

In This E-Newsletter - Oct 5, 2009:

1. Events - this week and beyond
 - a. Oct 6 - 27, The Botany of Desire Film
 - b. Oct 7 - ACGA Teleconference on Farmer's Markets
 - c. Oct 8 - Paul Ehrlich, Evolution and Environment
 - d. Oct 8 - Wisconsin Book Festival - Author Appearances
 - e. Oct 8 - Community Conversations at Troy Gardens
 - f. Oct 11 - Wendell Berry at the WI Book Festival
 - g. Oct 22, Oct 29 and Nov 5 - Sustainable Madison
2. Classes
 - a. Oct 3 - Sheet Mulching at Fitchburg Fields
3. Job Openings
 - a. WIRED: Seed to Table Project Manager & Curriculum Developer
 - b. Michael Fields Agricultural Institute Public Policy Internships for 2010
4. Funds Available for Gardens
 - a. Healthy Sprouts Award
 - b. Youth Garden Grants Program
 - c. Hidden Valley - Love Your Veggies Grant Program
 - d. America the Beautiful Fund
 - e. Environmental Education Seed Money
 - f. Bremer Foundation

Events

Oct 6 – 27, The Botany of Desire - Film

Please join us for the four-part Madison premiere of The Botany of Desire, every Tuesday in October. The apple, the tulip, the marijuana plant and the potato are the stars of the film adaptation of journalist Michael Pollan's best-selling book, The Botany of Desire. The documentary begins in the author's own home garden, before journeying to the apple orchards of Kazakhstan, the tulip markets of Amsterdam, a medical marijuana hot house, and the potato fields of South America.

These four famous plants have evolved to take advantage of the human desires for sweetness, beauty, intoxication and control. The interconnected relationship between plants and humans is what Pollan terms "the botany of desire."

Wisconsin Public Television and Madison Public Libraries invite you to join us for the FREE Madison premiere of The Botany of Desire. Over the course of four Tuesdays in October, we'll explore each of Pollan's desires:

Apple (sweetness) | 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6

Tulip (beauty) | 7p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13

Marijuana (intoxication) | 7p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20

Potato (control) | 7p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27

Each screening will be followed by an audience discussion.

All events will be held at:

Madison Central Library,

201 W. Mifflin St., Madison

Contact library at 608-266-6300

Directions to library

For more information e-mail Lynne Blinkenberg at WPT or call her at 608-265-6331.

Oct 7 – ACGA Teleconference on Farmer's Markets

The ACGA teleconference on Farmer's Markets is now scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 4PM eastern. A particular emphasis of the call will be the steps markets have taken to be able to accept EBT cards and other efforts to bridge the gap between farmers getting fair prices for their product and low income consumers being able to afford the produce. The speakers are going to be Amanda Maria Edmonds from Growing Hope in Ypsilanti, MI and Melissa Dimond from The Food Project in Lynn, MA. You must be an ACGA member to participate.

To join the American Community Gardening Association, go to:

<http://www.communitygarden.org/about-acga/>

Register for the teleconference by emailing your name, ACGA membership number, organization, city, and short description of your garden/program to share with other participants: info@communitygarden.org.

Please register 24 hrs. prior to the teleconference to allow for processing. Those who register will receive a reply email from ACGA with the telephone number and access code you will need to use to enter the call. Conference calls typically last 60-90 minutes and involve a portion of time for questions and answers from the guest speaker and the audience.

ACGA Teleconferences are recorded and are available for download from the ACGA website: [ACCESS PREVIOUS WORKSHOPS](#)

Upcoming Teleconferences:

October 21, 2009 - Membership Open Mic

November 18, 2009 - People's Garden and HR 3225

Oct 8 – Paul Ehrlich, Evolution and Environment

Paul Ehrlich, an ecologist who helped spark the rise of the modern environmental movement with his 1968 book, "The Population Bomb," will give a free public lecture at 5:30pm Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Wisconsin Union Theater, 800 Langdon St.

