

Dear Friends of Simplicity,

This is the Simplicity Matters Earth Institute Monthly Announcement for **March 2008**. It is going out to over **1,440 people**. If you do not want to receive this once-a-month email in the future, simply hit "reply" and ask to be removed.

Please also remember that if you prefer not to read this announcement in email form, you can always access it on the web at www.simplicity-matters.org/announcements/

We also have a YahooGroup, called "DCMetroSimplifiers," with about 235 members, if you want to be involved during the month in an "interactive dialogue." You can subscribe from our homepage, www.simplicity-matters.org.

For our friends in Baltimore, there is also a new YahooGroup called "Green City Baltimore," with similar interactive opportunities and about 65 members. You can also subscribe from our homepage.

The announcement is organized into five sections:

- 1.) Second Sunday Forum & Baltimore Green Forum
- 2.) Discussion Circle Update
- 3.) Community Events & Action Opportunities
- 4.) Looking ahead to April and Beyond
- 5.) Action Opportunities & Tidbits

Don't forget to check out the announcements below from our partners: AGWS (March 5), CCAN (March 22), GWIPL (Lenten Carbon Fast) and CNAD (Take Back My TV).

Thanks to this month's editor, Betty Wells

SECOND SUNDAY FORUM

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Sunday, March 9, 2008, 6:30-8:30 PM

"Escape From Affluenza" Video showing followed by discussion

Have you been suffering from "affluenza," an epidemic of stress, overwork, waste and indebtedness? Escape from Affluenza shows practical solutions for how some Americans are calling a halt to keeping up with the Joneses, and achieving a more balanced life. Join us to watch this entertaining one-hour PBS special, followed by an informal discussion.

Where: in a private home in Bethesda, within walking distance of the Medical Center metro (Red Line), close to I-495 and Wisconsin Avenue.

To RSVP (required): Call Marney at (301) 652-0492 or e-mail [forum@simplicity-](mailto:forum@simplicity-matters.org)

matters.org. Please include your phone number in your message.

Help us publicize this event! Download and post a flier (PDF, 190 KB) in your workplace or neighborhood! Go to www.simplicity-matters.org

SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendars for our next Bethesda forum on April 13, 2008

(following our SimpliciTea honoring Simplicity Matters Earth Institute volunteers)
"Food for Life," with Lena Rotenberg

BALTIMORE GREEN FORUM

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Sunday March 30, 2008 (generally the last Sunday of each month)

4:30 - 6:30 PM

MD Presbyterian Church, 1105 Providence Road, Towson, 21286

<http://www.mpchurch.org/directions.htm>

This month's theme: **Supporting Local, Organic, and Sustainable Food Sources**

25 minute film: "The Organic Opportunity/Local Organic Food as Economic Development in Woodbury County, Iowa" tells the story of the first county in the U.S. to promote local organic agriculture as economic development. In 2005, Woodbury County started offering tax rebates to farmers who transitioned to organic agriculture. In 2006, the county became the first in the nation to mandate the purchase of locally grown organic food by county institutions. Produced by The Center for Economic Security.

Speakers: **Brett Bixler**, local roaster of fair trade sustainable coffee, and **Renee Brooks Catacalos**, publisher and editor of Edible Chesapeake: a quarterly magazine celebrating the Abundance of Local Food. Discussion to follow.

A monthly educational forum on climate and environmental issues on the last Sunday of each month, open to the public, free of charge. Formed in our local area in late 2007, the forum features speakers or videos, always with discussion and fellowship.

The Baltimore Green Forum is co-sponsored by Simplicity Matters Earth Institute, Green City Baltimore, Hooked on Nature, Network of Spiritual Progressives, Baltimore Climate Action Network, Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network, and MD League of Conservation Voters Education Fund. Literature will be available about numerous "green" Baltimore organizations.

