



SCHOOLS: A FRESH PERSPECTIVE

by Ken Leinbach, Executive Director and Beth Fetterley Heller, Senior Director of Education and Strategic Planning

“I love coming to school because I know that I’m loved here”.

This is a real quote, unsolicited, from a real teenager ...Wow! When you hear something like this from a high school student you know that something in the system is working. We heard this from a student in a school we recently visited in St. Louis. However, we’ve heard similar statements from students we work closely with here in Milwaukee too. Just yesterday one of our Outdoor Leaders who was receiving visitors at our reception desk shared with us how much he loved his school too. Imagine love as a measurement of success in education!

It might seem a radical thought, but the foundation of a good education in truth is love. That is the bottom line. Love within a school system as a factor for success in our minds comes long before test scores, lesson plans, merit pay, pensions, public vs charter debates and curriculum change strategies. If there were a way to measure love ... there would be a clear correlation to student success, motivation, attendance, and achievement ... don't you think?

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If you read the news, you might think that kids in Milwaukee are not getting educated, that schools

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SWIFT DESCENT

by Dan Graves, Environmental Educator

Usually, students from our partnering schools in our school program come to the Center in order to make a deeper connection to nature. This time, however, it was my turn to go to one of our schools to experience a fantastic example of bird behavior.



*Chimney Swift (Chaetura pelagica)
photo credit: dominic sheroni*

On a warm late summer night in September, with the full moon rising in the east, I witnessed one of the coolest examples of “urban ecology” in

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DREAM BIG

by Daniel Rawley, Urban Ecology Center High School Outdoor Leader

Imagine this — a world class 550 gallon aquarium filled with thriving native Wisconsin fish and aquatic plant species. Now picture the aquarium surrounded by fascinated children and curious adults. The image you have in your head will soon be a reality at the Urban Ecology Center’s Native Wisconsin Animal Room in Washington Park!

Thanks to a \$5,000 DreamBig grant from Lead2Change, Washington Park will soon have a community aquarium called “Lake Wisconsin” to teach community members about Wisconsin native fish. Founded by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Lead2Change is a part of the Youth in Service Fund, a youth-led organization that funds youth-led projects in the Milwaukee community.

Growing up, I always had a strong interest in nature. When I was a kid, I often caught animals and kept them as pets, so I learned naturally how to care for them. I once even kept a pet preying mantis and fed him crickets. My job at the Urban Ecology Center as an Outdoor Leader

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- Provide outdoor science education for urban youth.
- Protect and use public natural areas, making them safe, accessible and vibrant.
- Preserve and enhance these natural areas and their surrounding waters.
- Promote community by offering resources that support learning, volunteerism, stewardship, recreation, and camaraderie.
- Practice and model environmentally responsible behaviors

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DROPLETS

◆ **Breaking new ground!** We'd like to thank everyone who made our Menomonee Valley branch groundbreaking event so special. Special thanks to Laura Bray, Executive Director, Menomonee Valley Partners; Tom Barrett, Mayor, City of Milwaukee; Michele Deubel, Burke Foundation; Giacomo Falluca, President, Palermo's Pizza; Jeremy Belot, Project Manager, Layton Boulevard West Neighborhoods; Michelle Bria, Executive Director, Journey House; Sue Black, Director, Milwaukee County Parks; Melissa Cook, Trail Manager, WI DNR, Hank Aaron State Trail; Mick Hatch, Board President, Menomonee Valley Partners and Partner, Foley & Lardner, LLC.; and Jeff Geygan, Board President, Urban Ecology Center and President, Milwaukee Private Wealth Management.

◆ **New faces.** We're thrilled to welcome two staff members to our Development and Marketing Department: Lianna Bishop and Michaela Lewellyn!
Lianna is stepping into the role of Development and Marketing Associate and is joining us as a graduate fellow through Marquette University's Trinity Fellows Program. She'll be with us for 21 months while pursuing a master's degree in communications. She's our second Trinity Fellow and this happens to be her second time working with the Center; she was a summer intern in 2007. Welcome Lianna!
Michaela joins us as our part-time Development Assistant. With over six years of project and database management experience, Michaela will no doubt add efficiency to our Development team. She also hopes to cultivate her interest in architecture, specifically sustainable design and restoration, by enrolling in a master's program this winter. Welcome Michaela!

