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## Events

### Sustainable Madison - Oct. 29 and Nov. 5

Join the City of Madison in an important effort in developing the City's Sustainability Plan. 'Sustainability' is the ability to meet our needs without compromising the needs of future generations. That's why we need to hear and learn from you as you learn about what the city is doing to make Madison's community, economy and environment sustainable. You will also hear about today's Madison's Green Capital City projects and how your ideas can help make us an even greener city tomorrow.

These are conversations for you and generations to come, so please come and let us hear what you have to say about a Sustainable Madison.

- October 29<sup>th</sup> at Overture, Wisconsin Studio, 5:30-8:00pm

- November 5<sup>th</sup> at Sequoya Library, 5:30-8:00pm

For more information contact: Jeanne Hoffman at (608)266-4091 or TTY/Textnet (866)704-2315  
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/sustainability/community/>

## **Tree Walk and Wrapping for Winter Oct. 30, 4-6 pm**

Help us prepare our young trees for winter! Join Christie Ralston and Certified Arborist Mark Sundlin for this fun activity. Mark will lead us around Troy Gardens and teach us about our trees while we wrap the trunks in preparation for winter. We'll meet at the yellow shed on the front of the land.

If you can attend, please RSVP to me (Christie Ralston) at 608-240-0409 or [christie@troygardens.org](mailto:christie@troygardens.org). All are welcome!

## **“Sowing Stories in Quann Community Garden” Exhibit Thru Oct. 30**

Please come to the exhibit "Sowing Stories in Quann Community Garden," which will be open park hours August 23-October 30, 2009. The exhibit features photos of Quann gardeners alongside their quotations about why gardening at Quann is important to them. The exhibit is in English and Spanish with some parts translated into Hmong. The exhibit is located outside in Jess Bullen Orchard and Quiet Garden (204 Bram Street), across the street from Quann Community Garden. From Park Street heading away from downtown, turn left on Wingra, right on Beld, and left on Bram Street. Go through the small tunnel, and you will be at the exhibit!

## **Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Nov. 7, 8:00 am – noon**

Join other neighborhood leaders at the upcoming 2009 Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable in the Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street, Madison, WI. A welcome from Mayor Dave Cieslewicz will be followed by a series of workshops. The primary objective of the event is to provide opportunities for diverse people and organizations to share their ideas, values and experiences to build stronger communities. Participants will be able to attend at least two

workshops as well as several mini demonstration sessions tailored to showcase tools and success stories from neighborhoods across Madison.

Go to the City of Madison Neighborhood webpage to see the workshop and demonstration topics and to register: [www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/NeighborhoodConf2009/](http://www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/NeighborhoodConf2009/)

You may also contact the City Planning Division at 608-267-1131, or 608-267-8727.

A brief description of the workshops:

**Indicators tell a story** - The Mayor's Office launched its new Neighborhood Indicators Project on October 20th! What stories do your neighborhood's indicators tell? Come learn how you can use this project to build upon your neighborhood's strengths and address issues!

**Public markets offer food, fun, & community** - What else? Public discussion on hot topics of the day? A place to advocate for your social cause? A day of shopping and connecting with your neighbors? Come learn about the benefits of public markets and how to establish them in your neighborhood.

**Sustainability saves money & resources** - Learn about programs and services from the City of Madison, MGE, Madison Environmental Group, and others to make your neighborhood greener and more livable. You'll become better prepared to gather with your neighbors and create strategies to reduce your carbon footprint while saving money.

**Cultural arts planning draws out the rich heritage of the community** - Come hear all about the City of Madison Cultural Art Plan. You'll learn what the plan is and become familiar with a Toolkit for Neighborhood Partners who would like to get involved in the planning process.

**Going green is in and developers are on board** - Now more than ever, developers are proposing designs that include an array of green building technologies. Does your neighborhood

association know the pertinent questions to ask of the developer? Assess the potential tradeoffs for going green and the risks of such a development? Come learn more!

**Neighbors are the key to safety** - Your neighborhood can take charge of its own safety using some readily available tools. Learn about tools you can use to improve safety of public places such as the Neighborhood Watch Program, Boom Box Training, and the Park Watch Program.

## **Bringing Bioneers to Wisconsin Nov. 13-14**

Join us for our inaugural Bringing Bioneers to Wisconsin conference as we seek to open the box of human creativity and spark imaginative discussions around a just and sustainable tomorrow. How can we get from where we are right now ("here") to where we want to be ("there")?