For questions, to co-sponsor, or to RSVP, contact Diane,
baltimoregreenforum@gmail.com or 410-965-7740

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday April 27, 2008 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Topic: 'Addressing Climate Change through Lifestyle, Technology & Advocacy at the Local & Personal Level'

DISCUSSION CIRCLE UPDATE

Please note the following abbreviations: "Voluntary Simplicity" (VS), "Choices for Sustainable Living" (CSL), "Discovering a Sense of Place" (DSOP), "Exploring Deep Ecology" (EDE), "Healthy Children-Healthy Planet (HCHP), "Globalization and Its Critics" (GiC), "Global Warming: Changing CO₂urse" (CO2), "Your Money or Your Life" (YMOYL), "Simplicity Lessons" by Linda Breen Pierce (LBP), and "Low Carbon Diet" by David Gershon (LCD)

We started a total of 29 circles in 2007 in 8 counties: Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George, Washington County, Carroll, and District of Columbia

We have started 13 circles so far in 2008 (including two additional counties: Frederick and Harford):

FOOD Pilot Circle (phone circle) CS: Lena Rotenberg,
Frederick, FOOD Pilot Circle CS: Lena Rotenberg,
Bethesda, FOOD Pilot Circle CS:Lena Rotenberg,
Westminster (CSL), private home CS: Carole Flood
Baltimore, Memorial Episcopal Church in Bolton Hill (CO2), CS: Rebecca Ruggles,
McCormick Spice Company (CSL). CS: Jeff Blankman. Open to employees only.
Middletown, "Simplicity Lessons" by Linda Breen Pierce CS: Susan Kelican
Deer Creek Friends Meeting, Harford County (VS). CS: Jill Sostrin
Frederick, Unitarian Universalist Church (CO2). CS: Marney Bruce,
Baltimore, Pikesville (DSOP), private home CS: Diane Jones
Hagerstown (LCD), private home CS: Danielle Conger
Silver Spring (DSOP), private home CS: Camille Freeman
Sparks, Gunpowder Friends (VS) CS: Linda Davis

We have the following 6 circles scheduled to begin this month, in Frederick, Annapolis, Baltimore, and Howard County:

Frederick, Ten Thousand Joys, downtown (CO2). **Intro Meeting:** Thu, March 6, 7-9 PM. **First session:** Thu, April 3. Contact: Hillary Banachowski 301-607-6073 or lunachic727@earthlink.net .

Mar 20 to April 10, Global Warming: Changing CO₂urse, 7-8:45pm, Annapolis, MD This study circle will be hosted at a private home in the Admiral Heights neighborhood, just a couple of miles from UUCAnnapolis. For more information & directions contact Lisa Combs, lisacombs@verizon.net, 410-267-6987.

Towson UU Congregation "Action Circle" <http://www.simplicity-matters.org/circles/action/index.html> dates: TBD CS: Michelle Collins, for more info contact michellecollins8@gmail.com

[The three circles below are part of the Climate Change Initiative of Howard County (CCIHC), www.hococlimatechange.org]

Linden-Lithicum United Methodist Church (CO2) Intro Meeting: Wed, Feb 27, 7pm **First Session:** Wed, Mar 5,
Meetings held at Linden Lithicum Methodist church - [12101 Linden Linthicum Ln, Clarksville, MD 21029](http://12101LindenLinthicumLn.Clarksville,MD21029)
For more information on this circle and/or to register for it contact Susan at slower@hcpss.org or Andy at 410-531-7999 or hogsmeade@comcast.net

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia (CO2) Intro Meeting:
Tues, March 4, 7-9 pm **First Session:** Tues, Mar 11,
Meetings will be held at the [Owen Brown Interfaith Center](http://OwenBrownInterfaithCenter), 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia 21045.
For more information on this circle and/or to register for it call 410-740-1201 or e-mail wolfger@comcast.net.

The Howard County Conservancy (CO2) Intro Meeting: Thurs, March 27, 7pm **First Session:** TBA
The group will decide future meeting times. Meetings will be held at the Howard County Conservancy, 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, Maryland 21163 - www.hcconservancy.org/images/HCCmapPDF.pdf
For more information on this circle and/or to register for it call 410-796-7232 or e-mail cmhudson@comcast.net

The following groups are hoping to get started later this year, details forthcoming (contact Lore at SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com) :

Shepherdstown Friends (TBD), CS Joan Fisher.

