

Dear Friends of Simplicity,

This is the Simplicity Matters Earth Institute Monthly Announcement for **September 2008**. It is going out to over **1,590 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 252 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 78 members. You can also subscribe from our homepage.

This announcement is organized into five sections:

- Second Sunday Forum & Baltimore Green Forum
- Discussion Circle Update
- Community Events
- October Preview
- Action Opportunities & Tidbits

Thanks to this month's editor, **Betty Wells**.

SECOND SUNDAY FORUM

Sunday, September 14, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: Is Recycling Worth It? with Alan Pultyniewicz,

Recycling Coordinator for Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection,
Division of Solid Waste Service

Is recycling worth it? Even if you don't live in Montgomery County, join us for Alan Pultyniewicz's lively presentation. He will guide us through the maze of questions about what can be recycled, what happens to the materials, and how we can close the loop by buying products made from recycled materials. Come and bring your questions!

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

Help us publicize this event! Download and post a flier (PDF, 228 KB) in your workplace or neighborhood! Go to www.simplicity-matters.org.

BALTIMORE GREEN FORUM

Sunday, September 28, 4:30-6:30 pm

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: Bioneers Salon, video and discussion

MD Presbyterian Church, 1105 Providence Road, Towson, 21286

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

A monthly educational forum on climate and environmental issues open to the public, free of charge featuring speakers or videos, always with discussion and fellowship. For questions, to co-sponsor, or to RSVP, contact Mary, baltimoregreenforum@gmail.com

Co-sponsored by Simplicity Matters Earth Institute , Green City Baltimore, Hooked on Nature, Network of Spiritual Progressives in MD, Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network, Baltimore Climate Action Network, MD League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, Inc., and Parks & People.

DISCUSSION CIRCLE UPDATE

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

We have started 21 circles so far in 2008 (179 in total since 2002!)

Plans have become so numerous that we are now breaking them down by county. Please scroll down to see what is starting up near where you live. For more info, you may contact Lore at lore@simplicity-matters.org unless otherwise noted.

[Frederick & Washington County](#)

Intro meetings set:

Frederick, Middletown (CSL) fall circle. Intro meeting Tues., 9/16, 7-9. CS: Susan Kelican, skelican1@comcast.net, 301-371-3116. Bring your calendar and \$20 to purchase the guide, should you decide to join.

Frederick, Common Market (MF) fall circle, Intro meeting, Wed. 9/24, 7-8:30. Circle meetings will begin Wed. 10/15. CS: Zoe Brittain, zoe@commonmarket.coop. More info: www.commonmarket.coop/coop_community_room.html

Frederick (HCHP) fall circle, Intro meeting, Mon. 10/6, 7-8:30 at the Common Market, subsequent meetings in downtown Frederick, details TBD. CS: Erin Kline, emkline@verizon.net. More info: www.commonmarket.coop/coop_community_room.html

Intro meetings with dates not set yet:

Shepherdstown, fall circle, topic TBD. CS: Rob Glenn

Frederick, UUCF (MF) spring circle, Intro meeting TBD. CS: Sandi Smith-Gill

Carroll County

Westminster "Regroup" (tbd), CS: Carole Flood

Howard County

Intro meeting Thurs. Sept 4, 7:30pm in the meeting room in the Howard County Central Library (GW), 10375 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia, MD 21044. The group will meet bi-weekly (every other Thursday) for 5 sessions, probably in the homes of group members. This group is sponsored by the Climate Change Initiative of Howard County (www.hococlimatechange.org). Please rsvp to let us know if you can attend or to ask questions- actiononclimatechange@gmail.com or call 443-803-8546. Please indicate that you are inquiring about the Central Library meeting on 9/4.