WISH LIST

For Riverside Park
Contact: Judy Krause, 964-8505, x102.

- 3 umbrella stands
- Adult size mittens & gloves
- Apple PowerBook
- Field & lannon stone
- Ice cream buckets with lids
- iPad(s)
- Kernel popcorn
- Kids gardening gloves
- Leaf rakes
- Potting soil & quality topsoil
- Rain ponchos/jackets- all sizes
- Seasoned firewood
- Sweatpants
- Two-stage snow thrower
- Video camera
- Weed-whackers and scythes
- Wire garden fencing/ wire mesh
- Woodworking tools, hand or powered

For Washington Park
Contact: Willie Karidis, (414) 344-5460.

- A fleet of 12 canoes in good repair
- Aprons
- Blenders
- Canning supplies, jars with lids
- Cheese graters
- Cordless drill
- Cross country ski trail grooming equipment
- Digital cameras
- Extension cords
- Fleece mittens
- Glass measuring cups
- Large capacity dehumidifier
- Mixing bowls & spoons
- Old fitted sheets
- Old flannel shirts
- Pitchforks
- Plastic cutting boards
- Plastic storage bins with lids
- Plexiglas
- Potato peelers, mashers
- Power strips
- Straw bales
- Tyvek
- Video camera

FROM THE BOARD

by Jeff Geygan, President, Urban Ecology Center Board of Directors

Excitement abounds as we start our new year! We broke ground on our third center in the Menomonee Valley in September which will open in the fall of 2012, the Arboretum project will begin to take shape, and as always we will continue to improve on our existing programs at both the Riverside Park and Washington Park locations.

All of this work is made possible by the dedicated effort of our staff members who commit themselves each day. Additionally, our many volunteers are critical to the long term success of our organization. Thanks to all who make this possible!

I would also like to recognize all Board members for the ongoing efforts and the valuable insights they provide to the organization.

The following individuals have agreed to serve on the Board for another term: Jennifer Bolger-Breceda, Pete Campbell, Monique Charlier, Derek Deubel, Danni Gendelman, Dennis Grzezinski, Troy Hilliard, Bill Rumpf, Jim Schleif, Kathy Werlein and Mary Witte. Many thanks to each of you as well as other Board members who continuously amaze me with their level of personal commitment.

I would like to recognize the following individuals who are leaving the Board: Deborah Spanic, Tim Bowers and Jeff Anthony. On behalf of the entire Urban Ecology Center family, thank you for your service, dedication and wisdom. You will be missed.

Finally, I would like to invite everyone to our Annual Membership Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, November 16th. The Annual Meeting portion of the evening begins at 6:30 p.m. Your input and support has been invaluable to the organization over the years. Come and celebrate another great year! 🌟

SWIFT DESCENT

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Milwaukee. With the help of Milwaukee birding expert Paul Hunter, 3rd grade teacher and ecologist extraordinaire from St. Robert School in Shorewood, Sarah Yannett, and at least 75 other folks from the community counted roughly 425 chimney swifts as they descended in full flight (and speed) into their roost --- the unused incinerator chimney at St. Robert School. What a sight!

Chimney swifts are fascinating birds that are rarely seen when not in flight. Their long claws are designed for clinging to vertical structures (kind of like woodpeckers) and their relatively long wing-span makes nearly constant flying the obvious choice for them. The St. Robert swifts are taking advantage of the last flux of autumn flying insects in Wisconsin before beginning the long migratory journey back to their overwintering site in the Western Amazon Basin. Historically, chimney swifts nested in large hollowed out trees. However, since the removal of the old-growth forest in the Eastern United States, chimney swifts have adapted to use almost exclusively man-made structures as their roosting and nesting sites. The St. Robert's

chimney is a perfect example of this. According to Paul Hunter's records, St. Robert School has been a known roosting sight for the past 7 years.



Cousin of the Chimney Swifts, Vaux's Swifts (Chaetura vauxi) circle their evening roost. photo credit: Arran_Edmonstone

Over those years, both the school and the community have taken quite an interest in the swifts. Sarah Yannett, who organized this event for the community, loves having the opportunity to connect her students to nature in their neighborhood.