Downtown Frederick (EDE). Circle forming. Contact Chris Hodge 301-865-5630 or mdhiker2@yahoo.com

Ascension Lutheran (TBD) CS: Katherine Jenkins

First Unitarian of Baltimore, downtown area (CO2) Contact Peggy, 410-235-0660 or pstubbs2@verizon.net

Seekers Church, Takoma Park (VS) CS: Ruth Alice White

Parkton (HCHP) CS: Rich Louis

Carbon Neutrality Project, Greenbelt (LCD) CS: Steve Kane sr.kane@verizon.net

Light Street Presbyterian (regroup) Topic: TBD

Memorial Episcopal (regroup) Topic: CSL

Foundry Methodist Church, DC (CO2) CS: Lucian Caspar, TC Morrow

St. Columba's Episcopal, Tenleytown (CO2) CS: John Wickham

Paint Branch UU Congregation, Adelphi (regroup) Topic: TBD

River Road UU Congregation, Bethesda (CO2) CS: Jim Fremont, Suzanne Clarke

Cedar Lane UU Congregation, Bethesda (LCD) CS: Mary Somers

UU Congregation of Bowie (CO2) CS: Ken Shilling

Goddard Space Flight Center (regroup) Topic: TBD CS: Theresa Held/Michael Hartman

Sign Language Circle VS (discussion of "Voluntary Simplicity", in American Sign Language) CS: Roberta Merrill, location: TBD

Baltimore "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal, SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com

Rockville/Bethesda "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal, SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com

Silver Spring/Takoma Park "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com

Greenbelt "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com

NW DC "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal (and Cody Donahue) SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com

Lore's "Circles List"/"Matchmaking"

This spring, Lore will continue "matching" and/or "pointing" people into circles. In neighborhoods where circles are already forming, she will point you in the direction of a circle nearby. In those areas where there is not a circle already being planned, she will "match" people into home-based groups. Current "matchmaker" neighborhoods include:

Baltimore/ Columbia/ Greenbelt/ Takoma Park/ Silver Spring/ Rockville/ Bethesda/ Germantown/ NW-DC

NOTE: If a circle does not seem to be starting in your area quite as fast as you had hoped, perhaps you want to email Lore and offer her some assistance? She would be happy to give you a small task to lighten her load and ensure that the circle you want will come together.

For a list of **all of our NWEI-published discussion topics**, visit http://www.simplicity-matters.org/circles/text-based/nwei_7_guides.pdf

In any given month, many circles are forming. Please check frequently at www.simplicity-matters.org/join_a_circle.htm to see what is currently available. (If you are starting your own circle and would like to have your blurb posted on that page, please email it to Lena@simplicity-matters.org)

For more info. about our discussion circles, visit our Frequently Asked Questions page, www.simplicity-matters.org/faq.htm, or email Lore at SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mar 1, Peace Meal: Kari Stoeber: Neglected Tropical Diseases Affect the World's Poorest; 1:00 p.m.; Chevy Chase MD. Neglected tropical diseases are the most common infections of the world's poorest people - the 2.7 billion who live on less than \$2/per day. The poorest of the world are not only affected by lack of resources and hunger, but by the lack of defense against

this other form of suffering. As long as we do not embrace the suffering of all our fellow human beings in whatever form it takes, we will not attain peace in the world. To learn more or RSVP shantiyoga2@earthlink.net; 301 654 4899x3; www.schooloflife.org 4209 East West Hwy, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. FREE

Mar 1, Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium; 10:00 - 4:30

Gaithersburg, MD Through group interactions, inspiring video clips and presentations, the Symposium will explore how we can help bring forth an environmentally sustainable, socially just, and spiritually fulfilling human presence on the Earth. For more details, please visit www.awakeningthedreamer.org. **Registration Fee:** \$10. Bring your own lunch and snacks. Additional information and registration at www.awakeningthedreamer.org or contact Mary Pike at marypike@cox.net or 703-960-0577.