St. John's Church (GW), Intro Meeting: Sept 14

Howard County College (GW), Intro Meeting: Sept 17

Howard County, Climate Change Initiative of Howard County Committee is actively pursuing many potential venues. Details to follow. Visit www.hococlimatechange.org or email hococlimatechange@gmail.com

Harford County

Deer Creek Friends Meeting (tbd), CS: Jill Sostrin

Baltimore City/County

Baltimore, St. Vincent De Paul (GW), CS: Sylvia Eastman

Baltimore, SW Baltimore (tbd), CS: Patsy Allen

Baltimore, Old Otterbein UMC (tbd), CS: June Risely

Parkton (HCHP) CS: Rich Louis

Baltimore, Memorial Episcopal Church (VS), CS: Rebecca Ruggles

Gunpowder Friends Meeting (tbd), CS: Linda Davis

PG County

Greenbelt (MF) CS: Lore Rosenthal, lore@simplicity-matters.org

Greenbelt (GW) CS: Steve Kane, sr.kane@verizon.net

Adelphi, Paint Branch UU Church (VS), Intro Meeting: TBD. CS: Raman Pathik

Accokeek (MF) spring circle, Intro meeting TBD. CS: Linsey Shelton

Montgomery County

Silver Spring Regroup (MF), possibly starting September 9th. CS: Camille Freeman.

Bethesda/Rockville (location TBD) (CSL) Mondays starting late September. To be notified of the Intro date contact Marney@simplicity-matters.org

Bethesda/Rockville (location TBD) (MF) Mondays starting late September. To be notified of the Intro date contact Marney@simplicity-matters.org

Bethesda/Rockville (location TBD) The new 5-session VS. Thursdays starting October. To be notified of the Intro date contact Marney@simplicity-matters.org.

Silver Spring, UU Congregation of Silver Spring (GW), details: TBD. CS: Paula Cote

Bethesda, Cabin John (TBD) CS: Marney Bruce

Washington, DC

Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, Wash DC 20012. (GW) Intro Meeting: Tues, Sept 9. Seekers Church is less than 1 block from the Takoma Park Metro. The group will meet from **7:45 to 9:30pm**. For the regular group meetings, there is an option to come early for a simple meal served at 7pm for a small donation. All are welcome! To get more information or to sign up, email ActionOnClimateChange@gmail.com and indicate you are inquiring about the discussion group at Seekers in Takoma Park .

NW DC (metro accessible) MF Intro meeting 9/14, 4:30. Meeting monthly on the second Sunday. There may still be room for more people. Contact sarah.oldmixon@gmail.com.

Washington, DC, Washington Ethical Society (MF), CS: WES staff
Washington, DC (MF), CS: Harold Stone

Sign Language Circle (discussion of "Sustainability" and/or " Earth-based Spirituality", in American Sign Language) CS: Roberta Merrill, location: TBD

"Circles List"/"Matchmaking"

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

Howard County "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal, hococlimatechange@gmail.com

Baltimore "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal, lore@simplicity-matters.org

Rockville/Bethesda "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Marney Bruce, marney@simplicity-matters.org

Silver Spring/Takoma Park "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal lore@simplicity-matters.org

Greenbelt "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal lore@simplicity-matters.org

NW DC "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Marney Bruce, marney@simplicity-matters.org

Frederick Co and Washington Co "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lena Rotenberg, lana@simplicity-matters.org

For a list of **all of our NWEI-published discussion topics**, visit <http://www.simplicity-matters.org/circles/text-based/7guides.pdf>

If you are starting your own circle and would like to have your blurb posted here and on our website, 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 lore@simplicity-matters.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mon, Sept 1, Spoutwood Farms Mother Earth Harvest Festival program deadline, Deadline submissions for the Mother Earth Harvest Festival program. events@spoutwood.com 717-235-6610 Directions and details at <http://www.spoutwood.com/mehf.html>

Tues, Sept 2, Briefing on Climate Master Program, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Maryland Department of the Environment - Lobby Conference Rooms, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD. You are invited to attend a briefing by the Resource Innovation Group to introduce the Climate MasterT At Home program, a community program helping people to reduce

their personal greenhouse gas emissions. This 3-hour interactive mini-training and Q & A session will outline the program's "train the trainers" model, video streams, and other training models, whereby community members receive free or low-cost training through a 10-week course, vastly increasing their climate literacy and preparing them to conduct climate change outreach to other households. The course focuses on easy, low-cost ways to reduce emissions from home energy, personal transportation, food, consumption, waste and yard maintenance. Climate Master trainees "pay back" some of the costs of the training by volunteering at least 30 hours to assist other households in assessing and reducing their carbon footprints, as well as participating in other community outreach activities. Reserve your spot early as space is limited. Please RSVP to Sally Frampton at 410-537-3240 or sframpton@mde.state.md.us no later than Tuesday, August 26th. If you have any questions or know anyone else who would benefit from the briefing, please contact Liz Entwisle at 410-537-4218 or eenwisle@mde.state.md.us