"Here we are at school studying animal adaptations and extinctions from a book,

and we have this amazing, live resource right outside our walls (literally) that brings science to a new level!" she said.

Students from St. Robert School were also captivated by seeing the swifts:

"I thought it looked like they would smash into the chimney when they dropped in! It was really amazing." Anna, age 10.

"It looked really cool! I had never seen birds act like that before. It looked like they were getting sucked in by a vacuum." Honor, age 9.

"They looked like black bats being sucked into a giant vacuum." Jimmy, age 8.

One of the primary goals of the Urban Ecology Center is to encourage people to explore the natural world in their own neighborhood. I was so encouraged to see how community members, partnering teachers and students, and citizen scientists rallied together to see such a special event take place. This is truly urban ecology at its best! 🌟

DREAM BIG

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has given me many opportunities to do the things I love. In Washington Park, I was immediately drawn to the Native Wisconsin Animal Room. It was a place for me to learn, teach and implement my ideas. When I was asked to lead this grant I was thrilled!

This was a huge project, so I enlisted some help. Brett Tobin from Marquette High School was the first to answer the call. He had been a volunteer at the Washington Park branch, so we knew he would be a good fit. Together we wrote the grant with the help of Washington Park Branch Manager Willie Karidis and submitted it to Lead2Change.

Soon after we submitted the grant, we were called back to give a presentation. This presentation really needed to showcase what our project was all about, so we drafted the help of two of Washington Park's Young Scientists,

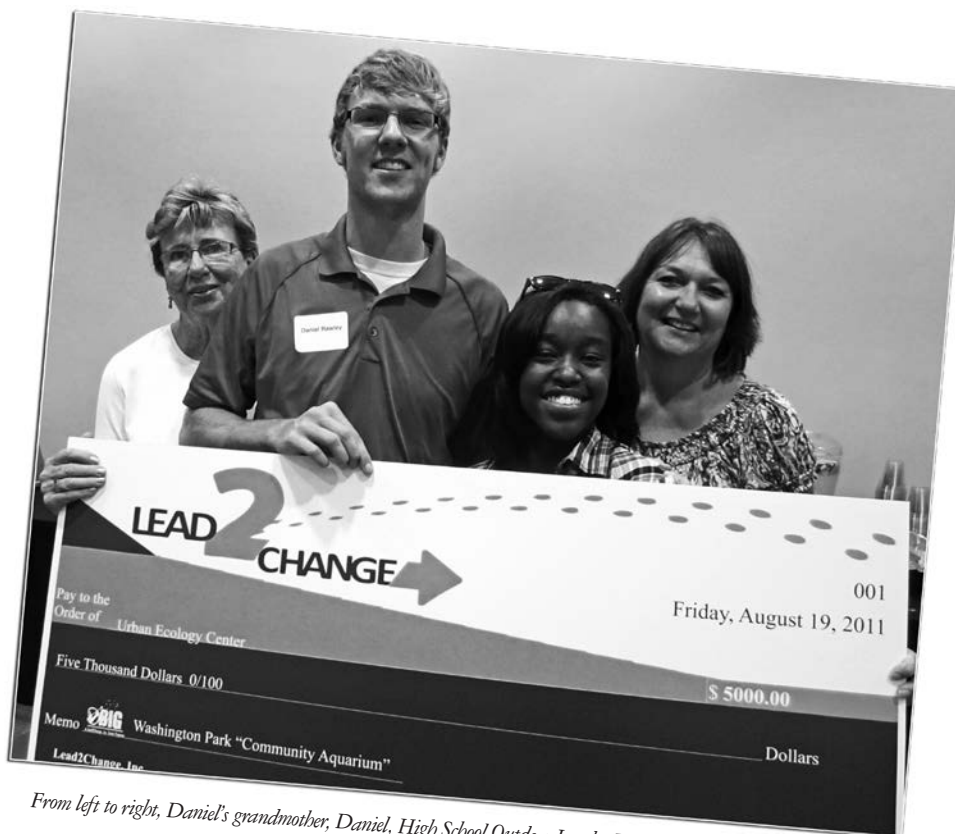
Donald and Donovan. They love the Animal Room so we knew they would be thrilled to help us out! Next, we needed some "fish experts". Nick, an Outdoor Leader, and Calvin, a seasoned volunteer, took on the job of researching the fish species to be put in the tank. We wanted to help the audience picture how large this tank would be, so we cut out a piece of paper 8 feet wide and 3 feet tall, the size of the tank. On it we drew many of Wisconsin's native fish that our "experts" recommended. With that last step, we were prepared for the presentation.

