

Dear Friends of Simplicity,

This is the Simplicity Matters Earth Institute Monthly Announcement for **June 2009**. It is going out to over **1,801 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/](http://www.simplicity-matters.org/announcements/).

We also have a Yahoogroup, called "DCMetroSimplifiers," with about 262 members, if you want to be involved during the month in an "interactive dialogue." You can subscribe from our homepage, [www.simplicity-matters.org](http://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 89 members. You can also subscribe from our homepage.

This announcement is organized into five sections:

- Second Sunday Forum & Baltimore Green Forum & SMEI Annual Picnic
- Discussion Circle Update
- Community Events
- July & August Preview
- Action Opportunities and Tidbits

We hope you will all join us for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Picnic on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our own Lore Rosenthal was featured last week in the Baltimore Sun! Check out the link on our SMEI website homepage (upper right corner) <http://www.simplicity-matters.org/>

Thanks to this month's editor, **Janis Oppelt**.

**Simplicity Matters Earth Institute's 8th Annual Statewide Simple Picnic!**

**Sunday, June 14, 2-6 pm, Washington Monument State Park (about one hour from Bethesda, DC, Baltimore and Greenbelt)**

Spend a day in the beautiful Maryland mountains... then join us for a potluck and simple conversation. Reconnect with folks with whom you participated in discussion circles, or connect with like-minded folks from Maryland, DC and Virginia!

**Where:** Washington Monument State Park (Appalachian Trail), at the top of South Mountain, between Middletown and Boonsboro on Alternate 40 (border of Frederick and Washington counties). It's only 1 hour away from Bethesda, and 1 hour 10 minutes away from downtown Baltimore and from Greenbelt. Carpool with friends or family and make it an occasion! We'll be meeting, rain or shine, at the Fort Necessity Shelter (wheelchair accessible).

**Special for Children Ages 3-8:** Gumption the [green] Dragon will visit at 3 pm!

For more information and directions, go to <http://www.simplicity-matters.org/events/picnic.php> .

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## **SECOND SUNDAY FORUM**

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**Our SMEI Annual Picnic is taking the place of the Second Sunday Forum.** We are on "hiatus" for the summer. Regular Second Sunday Forums will resume on Sunday, September 13. Topic: TBA

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## **BALTIMORE GREEN FORUM**

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**The Baltimore Green Forum takes place on the fourth Sunday of the month at the MD Presbyterian Church, 1105 Providence Road, Towson, 21286**

<http://www.mpchurch.org/directions.htm>. We are currently on break until September.

**Representatives of co-sponsoring organizations will be meeting during the month of June to plan out the calendar for the next Programming Year.**

**Current co-sponsors include:** 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., Parks & People, and the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the Sierra Club.

**If you would like to attend the June Planning Meeting,** suggest topics for the fall, or become a co-sponsoring organization, contact [baltimoregreenforum@gmail.com](mailto:baltimoregreenforum@gmail.com), 301-345-2234

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## **DISCUSSION CIRCLE UPDATE**

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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.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** From January 1st onwards, discussion circle books will cost \$20 plus s/h. They should be ordered directly from NWEI. For more info, visit <http://www.simplicity-matters.org/circles/order.php>

**We have started 20 circles so far in 2009 (217 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](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org) unless otherwise noted.

### **Frederick & Washington County**

None currently scheduled to begin

### **Carroll County**

**Westminster "Regroup"** Contact [CirclesCarroll@Simplicity-Matters.org](mailto:CirclesCarroll@Simplicity-Matters.org) to join the group for discussions and to watch videos. CS: Carole Flood

### **Howard County**

**Thurs , June 4, 7– 8:30 pm, Columbia, Oliver’s Carriage House, (GW)** Kittamaqundi. 5401 Leaf Treader Way. Five weeks. First session: June 4. Wrap-up session: July 2. Open to the public. Register with F. Miller at 410-531-2303 or fam57@verizon.net.

**Howard County, Climate Change Initiative of Howard County (CCIHC)** Committee is actively pursuing many other potential venues. Details to follow. Visit [www.hococlimatechange.org](http://www.hococlimatechange.org) or email [hococlimatechange@gmail.com](mailto:hococlimatechange@gmail.com)

**UU Congregation of Columbia** (VS, MF, CSL?) Several discussion circles set to start this fall, thru SMEI (not part of CCIHC) CS: Robin Hessey  
**Columbia Library or Private Home** (VS), Fall 2009 CS: Everene Johnson

### **Harford County**

None currently scheduled to begin

### **Baltimore City/County**

**Baltimore region** (DSOP, GW, MF, CSL) As soon as we have 8-12 people who can agree on a night of the week, we will get started. There seems to be a lot of interest in CSL for the fall. Contact Lore, [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org)

**Baltimore Ethical Society** (tbd), Fall 2009 CS: Karen Elliott

**Baltimore** (tbd) CS: Sister Gabriel

**Baltimore, Private home in NE Balto** (tbd) CS: Dana Shaw

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

**Parkton/CSA** (MF) CS: Rich Louis

### **PG County**

**Greenbelt Climate Action Network** (VS, GW, or MF) New circle starting in June. CS: Lore Rosenthal, [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org)

**Montpelior/Laurel** (MF), CS: Anne Hull

**Mt. Rainier** (VS), CS: Joe Robbins

**Crofton/Bowie** (VS) CS: Greg Jones

**Progressive Cheverly** (tbd), Fall 2009 CS: \_\_?

**Accokeek** (MF) Intro meeting: TBD. CS: Linsey Shelton

### **Montgomery County**

MF and CSL discussion groups on-going and there is interest in DSOP, so if you are interested in any of our topics or would like to start one in your neighborhood, contact Marney. [Marney@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:Marney@simplicity-matters.org), 301 652-0492

### **St. Mary's County**

**Leonardtown, (MF)** Ongoing, but if you are interested in joining another group contact Christina Allen at [allensarticles@earthlink.net](mailto:allensarticles@earthlink.net). 301-862-3421

### **Washington, DC**

**Washington, DC, Friends Meeting House, Thursday June 18th (tentative! Call to confirm.), 2111 Florida Ave., NW (Dupont Circle Metro), 7:30 PM, Topic: Mindful Consumption.** We will be discussing ideas found in the following: Mindfully Green: A Personal and Spiritual Guide to Whole Earth Thinking by Stephanie Kaza, January 2009 Shambhala Sun, "The Green Path" and The World We Have: A Buddhist Approach to Peace and Ecology by Thich Nhat Hahn. Meeting every other month, open to newcomers. Sponsored by WBPF.org  
Contact person : Bill Jenkins, [worldofmuse@aol.com](mailto:worldofmuse@aol.com), (301) 699-8704

**Washington, DC, Thursday June 11, Home of Leonardo Neher, 414 4th St., SE (near both Capitol South & Eastern Market metro stations), 7:30-9:30 PM, Topic: "What's Eating America?," session 1 of the Discussion Course "Menu for the Future."** Open to newcomers. RSVP required. Contact Pope Barrow, 202-546-3933 & [mpb56054@yahoo.com](mailto:mpb56054@yahoo.com).