Tues, Sept 2, Green Jobs Planning Meeting: 7-9PM, Towson, MD. This is to plan for the big Sept 27th National Green Jobs Day of Action in Baltimore: (See below) This planning meeting will be held at Towson Unitarian Universalist Church, Room 6: (downstairs), 1710 Dulaney Valley Road, Lutherville, MD 21093-9705. www.towsonuuc.org All are welcome. For questions: mail@baltimoreclimate.org or 410-812-1447, or contact Holly at 240-396-2146 or holly@chesapeakeclimate.org
To carpool: www.baltimoreclimate.org/content/1/2/56.html#carpool

Tues, Sept 2, Neighbors of Northwest Branch monthly meeting, 7:30pm Silver Spring, MD at the White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave, just north of the intersection with US 29 (Colesville Rd.). Topics to be discussed include a cross-watershed stream stewardship training event, an introductory program (Watersheds 101), and county plans for the Northwest Branch Recreation Park, just north of Bonifant Rd. All are welcome. For more information, contact John Fay (301-946-5599, jhfay@comcast.net) or visit the website, www.neighborsnwb.org.

Wed, Sept 3, One Planet – Ours! Sustainability for the 22nd Century, 12 - 1 PM U.S. Botanic Garden, on the National Mall across from the U.S. Capitol. Explore this summer's extensive sustainability exhibition with Ray Mims. See a straw bale house, green wall, sustainable landscape, and many other exhibits providing information about what you can do to keep our planet healthy. Tours are outside and canceled if it rains. FREE but pre-registration required. For more information go to <http://www.usbg.gov/index.cfm>

Thurs, Sept 4, Compassion Over Killing (COK) Benefit at the Vegetable Garden, 11:30am-10pm, Rockville, Md. You're invited to join COK at the monthly 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. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0016>

Sat, Sept 6, Indoor Air Quality, 9 am -1 pm, Jessup, MD. Air Quality and Known Environmental Issues...What You Should Know for Sustainability! For more information, contact Leslye Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Sat, Sept 6, First Saturday Vegan Potluck, 6:30-8:30 PM, Ellicott City near Centennial Park. Free, when you bring a dish to share. "Low Carbon Diet"- Food that comes at little expense to the earth. Please bring a vegan dish (no animal products) to share (store bought is fine) for the number in your party plus 6. Need menu suggestions or recipes feel free to ask. Kids welcome! Bring your own reusable picnic-ware and feel free to wash - - but if you forget we will have basic table service available for a small donation to our "plate fund". There will be iced tea and filtered water to drink. RSVP & directions: Bonnie Sorak, bsorak@juno.com or call 410-465-0427.

Sun, Sep 7, "The Ethical Life and Politics" 10:30 am -noon, Baltimore, MD Talk by John Nugent, Exec Director, Planned Parenthood of Maryland followed by discussion concerning the dominant philosophy driving the current national administration through a review of the research

and work of Frank Luntz and the political ideas of Leo Strauss. Free at 306 W. Franklin St. For more information see <http://www.baltimoreethicalsociety.org> or call 410-410-581-2322 or send a message to askBES@gmail.com.

Mon, Sept 8, CSBA Green Gathering, 6-8 pm, Baltimore City, MD Join TILT at 2616 Charles St, Baltimore, MD to hear about sustainable design. For more information, contact Jenny Michalak, jenny@healthyhomearts.com, 410-342-1482. Directions and details at <http://www.csballiance.org> . Presentation & Discussion: 'Connecting To Sustainability'

Tues, Sept 9, Baltimore Climate Action Network (BCAN) meeting, 7 – 8:30 PM, Towson, MD. Presented by Rex Wright: Chair of the Baltimore Regional Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, expert & advocate for renewable energy & energy efficiency. This 45 minute presentation / discussion for a general audience will be followed by a brief open meeting of BCAN www.baltimoreclimate.org where we will discuss sustainability initiatives including comments by CCAN organizer Keith Harrington. All are welcome. Towson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1710 Dulaney Valley Road, Lutherville, MD 21093 www.towsonuuc.org For directions: <http://www.baltimoreclimate.org/content/1/2/56.html> and scroll down. To carpool: www.baltimoreclimate.org/content/1/2/56.html#carpool Questions: mail@baltimoreclimate.org or 410-812-1447