Mar 2, Community Supported Agriculture Talk, St. Pius X, 6:30-8:30 pm, Towson, MD. The St. Pius X Environmental Stewardship committee is sponsoring a talk on community supported agriculture with Joan Norman of One Straw Farm. For more information, contact Jenny Michalak, jenny.karl@verizon.net <<mailto:email@email.com>>, 410-372-0704 or 410-427-7500. Directions and details at <http://www.stpius10.org/>

Mar 3, CSBA Green Gathering, 6:00-8:00 pm, ZIA's Cafe, Towson, MD. Please join the Chesapeake Sustainable Business Alliance, ZIA's Cafe and Shark Trust Wine for the CSBA Green Gathering. Come hear how businesses are giving back to their communities. For more information, contact CSBA at 410-342-1483, jenny@csballiance.org <<mailto:email@email.com>> . Directions and details at <http://www.ziascafe.com/>

Mar 4, Baltimore Green Week Happy Hour; 5:30 - 7:30 pm; Balt. Woodberry Kitchen - 2010 Clipper Park Road. Preview this year's BGW events and schedule. Meet the board members, leading sponsors and other participants. \$5 cover includes the first drink and light fare.

Mar 4, The Human Footprint at the National Geographic; at 7:30 p.m. NW DC. Imagine a map illustrating humans' effect on each square kilometer of the Earth. That's the essence of the Human Footprint project, a major initiative of the Wildlife Conservation Society and a new National Geographic Channel program. Project leader Eric Sanderson will explain what the Human Footprint tells us about the state of our planet. Grosvenor Auditorium at National Geographic, 16th and M Streets N.W. Farragut North/Farragut West Metro stations. For more info call 202-857-7700 MEMBER \$15, NONMEMBER \$18

Mar 5, Come Rally with O'Malley for Green Jobs and a Clean Energy Future!; 10 am Annapolis. Let's show the Governor--and legislators!-- that we're supporting him all the way on the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2008. Lawyers' Mall, Annapolis. Constituent meetings with legislators will follow. Alliance for Global Warming Solutions (AGWS), see www.alliancemd.org for more details and parking information.

Mar 5, "Rising CO2. Warming and Plant Biology: From Mangoes to Morphine". 7 - 8:45 p.m. Arlington, VA. Come to the Arlington League of Women Voters General Meeting (open to the public). Dr. Lewis H. Ziska, a Plant Physiologist with the USDA's Agriculture Research Service will explain how even residents of Arlington should be concerned by rising levels of carbon dioxide and the effect it will have on public health. Arlington County Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street
For info: call 703-536-8270 or Ann C Rudd acrudd@juno.com

Mar 6, Compassion Over Killing (COK) Benefit at Vegetable Garden, 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Rockville, Md. You're invited to join COK at the monthly Vegetable Garden funding day when D.C.'s vegan favorite donates 10 percent of your bill to COK. Vegetable Garden is located

at 11618 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. For more information contact info@cok.net or 301-891-2458. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0016>

Mar 6, Leafleting with Compassion Over Killing (COK), 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Rockville, Md. Join COK as we distribute free pro-vegetarian literature at the Farragut North Metro station K St. exit before heading over to Vegetable Garden for COK's monthly benefit day. For more information contact info@cok.net or 301-891-2458. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0140>

Mar 8, Take action for the animals with Compassion Over Killing (COK) at The Big Bad Woof, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Washington, D.C. Learn how you can help egg-laying hens at The Big Bad Woof at 117 Carroll St., N.W. D.C. For more information contact info@cok.net or 301-891-2458. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/>

Mar 8, An Evening with Andrew McKnight, Rustic Poet, Contemporary Songwriter and Storyteller to benefit EcoStewards Alliance; 6:30 to 8:30 PM; Vienna, VA at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East. Tickets \$23 per person. Whenever Andrew takes the stage, audiences are at once spellbound and relaxed by his entertaining stories delivered with just the right touches of down home humor. Besides being a passionate and energetic performer, he has been a long time advocate for efforts to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay. As such, EcoStewards Alliance is doubly delighted to have Andrew support their efforts to create positive change for the Bay by educating watershed citizens. To purchase tickets: <http://www.ecostewardsalliance.org/> or call 571-323-2386.