## "Circles List"/"Matchmaking"

This summer, 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.

We are in the process of transitioning to a regional structure for the state. Please start using the emails below for more information about circles starting in your county.

### **SMEI Regional Coordinators:**

**Baltimore City/Baltimore Co.:** [CirclesBalto@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:CirclesBalto@simplicity-matters.org) (Lore Rosenthal)

**Carroll Co.:** [CirclesCarroll@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:CirclesCarroll@simplicity-matters.org) (Marney Bruce)

**Frederick & Washington Co.:** [CirclesFredWashCo@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:CirclesFredWashCo@simplicity-matters.org) (Lena Rotenberg)

**Howard Co.:** [CirclesHoCo@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:CirclesHoCo@simplicity-matters.org) (Lore Rosenthal). See also [Climate Change Initiative of Howard County](#) (CCIHC)

**Montgomery Co.:** [CirclesMontgomery@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:CirclesMontgomery@simplicity-matters.org) (Marney Bruce)

**Prince Georges Co.:** [CirclesPG@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:CirclesPG@simplicity-matters.org) (Lore Rosenthal)

**Washington DC:** [CirclesDC@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:CirclesDC@simplicity-matters.org) (Marney Bruce)

**Elsewhere in Maryland or Jefferson Co., WV:** [Circles@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:Circles@simplicity-matters.org) or 301-432-8721 (Lena Rotenberg)

For a list of **all of our NWEI-published discussion topics**, visit <http://www.simplicity-matters.org/volunteers/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](mailto:Lena@simplicity-matters.org)

For more info. about our discussion circles, visit our Discussion Circles page, <http://www.simplicity-matters.org/circles/index.php>, or email Lore at [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org)

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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**Mon., June 1, Chesapeake Sustainable Business Alliance Monthly Happy Hour & Green Discussion, 6–8 pm, various Baltimore locations.** First Monday of the month, Check the website at [www.csballiance.org/pages/cal.html](http://www.csballiance.org/pages/cal.html) for updates. Call 410-342-1482 or email [info@csballiance.org](mailto:info@csballiance.org).

**Tues., June 2, Get the Dirt Out Chesapeake, Herring Run Watershed Assn, 7-9 pm.** A region-wide program conducted by the Waterkeepers Chesapeake Coalition to train citizen volunteers to identify and report construction pollution. RSVP required. <http://www.baltimorewaterkeeper.org/programs/get-the-dirt-out-chesapeake/>

**Tues., June 2, Druid Hill Park Bicycle Tour. Druid Hill Park, Swann and Lake Drives. 5 pm.** Bring your own bike, helmet and other gear. Limited bikes and helmets are available with advanced notification. \$10/person. Contact Rob Brennan, AIA, 410.788.2282.

**June 2, Green Building Network Meeting: Passivhaus Design, Enviro Center, 7761 Waterloo Road, Jessup, Maryland 6:30-8:30 pm.** GBN meetings are held on the first Tues. of every month, except for holidays, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Enviro Center. For further information, please email [Leslye@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:Leslye@greenbuildinginstitute.org), or go to <http://visitor.constantcontact.com/email.jsp?&m=1101228246584>.

**Tues., June 2, 7:30 pm, Neighbors of Northwest Branch regular meeting, White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD** (just north of the intersection with US 29, Colesville Rd.). Clean Water Actions' Chesapeake Regional Director Andy Fellows will lead a discussion of opportunities to build the power of our group to protect and restore the Anacostia River through engaging communities, elected officials and other stakeholders. No charge. Contact John Fay: 301-946-5599 or [jhfay@verizon.net](mailto:jhfay@verizon.net) or visit [www.neighborsnwb.org](http://www.neighborsnwb.org).

**Tues., June 2, Self-Service Car-Sharing in Baltimore, 7-8:30 pm.** Tiffany James of the Parking Authority, and advocate for alternative transportation, describes how her boss Mayor Sheila Dixon wants to provide a network of low-emission, self-service vehicles available around the clock. 30-minute open meeting of Baltimore Climate Action Network follows. Light fare. \$4 suggested donation. Location: First Unitarian Church, Baltimore, Charles St and Franklin St 21201 ([www.firstunitarian.net](http://www.firstunitarian.net)). Join us afterwards for drinks or eats down the block. For more information, see [www.baltimoreclimate.org](http://www.baltimoreclimate.org) or <http://environment.meetup.com/280> or call 410-812-1447.

**Tues., June 2, Catch the Rain and Be a Better Steward of the Chesapeake Bay, 7-9 pm, Bethesda, MD.** Learn what steps you can take at your home or business to catch the rain and make use of it on the site of your home or business. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Tues., June 2, EcolocityDC, First Tuesday: Food & Farming-How To Organize a Food Buying Club, 7-9 pm, Washington DC.** The benefits of a food-buying club are tremendous. Come to this event and find out how. Presenter is Yvette Mohammad who has run a food-buying club in NE DC for 2 1/2 years. Location: Emergence Community Arts Collective, 733 Euclid Street NW. For more information, contact Gerri Williams, [williard2738@gmail.com](mailto:williard2738@gmail.com). Directions and details at <http://ecolocity.ning.com>

**Wed., June 3, Buying or Renovating Your Home the Green Way, 7- 9 pm, Annapolis, MD.** Eco-Broker certified real estate professionals, home energy auditors and lenders will help you understand how you can buy a green home. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org).

**Wed., June 3, Indoor Air Quality, 7-9 pm, Westminster, MD.** Learn about health concerns including carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, particulates (such as dust mites, dander, pollen), VOCs and more. Contact David Woolley-Wilson at [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org) or 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org).