Wed, Sept 10, EcoTourism - Trends, Tours & Tips for the Discerning Traveler & Tour Operator, 7 pm- 9 pm, Jessup, MD. Learn about the benefits and challenges experienced by tourist destinations, local communities and travelers, and more. For more information, contact Leslye Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Wed, Sept 10, Green Rehab Workshop, 6 to 8 pm, The Gateway @ MICA, 1601 Mount Royal Avenue, Baltimore, MD. Learn how green renovation and historic preservation go hand in hand. Get tips on how best to improve the efficiency of your home, whether it's old or new. Kristen Humphrey, Program Coordinator for the Neighborhood Design Center, will lead the presentation. Eric Lowe, Associate Principle of Peter Fillat Architects, and Peter Van Buren of TerraLogos will be on hand to answer questions from homeowners. FREE! RSVP by Sept. 3 to Linda Harrington, (410) 327-7373 ext. 108 lindah@jubileebaltimore.org, www.jubileebaltimore.org

Thurs, Sept 11, Right Plant, Right Place: An Invasive and Native Plant Workshop with TNC and the USBG; 9AM-4PM; Washington, DC Join TNC Potomac Gorge habitat restoration manager Mary Travaglini, Ray Mims, USBG conservation horticulturist, and Bill McLaughlin, USBG plant curator for a hands-on workshop on identifying and removing invasive plants, an interactive tour of the plant trail at the garden, and the best plants at the USBG to be used in your own gardens for native plantings. Cost \$30, with lunch included. To register please call **202-225-1116**

Thurs, Sept 11, Master Speaker Series: John L. Knott, 6-8:30 pm, Sheppard-Pratt Conf Ctr, Baltimore, MD Join us a dialogues on Healthy Communities for the 21st Century with visionary, John L. Knott, 3rd generation developer from Baltimore. John is currently leading the one of the largest sustainable urban redevelopments in the US, the Old Navy Yard, in Charleston, SC, a 340+ acre sustainable community. Learn more about the future of green building being created now. For more info, visit www.usgbcalt.org or register at www.usgbcaltimereventbrite.com.

Thurs, Sept 11, 12:15 - 1:30 pm , Annette Williams will discuss environmental justice in the Hunts Point neighborhood of South Bronx. The program, "Sustainable South Bronx," is the first in the Fall seminar series, "Connecting Health and Sustainability." Ms. Williams is director of Sustainable South Bronx and the nationally-recognized Bronx Environmental Stewardship Training Program (B.E.S.T.), which provides green-collar job training and placement services for New York City residents. Refreshments will be served Center for the Livable Future, 615 N. Wolfe Street, Feinstone Hall, E2030, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public

Health. <http://www.jhsph.edu/clf/events/>

Fri, Sept 12, Irvine Nature Center Grand Opening Gala, 6-11pm, Owings Mills, MD Get an exclusive look at Irvine's new facility. Adults-only "Green Chic" event featuring the Jody Westerlund Band, local/organic food, & a fun casual atmosphere to introduce our building to friends old & new. Tickets \$125. Contact Julie, shumwayj@explorenature.org, 410-484-2413. Details: www.ExploreNature.org

Fri, Sept 12, Plants in a Changing Climate - How You Can Help Plant for the Planet, 12 - 1 PM U.S. Botanic Garden, on the National Mall across from the U.S. Capitol. Plants play an important role in regulating our climate and providing key services (like shelter, food, and medicine) that all life depends upon. Learn more about how the plants we depend upon are dealing with a changing climate, how botanic gardens around the world are helping plants weather the changes, and find out what you can do in your own backyard and neighborhood to help. FREE but pre-registration required. For more information go to <http://www.usbg.gov/index.cfm>

Sat, Sept 13, "Not Home Alone: Creating Community for the 50+ Set.", 2-4:30 pm Workshop by Dene Peterson, founder and developer of ElderSpirit Cohousing. Fee: \$35.00 to defray expenses. Details: Meetup.com In the search box enter: Clarksburg Cohousing. OR Details: <http://intentionalcomm.meetup.com/215/> Or call Ann 703 663 3911

Sat, Sept 13, 6-9 pm, EarthSave Baltimore's Veg Dinner Series, a live presentation "The Latest News in Human Nutrition," by the very popular and entertaining speaker, medical doctor Michael Greger, at the Learning Center of Your Prescription for Health, 10210 S. Dolfield Road Owings Mills, MD. Please bring a vegan dish that will serve five times the number of people in your party, plus a \$5 donation. Or (with 2 days notice) you may enjoy dinner without bringing food for a \$12 donation. Write Baltimore@earthsave.org, or go to <http://earthsavebaltimore.org/>.