Oct 8 – Wisconsin Book Festival - Author Appearances:

***Farm City* - Novella Carpenter**

***But Not For Long* - Michelle Wildgen**

What do you do when the world begins to show its cracks? How do you keep going in a changed world? Novella Carpenter turned a vacant lot in downtown Oakland into a thriving farm. Her memoir, *Farm City*, is both a cautionary tale and a full-throated call to action, a moving meditation on urban life versus the natural world, and on what we have given up to live the way we do. Michelle Wildgen's new novel, *But Not for Long*, follows three members of an East side sustainable food co-op in Madison as a blackout and other oddities shake the community.

Location: A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Presenter(s): [Robert Pierce](#), [Novella Carpenter](#), [Michelle Wildgen](#)

Introduction: Robert Pierce

<http://wisconsinbookfestival.org/schedule/events.php?eventdate=2009-10-08>

Oct 8 - Community Conversations at Troy Gardens

Enjoy hot soup, good music and lively conversation about how and why we grow our own food on October 8, 2009, 5:30-7:00pm at the Troy Kids' Garden. Arrive early for self-guide tours of Troy Gardens, Farm and Natural Areas.

Oct 11 - Wendell Berry at the WI Book Festival

From the Wisconsin Humanities Council: We're thrilled to have the legendary [Wendell Berry](#) coming to Madison for the keynote event of the Wisconsin Book Festival on Sunday, October 11th at 4:00pm in the Capitol Theater at Overture Center for the Arts. *Admission is FREE, but tickets are required for entry.* Check the Website for more details: www.wisconsinbookfestival.org.

Oct 22, Oct 29 and Nov 5 – Sustainable Madison

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 22nd at Goodman Community Center, 6-8:30pm
- October 29th at Overture, Wisconsin Studio, 5:30-8:00pm
- November 5th at Sequoia 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/>

Classes

Fitchburg Fields Courses

Exciting classes for gardeners and eaters are being offered at Fitchburg Fields Garden. See their website to sign up and for more information at <http://www.fitchburgfields.org/> . Please RSVP to Catherine at 335-7295 or ffvolunteers@gmail.com.

- Saturday, October 3rd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We'll be co-hosting a workshop on **Sheet Mulching** (also known as Lasagna Gardening) with the Madison Area Permaculture Guild. For a suggested donation of \$10 - \$15, you can learn how to avoid sod stripping and plowing the next time you want to create a garden. You'll

leave with tired muscles and printed instructions, and we'll be left with twice as much capacity for teaching and feeding people!

Sign up for the following classes and we'll pick a date that fits most people's schedules:

- Preparing and Canning Herbal Jelly
- Preserving Herbs and Freezing Pesto

Job Openings

WIRED: Seed to Table Project Manager & Curriculum Developer

The Goodman Community Center has an 8 month contractual LTE position available. The WIRED initiative is a partnership between The Goodman Community Center, Community GroundWorks, Madison Metropolitan School District and East High School. Other partners include MATC and Food Fight Inc.

The proposed Seed to table program is an Urban Teen Farming, Culinary Arts and Food Distribution Program targeting students at East High. Students will receive credits toward graduation and classes will be taught during school hours and outside of traditional school hours. The goal is to offer a new and engaging curriculum to high school students that prepares them for post secondary education and careers in Food production.

Community Groundworks, along with East Staff are developing and piloting a greenhouse and teen farming program. The Goodman Community Center will work with East High staff to develop a culinary arts, canning/preserving and food distribution program.

The two primary responsibilities of the WIRED Project Manager will be responsible for:

- 1) Partner Coordination, Communication and Management
- 2) Developing, documenting and submitting a curriculum to the Department of Public Instruction for fall 2010 class implementation.

The position will be contracted for approximately 900 hours over an 8 month period. The expectation is that the position will be close to fulltime the first 5 months and then taper as the project is completed. The person must be able to work independently, have experience with curriculum development and project management.

