run through Dec. 16th. All volunteers will receive 30% off. Be sure to bring your MBG id badge!
- The MBG Staff & Volunteer Holiday Party will be held Wednesday, December 19th at 8:30am in Ridgeway Hall.
- The Gardenland Express, the holiday flower and train show, will run through January 1st. This year's Gardenland Express will feature a national park theme, with the Old Faithful geyser as the centerpiece, surrounded by a miniature landscape of living plants and hundreds of poinsettias.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Monthly Green Drinks, 6:30 –9:00pm. The December event will be held on **December 18th** at Alandale's in Kirkwood, and the topic is "Spiritual Means, Sustainable Ends."
- Peggy Kachulis, a long-time EarthWays volunteer, has alerted us that on December 16th her church will be hosting an Advent Fair as an alternative gift-giving opportunity. Please contact her directly for more information.

If you have questions about any of these EarthWays docent updates, please don't hesitate to contact Katy Mike at katymike.smaistr@robot.org.