Sun, Sept 14, Clarksburg Cohousing for 50+ Orientation and Site Tour, 3-5 pm. FREE. Details: <http://intentionalcomm.meetup.com/215/> Or call Ann 703 663 3911.

Sun, Sept 14, Feed-in with Compassion Over Killing (COK), 12:30pm-1:30pm, Washington, D.C. Encourage people to explore a vegetarian diet by giving out free delicious vegetarian food at the 30th Annual Adams Morgan Street Festival in Washington, D.C. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/> or email info@cok.net.

Sat & Sun, Sept 13 & 14, Irvine Nature Center Grand Opening Weekend, Owings Mills, MD. Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. Noon-4pm. Be among the first to experience Baltimore's newest community attraction! During Irvine's FREE weekend-long family-friendly festival you can hike the trails, explore new exhibits, & so much more. Contact Julie, shumwayj@explorenature.org, 410-484-2413. Details: www.ExploreNature.org

Sun, Sept 14, "Access to Health Care", 10:30 am -noon, Baltimore, MD Talk by Dr. Peter Beilenson, Howard County Health Officer followed by discussion concerning the prospects for national reform of our health care system with the new Administration. Free at 306 W. Franklin St. For more information see <http://www.baltimoreethicalsociety.org>, call 410-410-581-2322, or send a message to askBES@gmail.com.

Wed, Sept 17, Maryland Native Plant Society Baltimore Chapter meeting at 6 pm, [The Irvine Nature Center](http://www.explorenature.org), , which has moved to a new location at 11201 Garrison Forest Road, Owings Mills, MD. A short walk (optional) through the upland woods to the overlook will be followed by an introduction to Irvine Nature Center's new location in Caves Valley, it's plans for the land and our potential roles there. This is a great time to join this chapter! For more information contact annlundy@verizon.net or see <http://www.mdflora.org/chapters/baltimore/baltchapter.html>

Thurs, Sept 18, Greening the Workplace, 6-9 pm, CCBC - Catonsville, MD Dr. Amy Townsend discusses the current state of business greening, including why and how many businesses are choosing to become greener. She offers a systematic approach to greening that includes the entire company. Dr. Townsend is author of *Green Business: A Five-part Model for Creating an Environmentally Responsible Company*. For more info www.usgbcalt.org or register at www.usgbcaltimore.eventbrite.com.

Fri, Sept 19, Movie Night: Black Diamonds, 7:15 pm. Howard County Recreation and Parks Headquarters, 7120 Oakland Mills, Rd., Columbia. Catherine Pancake, producer/director of the movie Black Diamonds, will host the film in person! This searing 90-minute documentary details the destruction wrought by mountaintop removal coal mines in West Virginia. Also speaking will be Ginny Robertson, a former resident of a town now removed by a mountaintop coal operation. For information, contact Brigitte, 240-506-8976, bfzaidan@safe-mail.net. <http://www.maryland.sierraclub.org/hc/>

Sat, Sept 20, SWEATLODGE and TEACHING in Dayton, MD, led by LaKotahsie Frazier of southwest Virginia. Teaching will focus on the "First Awakening" – the first dream in the cosmos. The sweatlodge is a spiritual ceremony from Earth-based, indigenous traditions for purification, healing, and connecting with all creatures & people. Ceremony begins at 10 am; teaching at noon; lodge ~1:30 pm. Location is 6 miles west of Columbia, MD. \$25 exchange requested. Potluck dinner follows. Contact Robert Fireovid (301-982-0257; bob.fireovid@verizon.net) for more information. MITAKUYE OAYSIN (we are all related)

Sat, Sept 20, Maryland Native Plant Society Fall Conference, 8 am - 5 pm (plus events Saturday evening and Sunday) Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, MD. This year we will focus on the western shores of the Chesapeake, from the brackish tidal wetlands to the riparian forests of the Patuxent River. Field trips will take place on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Look for more information and the conference registration on www.mdflora.org. Please register by September 10th.