**Wed., June 3, Leafleting with Compassion Over Killing (COK), 12-1pm, Washington, D.C.** COK will be leafleting at the free concert at Woodrow Wilson Plaza in honor of the first annual D.C. Week for Animals at 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., D.C. Details at: <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0971>

**Wed., June 3, Go Green: Planting for Wildlife, 7-8pm, Croydon Creek Nature Center 852 Avery Road Rockville, MD.** Do you long to be where the wild things are? Make your property a haven for birds, butterflies, and other wild creatures. Learn how to use plants to create wildlife habitat in your yard. Plant lists and handouts will be provided. Contact [beth@friendsofrockcreek.org](mailto:beth@friendsofrockcreek.org) or the FORCE Office at (202) 237-8866

**Weds., June 3, 10, 17, Go Green in Annapolis Series, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis, 7 pm.** This four-part series (organized by the Green Building Institute) is designed to help all learn how to "green" their homes and businesses, improve their bottom line and help the environment. Terra Logos will be at the 6/3 workshop on "Buying & Renovating Your Home the Green Way." For more information: <http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org/gogreeninannapolis.htm>

**June 4, Children's Gardens: A Primer--Community Greening Resource Network Activity.** For more information, go to [http://www.parksandpeople.org/programs\\_great\\_parks\\_greening\\_CGRN.html](http://www.parksandpeople.org/programs_great_parks_greening_CGRN.html)

**Thurs., June 4, Connections Over Coffee, 10 am-Noon, Bel Air, MD.** For women only. Every first Thursday. Spend a morning connecting with like-minded women at Bliss Coffee & Wine Bar. \$15. For more info contact Ginny Robertson at [ginnYROBERTSON@comcast.net](mailto:ginnYROBERTSON@comcast.net). 410-252-2703. [www.onpurposenow.com](http://www.onpurposenow.com).

**Thurs., June 4, Compassion Over Killing (COK) Benefit at The Vegetable Garden, 11:30 am-10 pm, 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. The Vegetable Garden is located at 11618 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. Details at: <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0967>

**Thurs., June 4, Leafleting with Compassion Over Killing (COK), 5:30 pm-6:30 pm, Washington, D.C.** COK will be leafleting at the Farragut West Metro station in honor of D.C. Week for the Animals. After leafleting join us for dinner at The Vegetable Garden where 10 percent of your bill goes to support COK's work. Details at:

<http://www.cok.net/events/#event0972>

**Fri., June 5, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm, Map Global. Celebrate Local! Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park, Baltimore.** Join Baltimore Green Map and Friends of Druid Hill Park for a celebration of our local projects: music, light refreshments, map exhibit and interactive demo, examples of Green mapmaking activities from around the world. More information at [www.baltogreenmap.org](http://www.baltogreenmap.org). To register: [rsvp@baltogreenmap.org](mailto:rsvp@baltogreenmap.org).

**Fri., June 5 to Sun., June 7, Chesapeake Bay Air Ride & Roll: A Mini Cycle Across Maryland (CAM) Event! Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD.** Enjoy a weekend ride through sun-kissed fields, historic towns and sandy beaches and make a difference in the life of someone with lung disease. For a \$10 discount please make sure to join the One Less Car Team and use the discount code: OLC  
<http://www.mrsnv.com/evt/e01/team.jsp?id=2372&tid=35649>

**June 5, 8am-10am, USGBC Balto - Breakfast Roundtable Series – Energy & Atmosphere  
UMB BioPark - 801 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD**

A series of 6 events focusing on the details of the LEED rating systems. Mark your calendar for the entire series: Sustainable Sites - Feb 6, 2009 ; Water Efficiency -Apr 3, 2009; Energy and Atmosphere-Jun 5, 2009; Materials and Resources- Aug 7, 2009; Indoor Air Quality - Oct 2, 2009; Innovation in Design- Dec 4, 2009.  
[www.usgbcaltimore.eventbrite.com](http://www.usgbcaltimore.eventbrite.com)

**June 5, 8:30am – 5:00pm, USGBC Workshop LEED Core Concepts & Strategies  
Washington, DC** <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=283>

**Sat., June 6, Mid-Atlantic Food Systems and Annual Garden Design, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, Freeland, MD.** This workshop explores how to create a sustainable regional food economy, including growing vegetables for our own consumption; how to design an annual vegetable garden; and strategies for growing food in urban areas. Sliding scale: \$60-\$100. For more information contact Karen Stupski at [education@heathcote.org](mailto:education@heathcote.org) or 410-357-9523. Details at <http://www.heathcote.org/oneday.shtml>.

**Sat. June 6, Cohousing Timeline Game, 1-5 pm, Northwest Washington DC.**

If you want to **build** an intentional community, take advantage of this "beta" test of this workshop sponsored by Mid Atlantic Cohousing (501c3). Info: <http://www.MidAtlanticCohousing.org> Register: <http://www.meetup.com/Washington-DC-Area-Cohousing/> Small fee to defray expenses. Contact: Ann 202 291 7892; [zabaldo@earthlink.net](mailto:zabaldo@earthlink.net)

**Sat, June 6, First Saturday Vegan Potluck, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM, Ellicott City, MD 21042**

For vegans, vegetarians or the just curious. Please bring a vegan (no animal products) dish to share (store bought is fine) for the number in your party plus 8. Please RSVP via e-mail. There will be iced tea and filtered water to drink. Kids welcome! To RSVP and for directions contact Bonnie Sorak [bsorak@juno.com](mailto:bsorak@juno.com) or 410-465-0427. Please bring your own reusable picnic-ware and feel free to wash up here - or we will have basic table service available (for a small fee), If we don't receive more then 6 responses then we will cancel the gathering.

**Sun., June 7, E-cycling Event, 12 Noon to 4 pm, Bethesda Chevy-Chase High School parking lot, 4301 East-West Highway.** Recycle your old TVs and outdated electronics. In partnership with Montgomery County's Division of Solid Waste Services, Bethesda Green is promoting E-cycling Day. Free Honest Tea. For more information go to <http://bethesdagreen.org/bgreen/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=dahwYj2aeTk%3d&tabid=76>.