Mar 11, Neighbors of Northwest Branch meeting; 7:30pm; Silver Spring, MD. Held at the White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., just north of the intersection with US 29 (Colesville Rd.). Topics include plans to hold a stewardship program in April or May as a follow-up of the Friends of Sligo Creek outreach workshop on Mar. 8. All are welcome. For more information call 301-946-5599 or visit www.neighborsnwb.org.

Mar 11-22 DC Environmental Film Festival

The DC Environmental Film Festival covers many subjects at venues all over the city. Subjects such as wildlife, water, land use, global warming and more are covered. Some are animated and child-friendly. Most are free and some cost. Here are a few (free) highlights:

3/17 6:30 p.m. **The Planet** examines our entire earth home and the changes we are experiencing right now. A wake-up call! Georgetown University.

3/19 8 p.m. **Global Warming: What You Can Do** covers action steps for individuals and critical public policy changes. International Student House.

3/20 7 p.m. **Crude Impact** explores peak oil and our dependency on fossil fuels. Edmund Burke School.

3/22 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. **World Water Day** films and discussions. Carnegie Institution of Washington.

<http://www.dcenvironmentalfilmfest.org/>

Mar 12, Energy Efficient Lighting Options for Your Home; 6:45p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Jessup, Howard County. Learn the potential impacts of implementing energy efficient lighting solutions for residential and commercial applications and more at The Enviro-Center. Contact: Leslye Wilson: Email leslye@greenbuildinginstitute.org, Phone 443-733-1234 URL <http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org>. For more information: <http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org/pages/courses/EnergyEfficientLightingOptions.html> . Directions: <http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org/pages/contact.html>

Mar 13, USGBC Baltimore's Master Speaker Series, A Night with Visionary Joe Van Belleghem; 6:00p - 8:30pm; Towson, MD The program will be held at The Conference Center

at Sheppard Pratt (6501 N. Charles St.). More information is available on the USGBC Baltimore Regional Chapter's website at: www.usgbc Balt.org under the Events tab.

Mar 13, Slide Lecture on the Book "Return to Wild America"; 7:00 pm, Woodstock, MD.
Lecture by Scott Weidensaul, World Renowned Naturalist/Author, Howard County Conservancy's Gudelsky Center, Book Signing to Follow. Call 410-465-8877 Details & Directions, www.hcconservancy.org

Mar 15, Compassion Over Killing (COK) Benefit at Java Green, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Washington, D.C. Support COK while enjoying delicious cruelty-free fare and socializing with other activists! Please join us at Java Green, located at 1020 19th St., N.W., D.C., when a portion of your bill will benefit COK. For more information contact info@cok.net or 301-891-2458. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0015>

Mar 15, Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium; 1 – 6 Clarksburg/Columbia MD. Through group interactions, inspiring video clips and presentations, the Symposium will explore how we can help bring forth an environmentally sustainable, socially just, and spiritually fulfilling human presence on the Earth. For more details, please visit www.awakeningthedreamer.org. **Registration Fee:** \$20 to cover cost of snacks and materials. Additional information and registration at www.awakeningthedreamer.org or contact Robert Fireovid at 301-982-0257; bob.fireovid@verizon.net

Mar, 15, Rediscovering Place: Reclaiming the Wonder Around Us; 7 -9 PM; UU Church of Fairfax. In this Internet, HDTV, digital everything, constant contact age we live in, we are literally losing touch with the places we live and in the process one of the most fundamental modes of personal connection that we can have: our connections to the places where we live. In this two-hour, two-part presentation, Hayden Mathews, ESA Board member and local eco-historian/story teller will use personal stories, poetry and prose to illustrate the different aspects of being connected to place and will suggest several ways in which we can begin the process of reconnecting to the places we live. To register go to: <http://www.ecostewardsalliance.org/> or call 571-323-2386.