Key issues relating to food, water, energy, transportation, clean air — to life on planet Earth — will be covered in talks and discussion sessions. Local artists and musicians will add their talents to our conference experience. By coming together, we hope to inspire social change and catalyze new networks and relationships within our organizations, our communities and throughout our state.

Register by going online: [www.bringingbioneerstowi.org](http://www.bringingbioneerstowi.org)

Location: BioPharmaceutical Technology Center,  
5445 E. Cheryl Parkway, on the Promega Corporation campus Fitchburg, WI

## **“Connecting the Threads: Weaving the Fabric of Agriculture” Nov. 13-14**

This statewide conference for women in farming will be offered in Wisconsin Rapids on Nov. 13-14. It is designed for women farmers who are the primary decision makers on their farm. These women may have established enterprises, may be beginning farmers, or are exploring farming as an occupation. Professionals who want to work with women farmers are also invited to attend.

Women farmers who attend this conference will learn risk management tools that can help them analyze possible loss areas of their enterprise, help them connect with resources, and provide valuable networking opportunities with other women farmers.

Conference topics include financial, production, marketing, and social risk management tools. Sessions are designed to offer in-depth information and encourage women to share their experiences.

For more information:

Kathy Schmitt  
DATCP - WI Farm Center  
(800) 942-2474

<http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/registration/wfarming.jsp#about>

## **American Community Gardening Association - Roundtable Conference Call Nov. 14, Noon - Central Time**

For ACGA to accomplish its stated objectives in support of community gardening, we need more members supporting the organization. If you are a member of ACGA, please join David King, Membership chair, at noon (central time) on November 14th for this round table discussion on the value of membership, brainstorming new ways to bring those other gardeners into ACGA – if we want to continue ACGA as a member driven organization, we have to do a better job reaching those other gardeners around you who are not members. Here's your chance to put your ideas forward towards this common goal. Let's make this a bigger pond to play in.

Sign up for this important phone seminar by sending an email to David King, at: [greenteach@roadrunner.com](mailto:greenteach@roadrunner.com)

## **FYI**

### **Free 2008 Garden Journals**

The Madison Area Master Gardeners Association has graciously donated many 2008 Wisconsin Garden Journals to share with community gardeners. While the dates won't line up for this upcoming year, these garden journals are full of resources to help a Wisconsin gardener plan, organize, and maintain their garden year-round.

If you'd like a garden journal, please contact Nicole at [nicolec@cacscw.org](mailto:nicolec@cacscw.org) or 246-4730 ext 208.

## 2009 Community Greening Review: The Case for a Community Greening Research Agenda

All of us involved in community gardening know that it's good - but sometimes it's hard to present convincing evidence to decision makers. That's why ACGA is pleased to announce the publication of our 2009 edition of Community Greening Review. With this issue, we've brought together some of the most accomplished researchers in the field to share their newest thoughts and insights.

Features include interviews with some of the brightest minds in community greening, including Mark Francis, Kenneth Helphand and Frances Kuo. There's also a survey of abstracts of some of the most seminal research happening in the field, and an article by Marianne Krasny about kids and gardening. We invite everyone to take some time to read through this wealth of knowledge and inspiration, and we hope it helps you make the case to your local leaders, funders or legislators about why community greening matters.

The Review is currently available electronically at:

<http://www.communitygarden.org/docs/cgr2009.pdf>

## Community School Garden Amendment 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill (HR 2997)

On October 21, President Obama signed the 2010 Ag Appropriations bill into law including Title IV, which appropriates one million dollars to the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to carry out the school community garden pilot program authorized under section 4303 of the 2008 Farm Bill.

## Dane County Timebank - A Tool for Community Gardens

I recently attended the Troy Gardens Year End meeting. One topic discussed was their use of Timebanking to help with community garden projects. What an innovative idea!

**What is Timebanking** - Timebanking is based on a philosophy that our communities work better when all of our contributions are valued. It rejects the notion that we belong in separate classes of 'givers' and 'receivers' and establishes a way to value and reward all types of work -- caring for our children, elders, and others who need it, building community, helping out our neighbors.

**How does it work** - When you need something like minor home repair, child care, companionship, an exercise buddy, whatever -- look on Community Weaver and contact a member directly, or call the Timebank coordinator and ask. The coordinator will set you up with

a neighbor, who has had an interview and basic background check like every other Timebank member, who can help you. After the neighbor helps you they or the coordinator deduct one Time Dollar per hour of service from your account and adds the same number of Time Dollars to your neighbor's account. You can earn back the credit by helping anyone else in the network. You can also accumulate a few debits before you need to pay them back. It's easy to ask for help when you need it!