The day of the presentation, I woke up to terrible news. My grandfather unexpectedly passed away that morning. He was a quiet man who showed great leadership. I knew he wouldn't want me miss the presentation. We had to fight and give it our best. The presentation went very well. The crowd loved us!

Afterwards, Donovan shared with us a few comforting words; "We got it. We got it. Seriously, we got it."

It turns out that Donovan was right! We were awarded the DreamBig grant, and we have the oversized check to prove it. The next step was to turn our words into actions. Craig Berg, the Milwaukee County Zoo's Aquarium and Reptile curator, was the first person we talked to. He shared in our excitement and agreed to counsel us throughout the process of building our fish community. We are thrilled to have his help!

Through this process, I have learned that it is important to have dreams. If you work hard, you can make them a reality. We did it, and "Lake Wisconsin" is going to soon become a showcase for Washington Park! 🍁



From left to right, Daniel's grandmother, Daniel, High School Outdoor Leader Iemoni Moses and Daniel's mom



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are not functioning and that teachers are not teaching. There is no question that current budgets make for additional challenges and that class sizes, teacher attrition and administrative changes are cause for worry, but the view from the Urban Ecology Center is much more optimistic. We work every day with amazing teachers, administrators and, best of all, students. In every newsletter we showcase students in Riverside and Washington Park who are really “getting it” — they are engaged in hands-on applied science and learning within the context of a dynamic ecosystem. Inspiring yes — but the picture is much bigger and brighter than these small, every day victories.

At the Urban Ecology Center we are in a unique position to really see the education system up close and personal. We partner with over 40 individual schools. A little over half of the schools we serve are public with the rest being charter, choice and private. Our work is about developing close relationships with the teachers, students, administration and support staff of the schools we serve. We work with, team teach with and provide training and resources to these schools; some of whom we have worked with for over a decade! Guess what? Schools are “getting it” too.

Each of the schools we serve has its own culture of learning and specific curricular goals but the unifying theme we find in these schools is love for their students. It’s inspiring. It is equally inspiring to us that despite increasing financial pressures and the recent financial cuts and strains on resources, schools value hands-on science and environmental education. Schools know that kids need to apply what they study in school to the world outside of their classrooms and they see the Urban Ecology Center as a venue to do this. This is why our return rate year to year, once a school becomes a partner with us, is over 95%. Even in this difficult year this is true! The schools “get it”.

The school district “gets it” too. This past year we were invited to serve as advisors for the Milwaukee Public Schools Comprehensive Math and Science Plan. This plan, as well as the plan for literacy, is based upon the nationally embraced Common Core standards and the Next Generation science standards. Sounds pretty dry, huh? Actually it is one of the most exciting advances we’ve seen in education in our collective years in the field. The Common Core are “opt-in” standards; they are not required. However, over 40 states have chosen to adopt these standards for public schools and many charter and private schools are embracing them as well. The Common Core standards prioritize integrated learning and the Next Generation standards focus on understanding systems, like ecosystems, where there is overlap of all the sciences: physical, chemical, life and earth sciences. We think this is a very positive move in the right direction.

During the Center’s annual education department retreat, our environmental educators reviewed these standards and were excited by the comprehensive, integrated approach which will be guiding our schools. This all corresponds well with our own move to embrace the system’s thinking approach to teaching. A recent meeting with Gregory Thornton, superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools, revealed that he and his teams are in complete alignment with us on this and are seeking deeper connections with us at the district level. How cool is that? At the core, what excites us most in all of this is the deep commitment and love (there’s that word again) for the children being served whom we are fortunate to see first hand at all levels of the system. This is what should be reported in the newspaper!