Sat, Sept 20, Compassion Over Killing (COK) Benefit at Java Green, 11am-6pm, 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., NW, Washington D.C. A portion of your bill will benefit COK. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0015>

Sept 20-21, Register for the Maryland Native Plant Society Fall Conference, Edgewater, MD. Registrations for the Fall Conference, at Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, MD are now being accepted. This year we will focus on the western shores of the Chesapeake, from the brackish tidal wetlands to the riparian forests of the Patuxent River. Look for more information and the conference registration on www.mdflora.org.

Sun, Sept 21, "Getting Around Sustainably", 10:30 am -noon, Baltimore, MD Talk by Lena Pons of Public Citizen followed by discussion concerning personal transportation options and their impact on infrastructure, land use planning, energy use, and climate change. Free at 306 W. Franklin St. For more information see <http://www.baltimoreethicalsociety.org>, call 410-410-581-2322, or send a message to askBES@gmail.com.

Sun, Sept 21 Fall Equinox Service, River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 5 PM in Bethesda, MD. (See RRUUC.org for directions.) Let's honor the harvest with bringing to our communal awareness the abundance of resources we each have to reap. We'd appreciate you bringing your own cup and some nibbles &/or drink for afterwards, please. Helen Popenoe <hpop@verizon.net>

Tues, Sept 23 - Network of Spiritual Progressives - 7:30-9:30pm at Paint Branch Unitarian Church in Adelphi MD - Advocating for the Global Marshall Plan recommended by Al Gore in

1992 in "Earth in the Balance" (solving the climate crisis and eliminating crushing poverty worldwide) and now reflected in a bill in Congress, H.Res 1078. See: www.nspmaryland.org, info: nspmaryland@gmail.com.

Wed, Sept 24, Making Your Home More Energy Efficient, 7 pm -9 pm, Jessup, MD For more information, contact Leslye Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org Legislative Preview and Reception: Sept 24

Wed, Sept 24, Join us for a networking reception and discussion of upcoming environmental legislation for the 2009 General Assembly Session, 6:30–8:30 p.m (Presentations begin at 7:30 in the Kelley Lecture Hall, Hoffberger Science Building (look for MDLCVEF signs) Goucher College (1021 Dulaney Valley Road, Baltimore, MD 21204-2794) Learn about the environmental threats of Global Warming and uncontrolled growth, provide feedback on potential environmental legislation, and discuss using your power as a voter to advocate for change at the local, state and federal level. For more information or to RSVP visit www.marylandconservation.org or contact Jen Brock-Cancellieri at 410-280-9855 ext. 202 or email jbrock@mdlcv.org

Fri, Sep 26, Sustainable Community Suppers, 7 to 9 pm, Dayton, MD. Fourth Friday, vegetarian potluck, discussion, sharing and speakers to support environmentally conscious living. Location: 5085 Green Bridge Rd, Dayton, MD. For more information & to RSVP, contact Karen at 410-489-6651 or sustainablecommunitysuppers@gmail.com. For directions, go to www.edenvalleycenter.org. Sept topic: Preparing for Winter.

Sat, Sept 27, 10 AM to noon. Workshop: What is Green Building? This TerraLogos workshop will explain how best to green your renovation projects, from planning the work to picking the products. Learn how to improve the energy efficiency and comfort of your home while lowering your bills. Green improvements can be piggybacked on already-planned projects to make them extremely cost effective. FREE! Register at: www.loadingdock.org/Workshop/index.htmlAt The Loading Dock, 2 North Kreston Street, Baltimore. Katie Joost, (410) 558-3625 x15

Sat, Sep 27, Green Jobs Now – National Day of Action. Green for All, 1Sky, and the WE Campaign are teaming up to launch a national mobilization to say, "I'm ready for the green economy." We are ready to tackle the climate crisis by building a green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty. *Green Jobs Now* is a National Day of Action that will empower everyday people to stage hundreds of grassroots events throughout the country. **This will send a message to our leaders that, when it comes to creating green jobs for a more sustainable economy, PEOPLE ARE READY!** There are events being planned all over Maryland – to find an event near you, get involved, or create your own, go to www.greenjobsnow.com.