Mar 16, Vegan Feed-In with Compassion Over Killing (COK), 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Washington, D.C. Join COK as we offer free samples of delicious animal-friendly fare while distributing free literature, including vegan recipes and a guide to veg-friendly dining in and around the nation's capital. March's vegan feed-in is before the Saint Patrick's Day parade at the corner of 12th & Constitution Sts., N.W., D.C. For more information contact info@cok.net or 301-891-2458. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0043>

Mar 19, Global Warming: What You Can Do (as part of Environmental Film Festival). 8 PM, International Student House, 1825 R St., NW, Washington, DC, Metro: Dupont Circle, Q St. exit. Washington DC Premiere! (USA. 2007, 27 min.)
Jimmy Carter, Bill McKibben, Ed Begley, Jr. and Alisa Gravit of Co-Op America are among the individuals searching for answers as they contemplate lifestyle changes to reduce their impact on the warming of our planet. They are interviewed, along with Gary Gardner and Christopher Flavin of Worldwatch Institute and a variety of "on the street" Americans, in this hard-hitting but optimistic TV special that emphasizes action steps for individuals as well as the critical roles of changes in public policy and the greening of business practices. Introduced by Erik Assadourian, Research Associate, Worldwatch Institute. Discussion with filmmakers Wanda Urbanska and Frank Levering follows screening. Refreshments served after the discussion. FREE, no reservations needed <http://www.dcenvironmentalfilmfest.org/films.php?FilmID=176>

Mar 21, 7:00 – film: "What a Way to Go: Life at the End of Empire", Columbia, MD
Part of a film series at Owen Brown Interfaith Center. Directions www.uucolumbia.net For info,

call Wolfger at 410-740- 1201

This film addresses all the ills created by humans' greedy demands on a limited earth. It has a lot of history and commentary from experts and tries to make the case that we need a new lifestyle and economic paradigm. Sponsored by the [Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia](#).

Mar 22, Indoor Air Quality; 6:45p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Jessup, Howard County. Indoor air quality and known environmental issues....what you should know for sustainability! Location: The Enviro-Center Contact: Leslye Wilson: Email) leslye@greenbuildinginstitute.org, Phone) 443-733-1234 URL) <http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org> For more information: http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org/pages/courses/Indoor_Air_Quality.html Directions: <http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org/pages/contact.html>

Mar 22, Clean Energy Open House, 1-5 pm, Takoma Park. Tour of Mike Tidwell's famous house. Mike is the founder of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) http://www.chesapeakeclimate.org/getinvolved/event_detail.cfm?id=195

Mar 23, Free Vegan Ice Cream & COK Benefit at Asylum, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Washington, D.C. We'll be serving free samples of vegan ice cream, courtesy of Wheeler's Black Label Vegan Ice Cream, plus ten percent of sales from Asylum's vegan menu will be donated to COK. Asylum is located at 2471 18th St., N.W., D.C. Please R.S.V.P so we can be sure to have enough ice cream on hand. For more information contact info@cok.net or 301-891-2458. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/>

Mar 29, Lahr Native Plant Symposium: "Cultivars Considered" 9:00am-3:30pm; NE DC. National Arboretum Administration Building 3501 New York Avenue, NE; Washington, D. C. Speakers will focus on how native plant cultivars fit into our gardens and the possible effects our garden choices have on the natural world. All registrants gain early entry to the Native Plant Sale. Lunch included with registrations received before March 22. Fee: \$85 (\$68 FONA) Mail-in registration requires use of the form directly off of the Lahr Symposium program. [Click here](#) for program and mail-in registration form. [Click here](#) to register online. Or call 202 245-2726

Sat, Mar 29 7:30pm-NSP Social & Conscious-Raising on Consumption
We'll meet and greet, introduce who we are, and show **the Story of Stuff**. <http://www.storyofstuff.com/> Join us at Stony Run Friends, 5116 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21210. Contact Jerry, jraitzyk@hotmail.com

Mar 30: "Sustainable Design: The LEEDing Edge" 10:30 am - noon, Baltimore. Architect Kim Schaefer, AIA, will speak on ways people can incorporate sustainability into their lives. Kim Schaefer is one of the founders of Terralogos Eco-Architecture, a firm that specializes in applying sustainable design techniques to existing structures. Free at the Baltimore Ethical Society. For more information see www.BaltimoreEthicalSociety.org or call 410-581-2322.