**Sun., June 7, "Good, good, good, good VIBRATIONS! -- Cohousing for 55+," 4-6 pm, Winter Hill Clubhouse, 330 S. Virginia Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046.** Learn about this innovative type of community which YOU help build! FREE but must register at <http://www.meetup.com/Washington-DC-Area-Cohousing>. For more info: <http://www.cohousingcollaborative.com> and click on Falls Church on the Home Page. Contact: Ann 703 663 3911; [ann@cohousingcollaborative.com](mailto:ann@cohousingcollaborative.com)

**Sun., June 7, Sustainable Culture, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, Freeland, MD.** What does a sustainable culture look like? This workshop explores social, economic, and personal aspects of sustainability. We Sliding scale: \$60-\$100. For more information, contact Karen Stupski at [education@heathcote.org](mailto:education@heathcote.org) or 410-357-9523. Details at <http://www.heathcote.org/oneday.shtml>.

**Sun, June 7, 2-5 pm, 3rd Annual GREEN County Picnic, Kentland Columbia Park Community Center 2411 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover.** Join Co-Hosts Prince George's County Councilpersons Andrea Harrison, Tom Dernoga, Will Campos, Eric Olson & the Sierra Club as we celebrate the successes of the past year and plan for our next steps. Party in the Park to network, strategize, and celebrate with fellow Prince George's environmentalists! The Sierra Club will present the Mike Maloney Environmental Public Service Award to a selected recipient. \* Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share (optional) We will provide grilled food (vegetarian too), drinks and the like and sundry foods \* Please RSVP today to Alex Hirtle at (301) 952-5349 or [ajhirtle@co.pg.md.us](mailto:ajhirtle@co.pg.md.us)

**Mon., June 8, Free vegetarian dinner and presentation by Bruce Friedrich, Vice President of PETA, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, Washington, D.C.** Friedrich will discuss ways each us can be more effective advocates for animals and how to engage in persuasive and meaningful conversations about animal rights. Join us at the Mt. Pleasant Library at 3160 16th St., N.W., D.C. Details at: <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0982>

**Mon., June 8, Rain Barrel Construction Workshop, Community Greening Resource Network Activity.** Details at [http://www.parksandpeople.org/programs\\_great\\_parks\\_greening\\_CGRN.html](http://www.parksandpeople.org/programs_great_parks_greening_CGRN.html).

**Tues, June 9, Prince George's GreenDrinks, 6 to 8pm, Franklin's Restaurant, Brewery, and General Store, 5121 Baltimore Ave. Hyattsville, MD 20781 • 301-927-2740** Drink specials, door prizes, and green networking!

**Tues., June 9, Compassion Over Killing (COK) Benefit at Sticky Fingers Bakery, 7 am-8 pm, Washington, D.C.** Join us for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or dessert, at the award-winning Sticky Fingers Bakery, and a portion of your bill will be automatically donated towards our efforts to help farmed animals. Sticky Fingers is located at 1370 Park Rd., N.W., Washington D.C. Details at: <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0984>

**Tues., June 9, EcolocityDC, Second Tuesday: Transition meeting, 7-9 pm, Washington DC.** Continue the conversation to address the challenges of peak oil, climate change and economic collapse. Participants will be invited to collaborate in formulating plans to reduce oil dependency and build local resilience. All residents are welcome. Location: Emergence Community Arts Collective, 733 Euclid Street NW. For more information: [ecolocitydc@gmail.com](mailto:ecolocitydc@gmail.com) or call 202 545 0869. Directions and details: <http://ecolocity.ning.com>.

**Tues., June 9, Hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and fun to honor Maryland's top climate leaders, 7-9 pm, Takoma Park, MD.** Cocktail party sponsored by the Chesapeake Climate Action Network! Reserve your \$50 ticket at: [www.chesapeakeclimate.org/MdAward](http://www.chesapeakeclimate.org/MdAward). Location: Charlene R. Nunley Student Center (corner of Fenton St and New York Ave.), at the Silver Spring/Takoma campus of Montgomery College, 7600 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, Md 20912. Full map at <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/maps/tpcamp.html>. CONTACT: Kirsten Collings, [kirsten@chesapeakeclimate.org](mailto:kirsten@chesapeakeclimate.org) 240-396-2152

**Tues., June 9, Free Composting Presentation and Discussion, 7-9:30 pm, Frederick, Md.** Expert panel will explore opportunities to expand the County's current yard waste composting program to include organic materials not previously accepted, such as food wastes and paper products not suitable for traditional recycling. Location: first floor hearing room of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street. For more information, go to <http://www.co.frederick.md.us/index.aspx?NID=3684&ART=8068&admin=1>.

**Tues., June 9, On Purpose Networking for Women, 5:30-8:30pm, Columbia, MD**  
For women only. Every second Tuesday. Light buffet. The Hawthorn Center. Guests \$15. For more info contact Ginny Robertson at [ginnYROBERTSON@comcast.net](mailto:ginnYROBERTSON@comcast.net). 410-252-2703. [www.onpurposenow.com](http://www.onpurposenow.com).

**Weds., June 10, Green Energy for Your Home and Business, 7-9 pm, Annapolis, MD.** Geothermal, solar thermal, photo voltaic and wind power experts will discuss how clean energy can lower your energy bills and reduce green house gas emissions. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Wed, June 10, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, Greenbelt Community Center, Crescent Road, 7:30-9:30 pm. "Energy Conservation in the Home".** Representative from Pepco will make a short presentation, followed by tips from local resident experts. Time for sharing by all. Lots of info and handouts will be shared. For more info, contact Steve Kane, [srkane@gmail.com](mailto:srkane@gmail.com).