Applications and full position descriptions are available at the front desk at the Goodman Community Center and online or by contacting:

Lisa Jacob
Goodman Community Center, Assistant Director
241-1574 ext 226
lisa@goodmancenter.org

Questions regarding the Seed to Table Initiative should be directed to:

Meme Kintner
Goodman Community Center, Middle and High School Program Director
241-1574 ext 229
meme@goodmancenter.org

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute Public Policy Internships for 2010

Policy interns will have the opportunity to assist in coordinating the Fiscal Year 2010 grassroots agricultural appropriations campaign; work on Farm-to-School provisions in the 2009 Child Nutrition Reauthorization; develop new grassroots contacts in key congressional and senate districts nationally and develop similar strategies for Wisconsin's grassroots network development; participate in state sustainable agricultural policy development; join policy conference calls of groups such as the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition; and work as NSAC interns for two weeks in Washington, D.C. We offer these internships for five months, starting in early January, 2010. The weekly schedule of internship hours worked is flexible. MFAI will pay a \$450/month stipend, plus up to \$100/month in work-related supplies, etc. We will pay for a roundtrip ticket to Washington, plus lodging and a modest per diem while in Washington, D.C. for two weeks. We will also cover registration to participate in MFAI trainings and events and will assist in your attending at least one major movement-related conference, and usually more.

Interested applicants should submit a letter expressing reasons for interest in this position, relevant background, a writing sample, names/contact information for three references, and confirmation of housing and other arrangements by Friday, October 30, 2009. (Applicants from out of town may simply note that they understand that they need to make these arrangements and are prepared to do so.) Please send applications to Margaret Krome, MFAI Policy Program Director, 2524 Chamberlain Ave., Madison, WI 53705. For more information, you may contact Margaret at mkrome@sbcglobal.net or (608) 238-1440.

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute is a public, non-profit institute for education and research in sustainable agriculture. We actively encourage students of all races, colors and national and ethnic origins to apply. Please inquire if special arrangements may be needed.

Funds Available to Gardens

Healthy Sprouts Awards Program

For: National

What: Teach about nutrition and hunger in US & plan to garden in 2010 with at least fifteen children

Who May Apply: Not given

Amount: \$500 gardening supplies

Deadline: October 17, 2009

Contact: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=243700030

Youth Garden Grants Program/ National Gardening Association and Home Depot

For: National

Who May Apply: Schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs.

Amount: \$500 to \$1,000

Deadline: November 2009

Contact: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/ygg.asp>

Hidden Valley Salad Dressings Love Your Veggies Grant Program

For: National

Who May Apply: The grant program seeks to help schools execute innovative programs that increase the access to, and consumption of, fresh fruits and vegetables in the lunchroom. Each grant award will support an elementary school in developing a program offering fresh vegetables and fruits lasting through the 2010-11 school year.

Amount: \$10,000 in direct funding.

Deadline: November 6, 2009

Contact: www.LoveYourVeggies.com

America the Beautiful Fund

For: National

Who May Apply: Community Groups

Amount: 100 to 1,000 Free Seed Packets

Deadline: Ongoing

Contact: http://www.america-the-beautiful.org/free_seeds/free_seeds_flyer_08.pdf

Environmental Education Seed Money

For: National

What: Benefit Communities where they operate

Who May Apply: 501(c)(3) organizations

Amount: Not given

Deadline: Open

Contact: IPC 400 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Conn. 06921; (203) 541-8678; fax (203) 541-8309

http://www.internationalpaper.com/Our%20Company/IP%20Giving/A_IP%20Foundation/Application_Guidelines.html

Bremer Foundation

For: Minn., Wisconsin, N. Dakota residents

What: 501(c)(3) that are involved in the right to food, environmental rights, right to participate in cultural affairs of the community.

Who may apply: 501(c)(3) in Minn., Wisc., N. Dakota

Amount: No amount shown

Deadline: Open

Contact: Bremer Foundation, 445 Minnesota St. Suite 2250, St. Paul, Mn 55101, 651-227-8036, 651-312-3665 fax, www.ottobremer.org