Sat, Sept 27, National Green Jobs Day of Action, 10AM to 2PM, Baltimore, MD presented by www.1Sky.org, wecansolveit.org, greenforall.org and www.chesapeakeclimate.org to raise national awareness for the economic benefits that a shift towards a clean energy economy will provide, as it brings new partners into the climate / sustainability movement. This is a part of the biggest environmental national day of action since 'Step It Up.' Lake Clifton Senior High School, 2801 Saint Lo Dr Baltimore, MD 21213 RSVP at mail@baltimoreclimate.org or with Holly Gorman: 240-396-2146 or holly@chesapeakeclimate.org See: <http://events.greenjobsnow.com/greenforall/events/show/5403>. To carpool: www.baltimoreclimate.org/content/1/2/56.html#carpool

Sun, Sat 28, Washington Gardener Magazine' s Fall Harvest Collection, 3-6pm, Silver Spring, MD - DC border Washington Gardener Magazine is again hosting a fall harvest collection for Plant A Row for the Hungry. Clean out your summer garden and bring your excess edibles to 826 Philadelphia Ave. Silver Spring, MD on Sun, Sept 28 between 3-6pm. Your donations will be sorted, weighed, and delivered to local area food banks for the needy. For more information contact: Kathy Jentz, Editor/Publisher, *Washington Gardener Magazine*, 826

Philadelphia Ave., Silver Spring MD 20910, 301-588-6894, WGardenermag@aol.com. Directions and details at www.WashingtonGardener.com

Sept 28 - Oct 1, 2008, Gardens & Grace: Caring for the Earth, the City, and the Soul. The Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore, MD

Conference Purpose: To educate, inspire, and motivate participants to embrace environmental stewardship, social justice, and a creative, centered spirituality and take action to make positive change in their lives and communities. For more information: www.ang-md.org/gardensandgrace or GardensandGrace08@gmail.com or call 410-666-3787. **NOTE:** Simplicity Matters Earth Institute will be presenting.

Mon, Sep 29, Awakening Minds Bimonthly Book Group, 7:30 pm, Clarksville, MD. Focuses on ecology, social change and green living. "In Defense of Food" by Michael Pollan. Great Sage Restaurant, 5809 Clarksville Square Drive. For information contact Anastasia, 443-535-0212, info@nestnaturalhome.com.

Tues, Sept 30, Maryland Native Plant Society monthly meeting, 7:30pm, large meeting room White Oak Library. The Case of the Promiscuous Quillworts. For more information and directions go to www.mdflora.org

Looking ahead to October

Thurs, Oct 2, Green Home Tour, 8:30-10:30 am, Severna Park, MD Video documentary, discussion and tour of a newly constructed green home. Learn about the materials, products and features for possible incorporation into your next renovation or new construction project. For more info, visit www.usgbcbbaltimore.org or register at www.usgbcbbaltimore.eventbrite.com.

Sat, Oct 4, Wildlife Rescue Fall Festival, 2 p.m. – 5 pm in Hampstead, MD. Wildlife ambassadors, silent auction, moon bounce, petting zoo, face painting. Auction items include autographed Cal Ripken Jr. Hall of Fame Jersey, Wildlife photography and art, handbags, and getaways. Adults \$25 in advance, \$35 at door, Kids \$10. Contact chippynuts@hotmail.com or 410 923 8281. <http://www.wildliferescueinc.org/index.html> 19406 Grave Run Road, Hampstead, MD.

Sat/Sun, Oct 4- 5, Annual Washington, DC Tour of Solar Homes and Buildings 11 am - 5 pm DC. Annual Washington, DC Tour of Solar Homes and Buildings Considering renewable energy for your home or other building? Visit stops on the Tour to see photovoltaic panels, solar hot water heaters, and a variety of other renewable and sustainable building practices in action. Free. For details: www.solartour.org

Mon, Oct 6 2008, 7:30 pm, Herbal Remedies - In Our Howard County Roots, Howard County Recreation and Parks Headquarters, 7120 Oakland Mills, Rd., Columbia. Native and non native plants found in our own backyards and local woodlands offer traditional folk remedies. This program will discuss many of these plants and how they have been used past and present. Helen Lowe Metzman is the director of an educational herb garden, The Green Pharmacy Garden, in Fulton and coordinates the Tai Sophia herb garden in West Laurel. For information, contact Brigitte, 240-506-8976, bfzaidan@safe-mail.net.