**How does Troy Gardens use Timebank** - Troy Gardens asks community members or Troy gardeners who are Timebank members to donate some of their Time Dollars to Troy. The Time Dollars will then be used to pay volunteers for helping out in garden projects or in their office. If you would like to set this up in your community garden, or have questions, please contact Terrie Anderson (608-241-9080 or 608-334-2859) at the Troy Community Gardens: [terrieanderson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terrieanderson@sbcglobal.net)

For more information about Timebank:

<http://www.danecountytimebank.org/?id=about>

## Simultaneous Interpretation Equipment

Simultaneous interpretation equipment allows you to share what a speaker is saying with participants who speak a different language simultaneously or at the same time that the speaker is saying the words. This is different from interpreting the event by going consecutively or back and forth between the languages.

For example, with simultaneous interpretation, a presenter speaks in English while an interpreter talks into a small transmitter interpreting the presentation immediately into Spanish. The Spanish speakers hear the interpreted presentation with their small headsets and receivers. In this way, the English and Spanish speakers in the group hear the program at the same time in two different languages.

Simultaneous interpretation equipment is available at the Dane County UW Extension Office. The equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$100 deposit is required, and a \$25 per day charge applies. Equipment can be used both indoors and outdoors. To reserve the equipment, contact Emily Capicik at 608/224-3717 or email Emily: [capicik@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:capicik@co.dane.wi.us)

Two sources for more information:

<http://dane.uwex.edu/flp/Simultaneousinterpretationequipment.html>

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/hmong/translation.cfm>

To serve more people, you can also rent equipment from Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice (ICWJ) of South Central Wisconsin. Their equipment is compatible with our system. In addition, they sponsor a project called the Madison Interpreters' Collective (MIC) to provide quality,

affordable interpretation services. Call them at 608/255-0376 for more information or email them: [worker@workerjustice.org](mailto:worker@workerjustice.org)

## NPLAN's Community Gardens for Health - Archived Webinar

Local government leaders are in a unique position to promote healthy eating and active living in their communities by supporting community gardens. Community gardens are places where neighbors and residents can gather to cultivate plants, vegetables, and fruits and, depending on local laws, keep bees and raise chickens or other livestock and poultry. Community gardens can improve nutrition, physical activity, community engagement, safety, and economic vitality for a neighborhood and its residents and provide environmental benefits to the community at large.

Listen to an archived webinar hosted by the National Policy & Legal Analysis Network to Prevent Childhood Obesity. The webinar will cover:

- Actions that communities can take to support community gardens
- Land use policies that create and preserve community gardens
- Public and private models of community gardens that serve the needs of community members

This webinar was for community advocates, policymakers, and public health officials who are interested in community gardens as a mechanism to improve the food environment of a community. The webinar was recorded on 10/28/09, and will be archived on the NPLAN website. Sorry I could not get this e-newsletter out sooner so you could have participated.

For more information about the archived webinar go to:

<http://nplanonline.org/news/register-nplans-community-gardens-health-webinar>

To receive a copy of their *model policy package* "Establishing Land Use Protections for Community Gardens," you need to open an account with NPLAN. There are no fees and it's fairly simple to set up the account. Go to:

<http://nplanonline.org/news/register-nplans-community-gardens-health-webinar>

Scroll down the page and click on ***model policy package***.

### About NPLAN

NPLAN provides leaders in the childhood obesity prevention field with focused legal research, model policies, fact sheets, toolkits, training and technical assistance to explain legal issues related to public health. Their goal is to help create strong childhood obesity policy interventions that will reverse the epidemic by 2015.

<http://nplanonline.org/>

# Job Openings

## Project Consultant - Thrive

Thrive, an economic development enterprise serving 8 counties in SC Wisconsin, is seeking a part-time independent project assistant to assist with its regional foods initiative. Duties include local food inventory analysis, database management, mail merges, and event coordination. Job requires excellent communication skills, attention to detail, and the ability to work independently, take initiative and solve problems. Access to transportation required. Pay range is \$10-12. Approximately 25 hours per week. Duration of this position is short-term with potential to extend.

Send resumes to [glawless@thrivehere.org](mailto:glawless@thrivehere.org).  
For more information, visit [www.thrivehere.org/localfood](http://www.thrivehere.org/localfood).

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**Please send a note to Patty Zehl at: [pattyz@cacscw.org](mailto:pattyz@cacscw.org) if you would like to get off this email list, add a friend to it, or share an announcement with your fellow community gardeners in the Madison area.**