Looking ahead to April and beyond

Apr 5, Volunteers for Project Clean Stream; 9am to Noon, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is currently recruiting for the annual stream and shoreline clean-up held. PCS counties include Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard, as well as the Eastern Shore. We're seeking volunteers to sign-up to lead sites, and to help as crew. Basic supplies provided. Pick your own site or choose one from our list. For more details contact the Alliance at (410) 377-6270 x 31 or kdowling@acb-online.org. *April 5 is also the Patuxent watershed clean-up held by the Patuxent Riverkeeper Inc. Contact Lauren Webster at Lauren@paxriverkeeper.org.

Apr 5, is also 20th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, 9am-12 noon, through the Alice Ferguson Foundation. http://potomaccleanup.org/trash_initiative/trash_cleanup.html

Apr 12, Living in the Time of the Great Turning Workshop; 9:00 – 5:30; Arlington, VA. The material presented is based on exercises and guided meditations from Joanna Macy, an activist and pioneer in the deep ecology movement and the material from the Awakening the Dreamer Symposium that looks at creating an environmentally sustaining, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on earth. Uses group interaction, video clips and presentations. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22204 Registration Fee: \$35 to cover cost of snacks and materials Additional information and registration at www.awakeningthedreamer.org or contact Mary Pike at marypike@cox.net or 703-960-0577.

Apr 25th through May 2nd; Baltimore Green Week - a week long program promoting environmental sustainability! EcoFestival April 26th - Druid Hill Park (EcoKids section, art, over 100 vendors and exhibitors, rain barrel workshop, ask an expert booth, food, music, toxic tours and FUN! Numerous opportunities to participate: be a vendor, exhibitor, sponsor or advertise in our program. Visit www.baltimoregreenweek.org to learn more about all of our programs. Complete the contact us form to receive event updates.

Apr 30, May 1 - 2: Sixth Annual International Greening Rooftops for Sustainable Communities Conference, Awards & Trade Show; Baltimore, MD at the Baltimore Convention Center & Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel. Come join the Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (GRHC) and the City of Baltimore to the show.
<http://greenroofs.org/baltimore/>

ACTION OPPORTUNITIES & TIDBITS

Greater Washington Interfaith Power & Light (GWIPL)

Join GWIPL and others in our region in committing to the Lenten Carbon Fast
<http://www.gwipl.org/lent.asp>

Baltimore Corn Heating Coop is forming. You can heat your home with affordable, globally sustainable corn/grain/wood pellets. This new coop is being modeled after the Tacoma Park 'Save Or Sky' coop described by Mike Tidwell in "[Ravaging Tide](#)". Interested? **Learn more:** Write Leo Horrigan hodee3@verizon.net or Frank Lee TechEdTeacher@usa.net **JOIN THE LISTSERVE** by sending a blank email to BaltiCornHeat-subscribe@yahoogroups.com You will be able to Heat Sustainably next winter.

Community Living for 'Boomers and Beyond! If you are 50+ years old, interested in living in a supportive environment and in living your values call or email Ann Zabaldo, 202-291-7892
zabaldo@earthlink.net

Center for a New American Dream – Take Back My TV Campaign

On February 17, 2009, broadcasters will turn off their analog broadcasts and switch to digital. The FCC estimates about 16 million households still rely on antennas, rather than cable or satellite for their television reception. By next year, these households must purchase a digital-to-analog converter box, or a new television. With a potentially huge increase in discarded televisions, now more than ever we need free and convenient recycling for e-waste. Some manufacturers, like [Sony](#), offer free recycling programs. Panasonic, Philips, and Sharp, however, have NOT established take back programs; they actively lobby against state legislation that would require them to do so, and have been slackers when it comes to substituting environmentally responsible materials in their products. [Fill out this online petition](#) at [Take Back My TV](#) to ask other major television manufacturers to offer TV recycling programs. The campaign is part of the [Electronics](#)

[Take Back Coalition](http://takebackmytv.com/page/speakout/TakeBackMyTV), which advocates for green design and responsible recycling in the electronics industry. <http://takebackmytv.com/page/speakout/TakeBackMyTV>

Check out Mare Cromwell's blog!

Full of musings on nature and inspiration. It would be fun (if people are so inclined) to share inspirations and thoughts in such a way. Mare spoke at the April 2007 Second Sunday Forum, on "Natural Hope". <http://blog.sacreddogllc.com/>