**Thurs, June 11, 9 AM to 3 PM, Energy Smart Real Estate Professionals Course, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Annapolis.** Learn how to increase profits and help your customers save money at the same time. Frank Lee of TerraLogos will be one of the instructors. MD, DC and VA will earn your Energy Smart Real Estate Specialist Designation (ESRES) and 4 "CE" credits. Cost \$89  
<http://energysmartrealestatespecialists.com/>

**Thurs, June 11, Maryland Historical Society, 201 W. Monument St. Baltimore, 9 am-5 pm.** Free public workshop sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Humane Metropolis Baltimore, the latest in a series of regional conferences, will involve practitioners, activists, and public officials from Baltimore and elsewhere to address six separate topics, including urban parks, Baltimore's new sustainability plan, and urban ecology. Free registration but required. *Online:* [www.lincolnst.edu](http://www.lincolnst.edu), *E-mail:* [lincolninstitute@resource-plus.com](mailto:lincolninstitute@resource-plus.com), *Call:* 888.845.8759

**Thurs, June 11, Volunteers and Leadership in Community Gardens,** Community Greening Resource Network Activity. For information: [http://www.parksandpeople.org/programs\\_great\\_parks\\_greening\\_CGRN.html](http://www.parksandpeople.org/programs_great_parks_greening_CGRN.html)

**Thurs., June 11, Connections Over Coffee, 10 am-Noon, Silver Spring, MD**  
For women only. Every second Thursday. Spend a morning connecting with like-minded women at Mayorga Coffee Factory. \$15. For more info contact Ginny Robertson at [ginyrobertson@comcast.net](mailto:ginyrobertson@comcast.net). 410-252-2703.  
[www.onpurposenow.com](http://www.onpurposenow.com).

**Thurs, June 11, 7:00pm, Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
**1540C Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716, Cheryl Cort, Policy Director for the Coalition for Smarter Growth** in Washington, DC will lead a discussion on Smart Growth practices. The presentation will highlight the benefits to the entire county of development around transit stations, revitalization of our older communities and preservation of our open spaces as opposed to the current trend in our county towards sprawl, and developing healthier communities with transportation options that would cut down on automobile traffic and congestion as well as give access to opportunity to a more inclusive and diverse cross-section of our residents. Our aim is to help people understand the interconnectedness of transportation, jobs, health, housing and education and how using our assets wisely can make our county a better place for all of its residents. Hosted by BIGG (the Bowie Interfaith Green Group) and PRISCM (Partnership for Renewal in Southern and Central Maryland) Directions at [www.goodloeeuu.org](http://www.goodloeeuu.org) Contact: [michellemalta@gmail.com](mailto:michellemalta@gmail.com)

**Fri., June 12, An Evening with Will Allen, Founder and President of Growing Power, Inc., 6-9 pm,** Great Kids Farm, 6601 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, MD. Will Allen shares his experiences in building an internationally acclaimed urban farm rooted in community, sustainable agriculture and a commitment to making good food available to all. \$40 admission includes cocktail reception, optional farm tour, and lecture. For information: <http://baltimoregreenworks.com/uncategorized/an-evening-with-will-allen-at-great-kids-farm/>.

**Sat., June 13, The Vegan Scoop: A COK Ice Cream Sampling & Book Benefit, 3:30 pm, Rockville, Md.** Wheeler del Torro, author of *The Vegan Scoop, 150 Recipes for Dairy-free Ice Cream that Tastes Better Than the "Real" Thing*, will discuss his new book and provide samples of vegan ice cream. A portion of the proceeds from book sales will be donated to COK. Details at: <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0998>

**Sat., June 13, join the Montgomery County Sierra Club at the Underground Railroad Experience Trail, Woodlawn Manor, 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring, MD., 9:30 am-Noon.** Dr. Jenny Masur, National Park Service, on the history of the Underground Railroad in the DC area. Then we will remove invasive plant species and restore this historically important area to plant communities typical of the mid-1800s. More information at <http://maryland.sierraclub.org/montgomery/>. Free. RSVP [steven.lonker@maryland.sierraclub.org](mailto:steven.lonker@maryland.sierraclub.org) or 301-351-6985.

**Sat., June 13, Ecolocity Anniversary, We Are One: Policy & Planning Going Forward, 10 am-3 pm, Washington DC.** Extended planning session facilitated by Heather Berthoud of Berthoud/Greene Consultants. Bring a vegetarian dish for potluck lunch. Location: Juanita Thornton Shepherd Park Library, 7420 Georgia Avenue NW. For more information and to RSVP: [ecolocitydc@gmail.com](mailto:ecolocitydc@gmail.com) or call 202 545 0869. Directions and details: <http://ecolocity.ning.com>.

**Sat., June 13, Dinner and Contra Dance to Benefit EcoStewards Alliance, 5-9:30 pm, Lovettsville, VA.** Dinner and wine from nearby Hiddencroft Vineyards followed by for contra, square and circle lessons and dancing in the barn. \$25/person includes dinner, one beer or soda and dessert, and dancing. Cash bar. Please email [Maureenesa@gmail.com](mailto:Maureenesa@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.ecostewardsalliance.org/> for more info.

**Sun, June 14, All Our Relations Sacred Gardening Workshop, 10:00am-5:00pm, 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 about wiser worldviews and practices that will encourage 'deeper' gardening approaches that honor nature energies... focus on personal and planetary well-being... plus *have some fun.* ;-) Sliding Scale. Led by Mare Cromwell, Sacred Gardening specialist, author and apprentice to Cherokee Medicine Woman. To register: [www.sacreddogllc.com](http://www.sacreddogllc.com)

**Sun., June 14, Chicken workshop at Kayam Farm, 1-4 pm.** Come learn sustainable chicken-raising with Homer Walden, local bio-dynamic chicken expert. Help build Kayam's first chicken tractor. Sun \$20/single, \$30/family. Contact [Becca@pearlstonecenter.org](mailto:Becca@pearlstonecenter.org) to sign up or for more information.

**Sun, June 14, Be Cool Workshop, 1- 3 pm, GHI Board Room, 1 Hamilton Place, Greenbelt MD 20770.** Informative, informal workshop designed to help you save money. Drop in, ask questions, learn about effective air conditioning for your unit and simple ideas of how to reduce your cooling costs.

**Sunday June 14, 4:00PM Towson, MD, Sierra Club sponsored Utah Red Rock Wilderness multimedia slide show.** Maryland Presbyterian Church, 1105 Providence Rd., approximately 3 tenths of a mile north of Baltimore Beltway exit 28. Contact: [chris.yoder@mdsierra.org](mailto:chris.yoder@mdsierra.org) 410.466.2462

**Sundays June 14, July 19, August 30, September 13, Oct 25 from 1-3 pm, Organic Cooking Classes at Kayam Farm!** Learn healthy cooking techniques using delicious farm fresh produce. Classes meet on the farm (5425 Mt Gilead Road, Reisterstown 21136) and are taught by Richele Henry, certified holistic health counselor. \$30 for the first class, \$20 for each additional class. E-mail [Becca@pearlstonecenter.org](mailto:Becca@pearlstonecenter.org) to sign up or for more information.