Sun, Oct 12, All Our Relations Sacred Gardening Workshop, 10:30am-4:30pm, Blueberry Gardens, Ashton (north of Olney), MD. Earth Mother is calling us to heal ourselves and our relationship to nature. Our gardens are where we can start to cultivate this healing. Come learn Native American approaches and worldviews that will encourage deeper gardening practices honoring nature energies and planetary well-being. \$70. Led by Mare Cromwell, professional

gardener, author and apprentice to Cherokee Medicine Woman. To register:
www.sacreddogllc.com

Tues, Oct 21, Renovating a Green Historic Home, 6-8:30 pm, JHU - Baltimore, MD Improving energy efficiency and sustainability in older homes is a growing part of the "green" movement in architecture. Greening a historic house while preserving the original materials and character poses a unique challenge. Learn about this whole-house sustainable restoration in Baltimore during Architecture Week. For more info, visit www.usgbcalt.org or register at www.usgbcaltimore.eventbrite.com.

Through mid October at the U.S. National Arboretum: Power Plants, a walk-through garden showcasing a variety of plants offering a diverse array of alternative energy possibilities. Visitors will learn about sustainable agriculture-based renewable energy sources during their tour of the exhibit. If you can't make it to the arboretum, be sure to visit our online Power Plants Garden Virtual Tour. For directions and more information go to <http://www.usna.usda.gov/Education/index.html>

Action Opportunities and Tidbits

Grassfed, local, organic beef and lamb is available in bulk prices in Silver Spring! Lovingly raised by Julie Bolton of Groff's Content Farm in Rocky Ridge, Maryland, and similar local family farms in southern Pennsylvania, our animals are organic, local and grassfed resulting in ethical, delicious, lean meat. No hormones, animal byproducts or antibiotics are used. The animals are slaughtered, and USDA inspected. Lamb boxes are 9-11lbs. and cost \$11.50/lb. Beef boxes are 22-25lbs. \$9 per pound and beef boxes, which you could split, are 22 to 25 pounds. For details on beef boxes, which include a mix of cuts, go to: www.kolffoods.com/goodforkfoods. To order, email: devora@kolffoods.com

Corn Heat Coop forming in Baltimore City in Fall 2008. Affordable net-zero carbon home heat using corn/grain/pellets. Works with your existing furnace-boiler only as back-up. Fuel-buying coop will be modeled after SaveOurSky.com, Tacoma Park. Learn more by joining the listgroup at BaltiCornHeat-subscribe@yahoo.com, or contact Frank Lee at TechEdTeacher@usa.net.

Eco-Partners Green Building Network Are you a green building professional interested in connecting with other local providers of green building products and services? Eco-Partners is a network of DC-area independent businesses specializing in eco-friendly residential & commercial design, construction, renovation, interiors, landscaping, maintenance and related businesses. We offer our clients the best in environmentally-sustainable products and services within a network of skilled and talented Eco-Partners. Please contact Robin Buck for info on upcoming meetings. robin_buck_design@verizon.net

Eight week dream groups, starting mid-September, night TBD. -- Bethesda, MD

Join with a small group of worthy companions to connect with the guidance dreams can offer in getting beneath stubborn patterns which complicate our lives. "Out of clutter, find simplicity. From discord, find harmony. In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." (Einstein) Contact: Anne Tongren, MA, theturningpoint@earthlink.net, 301/564-9550

"Introduction to Green Living" is a non-credit course (Fall 2008) at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) taught by Tim Dunn, a Public Information Specialist with the County's Bureau of Solid Waste Management, to provide information and practical tips on how individuals and families can live more environmentally conscious lifestyles. Learn what you can do in your everyday life to have a positive impact on your community and the environment. Topics will include recycling, waste prevention (e.g., home composting and responsible lawn care), reducing household hazardous toxins and waste, and energy conservation. Thursday evenings on the Dundalk Campus, 9/11 - 10/23/08 or Saturday afternoons at the Essex Campus, 10/18 -

11/22/08. You can register for this course online at www.cbcmd.edu or by calling 410-455-4700. First come, first served. Prompt registration recommended (class size limited). If you have questions about this course, please contact LaVerne Robertson, Fitness and Wellness Coordinator with CCBC, at 410-918-4253.