**Sun., June 14, Tabling with COK at the Capital Pride Street Festival, 11 am-6 pm, Washington, D.C.** Help us reach out with a message of compassion at one of the largest pride events in the nation. Please join us for a one- to two-hour shift. Details at: <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0956>

**Sun., June 14, Sierra Club sponsored Utah Red Rock Wilderness multimedia slide show. 4 pm, Towson, MD.** Maryland Presbyterian Church, 1105 Providence Rd., approximately 3 tenths of a mile north of Baltimore Beltway exit 28. Contact: [chris.yoder@mdsierra.org](mailto:chris.yoder@mdsierra.org) 410.466.2462

**Mon., June 15, Reel & Meal: Life in Occupied Palestine: Eyewitness Stories and Photos, 7 pm, historic Greenbelt.** Location TBA (either New Deal Cafe or Community Center). Sponsored by the Peace & Justice Coalition of Prince George's County. Free screening and optional vegan meal offered from 6:30 pm. Contact [justpeacepg@earthlink.net](mailto:justpeacepg@earthlink.net), Lucy Duff at 301-577-2350. For more about Anna Baltzer and her movie, visit [www.annainthemiddleeast.com](http://www.annainthemiddleeast.com).

**Tues., June 16, EcolocityDC Third Tuesday Film: Sprawling From Grace, Driven to madness, 7-9:30 pm, Washington DC.** Cheap fossil-fuel-dependent suburban American way of life is in peril. Location: Emergence Community Arts Collective, 733 Euclid Street NW. For more information: [ecolocitydc@gmail.com](mailto:ecolocitydc@gmail.com) or call 202 545 0869. Directions and details: <http://ecolocity.ning.com>. Brief discussion follows. Suggested donation: \$5.

**Tues., June 16, On Purpose Networking for Women, 5:30-8:30pm, Severna Park, MD. For women only. Every Third Tuesday.** Light buffet. The Severna Park Community Center. Guests \$15. For more info contact Ginny Robertson at [ginnYROBERTSON@comcast.net](mailto:ginnYROBERTSON@comcast.net). 410-252-2703. [www.onpurposenow.com](http://www.onpurposenow.com).

**Tues., June 16, Pre-Conference Seminar: Energy and Global Climate Change: Cost-Cutting Initiatives,** AED Conference Center, Washington D.C. Seminar will cover various topics, which can be found at <http://www.conference-board.org/conferences/conference.cfm?id=1864&view=topics&event=1867>.

**Tues., June 16- mid-September. Introduction to Strategic Sustainable Development.** This is a part-time study course. Students should expect to commit approximately 4 hours per week to view online materials and participate in online sessions. Additional worktime is required for assignments and readings.  
[http://www.bth.se/site/sustainability.nsf/pages/mi2407\\_distance](http://www.bth.se/site/sustainability.nsf/pages/mi2407_distance)

**Wed, June 17, Network of Spiritual Progressives 7:30 pm - in Adelphi MD.** Continuing to explore improving our economy and our democracy informed by the work on sustainability and the economy of David Korten and by [www.ANewWayForward.org](http://www.ANewWayForward.org). We'll show a short A New Way Forward Video, and explore action steps and next steps we can take individually and as a chapter. At Paint Branch UU Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783 sponsored by the Network of Spiritual Progressives in MD, [www.nspmaryland.org](http://www.nspmaryland.org)

**Weds., June 17, Book Signing with authors of Conscious Choices...An Evolutionary Woman's Guide to Life, 6-8 pm, White Marsh, MD.** Come chat with some of the contributing authors to this book and learn about the writing process. Mystical Voyage. Free. For more info contact Ginny Robertson at [ginnyrobertson@comcast.net](mailto:ginnyrobertson@comcast.net). 410-252-2703. [www.mysticalvoyage.com](http://www.mysticalvoyage.com).

**Weds., June 17, and Thurs., June 18, Business and Sustainability Conference AED Conference Center, Washington D.C.** Best decisions for sustainability also bring big rewards for employees, communities, business partners, and shareholders. Achieving sustainability is not a one-time event but a continuing process of innovation and change. Join a group of leaders who will share how corporations working in tandem with governments and NGOs are redefining business success <http://www.conference-board.org/sustainability>

**Thurs., June 18, Rain Barrel Rodeo, Herring Run, Community Greening Resource Network Activity.** For more information: [http://www.parksandpeople.org/programs\\_great\\_parks\\_greening\\_CGRN.html](http://www.parksandpeople.org/programs_great_parks_greening_CGRN.html).

**Thurs., June 18, Get the Dirt Out Chesapeake, 7 to 9 pm.** Center for Watershed Protection, a region-wide program conducted by Waterkeepers Chesapeake, a coalition of 16 Waterkeepers in the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays region train citizen volunteers to identify and report construction pollution. RSVP required.  
<http://www.baltimorewaterkeeper.org/programs/get-the-dirt-out-chesapeake/>

**Weds., June 17, Shortcut to a Miracle, 7:15-9 pm, Finksburg, MD.** Free, eight-week exploration of learning to apply universal, spiritual laws in your life to create more miracles everyday. For more information contact Iris Sauber at [iris@sauberaa.com](mailto:iris@sauberaa.com). Please put 'shortcut' in subject line. Call 410-318-8877 or visit: [www.cccl.org](http://www.cccl.org) for details and directions.

**Weds., June 17, Catch the Rain and Be a Green Steward of the Chesapeake Bay, 7- 9 pm, Annapolis, MD.** Learn what steps you can take at your home or business to catch the rain and make use of it on the site of your home or business. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Weds., June 17, Author of "The Chesapeake Watershed," Ned Tillman,** will blend natural history and personal narrative in this great program about a fantastic natural realm. Location: College Park REI. Contact: Barbara Ball at [bball@rei.com](mailto:bball@rei.com). Cost: Free

**Weds., June 18, Analyzing Alternative Transportation, Land Use and Greenhouse Gas Scenarios for Greater Washington, 7:30 pm, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring.** Speaker: Dr. Ronald Kirby, director of transportation planning for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). More information:  
[http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/research/growth\\_policy/speaker\\_series/speaker\\_series2009.shtm](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/research/growth_policy/speaker_series/speaker_series2009.shtm).

**Fri., June 19, Connections Over Coffee, 10 am-Noon, White Marsh, MD.** For women only. Every third Friday. Spend a morning connecting with like-minded women at Mystical Voyage Coffee Shop. \$15. For more info contact Ginny Robertson at [ginnyrobertson@comcast.net](mailto:ginnyrobertson@comcast.net). 410-252-2703. [www.onpurposenow.com](http://www.onpurposenow.com).

**Sat., June 20, Walk on the C&O Canal with author Wanda McGee, 10 am to 1 pm, Start at Tow Path at Old Anglers Inn.** Walk from the Inn up to Wide Water, a distance of about ½-mile. Wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and perhaps a snack. The event is intended for adults and so that distractions are kept to a

minimum; no pets, please. Limited to 12 persons. **\$15/person** includes a copy of Wanda's book. Please email [Maureenesa@gmail.com](mailto:Maureenesa@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.ecostewardsalliance.org/> for more info.

**Sat., June 20, 9 am to noon, GHI Woodlands Trail Work Day, Playground by 2 Research Rd., Greenbelt, MD, 20770.** Help create a new connector trail. Tools and gloves provided. Bring water. Wear boots, long pants and dress for the weather. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Matt Berres, [mberres@ghi.coop](mailto:mberres@ghi.coop) or 301-474-4161 ext 132.

**Sat., June 20, Compassion Over Killing (COK) Benefit at Java Green, 10am-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 19<sup>th</sup> St., N.W., Washington D.C., when a portion of your bill will benefit COK. Details at: <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0954>

**Sun., June 21, Wheel of the Year Solstice Celebration, 5 PM, River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation.** What projects or aspects of life do you wish to bring forward in the fullness of summer? Come up our outside stairs to the Fireside Room for our rituals to release your mythic imagination for seeking such intentions. For directions, go to [www.rruuc.org](http://www.rruuc.org). For information, contact Helen Popenoe 301/229-0549.

**Sun., June 21, Vegan Bake Sale, 10am-2pm, Takoma Park, Md.** In honor of the first annual worldwide vegan bake sale, COK staff and volunteers will be offering homemade cupcakes, cookies, brownies and more during the Takoma Park farmers market. If you'd like to join our baking or tabling team, let us know! Details at: <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0978>

**Tues., June 23, EcolocityDC 4th Tuesday: Community Building: Organizing & Networking, 7-9:30 pm, Washington DC.** Join us as we get to know and learn from each other, to develop trust, respect and affinities. We'll use many tools and techniques to engage and involve everyone in a supportive, safe space. Location: Emergence Community Arts Collective, 733 Euclid Street NW. For more information: [ecolocitydc@gmail.com](mailto:ecolocitydc@gmail.com) or call 202 545 0869. Information: <http://ecolocity.ning.com>.

**June 23, Investing and Developing Green: Putting Green to Work, Washington, D.C.** Find out how to leverage the federal government's investments in sustainability. Explore innovative finance ideas and the best strategies for implementing sustainable development efficiently and profitably. <http://www.uli.org/sitecore/content/ULI2Home/Events/Conferences/Americas/Green/Green2009/Investing.aspx>

**June 24, 10:30am - 6pm, Green School & University – A Free Virtual Conference** Join fellow education professionals, industry leaders, and knowledgeable vendors at AS&U's FREE, one-day interactive event dedicated to green/sustainable practices in our nation's education institutions. Attend education sessions, interact with live booth personnel, and network with fellow colleagues and AS&U editors in various virtual rooms. <http://www.chps.net/>

**June 24, Retrofitting Commercial Buildings to Be Green , Washington, D.C.** Designed for building owners, developers, property managers, asset managers, investors, and policy makers. This ULI workshop will cover the ways to reduce operating costs, achieve higher energy efficiency, and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by upgrading and renovating existing building systems and components. <http://www.uli.org/sitecore/content/ULI2Home/ProfessionalDevelopment/Workshops/RetrofittingCommercialBuildingJune09.aspx>

**Weds., June 24, An Evening With Dr. Iyanla Vanzant, 7-10 pm, Randallstown, MD.** "Living in Challenging Times: We Can Do This!" A fundraiser for the Light of Truth Center, a recovery house for women in Baltimore. One God One Thought Center. \$45 in advance. \$50 at door. <http://bethelight.eventbrite.com>.

**Fri., June 26, Urban Apiaries in Action – A Beekeeping How-To.** Community Greening Resource Network Activity, more information: [http://www.parksandpeople.org/programs\\_great\\_parks\\_greening\\_CGRN.html](http://www.parksandpeople.org/programs_great_parks_greening_CGRN.html).

**Fri., June 26, Connections Over Coffee, 10 am-Noon, Ellicott City, MD.** For women only. Every last Friday. Spend a morning connecting with like-minded women at Java Grande Coffee Cafe. \$15. For more info contact Ginny Robertson at [ginnYROBERTSON@comcast.net](mailto:ginnYROBERTSON@comcast.net). 410-252-2703. [www.onpurposenow.com](http://www.onpurposenow.com).

**Sat., June 27, EarthSave Baltimore Veg Dinner Series plus screening of "Simply Raw: Reversing Diabetes in 30 Days."** Please bring a vegan dish that will serve five times the number of people in your party, plus a \$5 donation (members \$2). Or (with 1 day notice) you may attend without bringing food for a \$12 donation (members \$10). Call 410-252-3043, write [Baltimore@earthsave.org](mailto:Baltimore@earthsave.org), or go to <http://earthsavebaltimore.org/>.

**Sat., June 27, Sierra Club Cool Cities / Cool Counties Workshop, 9 am-4 pm, Highland Beach, MD (just south of Annapolis).** Free workshop is open to anyone who is involved with or interested in working with their local city or county government to reduce global warming pollution and improve sustainability. Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP so we have enough food and materials, and to arrange for carpools. RSVP / questions to Alana Wase, 301-277-7111 or [alana.wase@mdsierra.org](mailto:alana.wase@mdsierra.org). Check [maryland.sierraclub.org](http://maryland.sierraclub.org) for more info.

**Sat., June 27, and Sun., June 28, 1Sky's Leadership Summit, Washington Theological Union, 6896 Laurel St NW, Washington, DC.** A chance to meet other climate leaders, receive a full policy briefing, and learn valuable skills like how to communicate with elected leaders and work with the media. Small registration fee covers costs of materials and services for the two days. You will receive an e-mail receipt to confirm your registration. 9-5 on Sat, 9-3 on Sun. \$35 for admission. [http://action.1sky.org/t/4153/content.jsp?content\\_KEY=1007](http://action.1sky.org/t/4153/content.jsp?content_KEY=1007)

**Sat., June 27, Sustainable Energy Strategies, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, Freeland, MD.** Permaculture offers practical strategies for addressing the problems of peak oil and climate change. Learn about renewable energy systems, energy conservation, and appropriate technology. Sliding scale \$60-\$100. For more information contact Karen Stupski at [education@heathcote.org](mailto:education@heathcote.org) or 410-357-9523. Details at <http://www.heathcote.org/oneday.shtml>.

**Sun., June 28, Green Building and Community Design, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, Freeland, MD.** This workshop will cover energy-efficient building design, techniques for building with natural materials, and strategies for designing sustainable communities ranging in size from small ecovillages to cities. Includes a tour of Heathcote Community's new strawbale residence. Sliding scale \$60-\$100. For more information contact Karen Stupski at [education@heathcote.org](mailto:education@heathcote.org) or 410-357-9523. Details at <http://www.heathcote.org/oneday.shtml>.

**Tues., June 30, EcolocityDC Fifth Tuesday: DC's Intentional Communities , 7-9:30 pm, Washington DC.** A panel from existing communities will share their history, vision, challenges and triumphs. Location: Emergence Community Arts Collective, 733 Euclid Street NW. For more information: [ecolocitydc@gmail.com](mailto:ecolocitydc@gmail.com) or call 202 545 0869. Information: <http://ecolocity.ning.com>.

**Tues., June 30, Maryland Native Plant Society monthly meeting: The Secret to Maintaining a Productive Butterfly Garden. 7:30 p.m. White Oak Library.** Featured speaker: Jim Gallion, owner of Jim's Wildlife Gardening Adventures in Walkersville, MD. This presentation will reveal the secrets to establishing and maintaining a productive butterfly garden. Location: Large meeting room. For more information and directions go to [www.mdflora.org](http://www.mdflora.org).

## **Events in July**

**Weds., July 1, On-Purpose Networking for Women, 5:30-8:30pm, Ruxton, MD.**

For women only. Usually every last Wednesday. The June meeting has been moved to this date this time only. Includes a light buffet. The Church of the Good Shepherd. Guests \$15. For more info contact Ginny Robertson at [ginnyrobertson@comcast.net](mailto:ginnyrobertson@comcast.net). 410-252-2703. [www.onpurposenow.com](http://www.onpurposenow.com).

**Sat, July 4, Inter-Dependence Day Picnic, 4-7:30 pm, Paint Branch UU Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783.** Bring readings, poems, songs etc to celebrate all that is good and beautiful about America. Bring food for yourself/your family and food to share (locally grown food if possible) and your own reusable plates and flatware. We'll provide drinks and ice and some backup plates and utensils. Co-sponsored by Paint Branch Social Action Committee and many local peace and justice groups.

**Fri., July 17 to Sun., Aug. 2, Freeland, MD.** Permaculture--an ethical and holistic design system for building a sustainable culture--offers practical ways to meet basic human needs for water, food, waste recycling, energy,

shelter, and social connection without harming the environment. Earn your Permaculture design certificate with Dancing Green! Tuition \$1500 (includes camping and meals). Financial aid is available. For more information contact Karen Stupski at [education@heathcote.org](mailto:education@heathcote.org) or 410-357-9523. Course details and online registration at [http://www.livingmandala.com/Living\\_Mandala/Heathcote\\_Permaculture\\_Design\\_Course\\_09.html](http://www.livingmandala.com/Living_Mandala/Heathcote_Permaculture_Design_Course_09.html).

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## Action Opportunities and Tidbits

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**Mon., June 15 Deadline for USGBC MD Green Pages Directory Update.** We're putting our directory online & interactive. For info on enhanced listings and ads, contact [McGraw-Hill](mailto:McGraw-Hill). Chapter Sponsorships also available. <http://chapters.usgbc.org/baltimore/getinvolved.html>

**Salamanderpoints.com: A daily carbon counter website and blog.** Want to know how to bar-b-que in the green way? Or are you interested in green insights all around Baltimore? Check out [www.salamanderpoints.com](http://www.salamanderpoints.com), and calculate what your daily decisions do to the environment--it's a carbon diet!

**Earthcovered Passive Solar Home FOR SALE!, Fairfax County, VA.** Solar Home Tour Home For Sale! For more information, please contact [permaculturecapital@bigfoot.com](mailto:permaculturecapital@bigfoot.com) See general info at <http://www.lortonvalleystar.com/Content6/Features.html>

**The 4-part Your EcoBlueprint course is now available as a home study course.**

Each session includes a slide talk, learning guide, and an experiential exercise. <http://www.goforchange.com/programs/your-ecoblueprint/>

Here's an outline of topics and themes:

### **Part 1 Sustainability - Motivations, Definitions, and Frameworks**

- \* Cultural messages, effects of humans on the planet
- \* Frameworks / metaphors
- \* Ecological consciousness / interconnectedness

### **Part 2 The First Key: Vision**

- \* Vision and action
- \* Historical and contemporary images of our relationship to nature
- \* Elements of the vision: partnership, human needs, and connection

### **Part 3 The Second Key: Mapping**

- \* What makes a good plan?
- \* Stages of action: awareness, conservation, and restoration
- \* How your brain does cost/benefit analysis

### **Part 4 The Third Key: Tools . . . and More on Strategies**

- \* Examples of strategies
- \* A tour of select tools and websites

**Sierra Club's new business: Green Home, a one-stop shop for info and services** It's not unusual these days for big green groups to get in bed with business, but one of the oldest and most-respected environmental organizations--the Sierra Club--is going them one better by getting into business itself.

The San Francisco-based Sierra Club has launched a for-profit online venture called Sierra Club Green Home as a one-stop shop for information and services to green up your lifestyle and decarbonize your abode.

From today's Grist: <http://www.grist.org/article/2009-06-01-sierra-club-green-home>

And here's the link to Sierra's new business: <http://www.sierraclubgreenhome.com/>