Finally, we are encouraged on the national scene. Not only is there much unity over the Common Core standards

from state to state, but we have a unique opportunity at the national level to work with stakeholders focused on improving education for our youth through a systems thinking approach. Working side by side, a select set of students, teachers, school administrators and community stakeholders from nine school districts across the nation are building deeper ways to engage students in learning. The group is called SoL Ed (Society of Organizational Learning Education Partnership). We’ve been invited to the table because of our unique role in the educational fabric of Milwaukee ... and the recognition that sustainability education is critical for the future. As ecologists, this comes naturally to the Center.

The people who have embraced this movement know the challenges our nation is facing and are cognizant of the urgent need to grow problem solvers, critical analyzers, self-actualized learners and systems thinkers. SoL Ed includes the likes of Peter Senge of systems thinking fame, Jamie Cloud of the Cloud Institute, Michael Marlow of the Academy for Systemic Change, Lees Stuntz of the Learning Exchange out of MIT and leaders from E3 of Washington, the Center for Ecological Culture. Also involved are superintendents from all over the country including Maplewood/Richmond Heights School District in St. Louis, Winston Salem/Forsythe County School District in North Carolina and the Tucson Unified School District in Arizona.

Even with all these education experts, in the end it was the youth involved as equals at the table that we found to be the most inspiring as evidenced by the title quote “I love coming to school because I know that I’m loved here”.

They all “get it” and, as part of the solution, so do we. 🌱



CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING*

Catch up on all that the Center has done throughout this past year and look with us into the future. All members are invited to the Center's Annual Meeting. This is your chance to connect with our staff and leadership. Afterward, stay for a yummy dessert, meet other members and learn about our vibrant volunteer program.

Wednesday, November 16

6:30 - 7 p.m.

For adults & accompanied children

Free - donations appreciated

Call to register, 964-8505

HONEYBEE JAMBOREE*

Bring the family to enjoy treats from the hive. Beekeepers and artisans will lead demonstrations, have bee-sourced items for sale and, of course, honey to sample. Learn about bees and the many things they offer us and get some local treats for the holidays.

Saturday, December 10

1 - 3 p.m.

For all ages

\$10, (Nonmembers - \$15)

Free for kids ages 10 and under

Call to register, 964-8505

ART AT UEC

NOW SHOWING: NATURE AND LANDSCAPE

Kileigh Hannah's paintings deal with the temporal nature of experiencing one's environment. What is stored in a glance is translated into paintings that use layers of color and graphic shapes that play off painterly expressions of movement.

Beverly Schwabe's work is in monotypes, a one-of-a-kind print process. Beverly's landscape monotypes will leave viewers feeling connected to the natural world they have experienced or imagined.

Art show runs
through December 16



CANDLELIGHT WALK*

Celebrate the Winter Solstice! Explore Riverside Park by candlelight with a guided walk accompanied by poetry and readings of the season. After the walk return to the Center to warm yourself by the fire and for apple cider, snacks and music by Regina Gallero. Walks leave every 15 minutes starting at 7pm, music begins at 7:30pm.

Riverside Park

Friday, December 16 | 7 - 9 pm

For all ages

Free - donations appreciated

Call to register, 964-8505



= Riverside Park



= Washington Park

FAMILY PROGRAMS

YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB*

The Young Scientist Club is an excellent opportunity for kids to learn more about science and nature. Every day we'll jump right in and learn something new. We'll do and learn all sorts of stuff like taking care of our animals, hiking through our urban wilderness, helping with stewardship projects and learning about birds, science and research! Every day will be different!

At Riverside Park

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays except November 16, and 23 & December 19, 2011 through January 4, 2012
4 - 5:30 p.m.

For kids 5 and up

\$5 annual fee

(Plus suggested daily donation - \$5)

Space is limited to 12 participants, please call ahead to register, 964-8505



At Washington Park

Every Tuesday through Friday
4 - 6 p.m.

and Every Saturday

1 - 4 p.m.

through December 22,
except November 16, 23,
24 & 25



Please note: from Tuesday, December 27 through Thursday, December 29, Washington Park Young Scientists will meet from 1 - 4 p.m.

For kids ages 7-12 years old
\$10 annual membership
Call to register, 964-8505

FALL FAMILY FUN HIKE

Autumn is a great season for hiking. Join a naturalist on a stroll through Riverside Park. We'll learn through play and exploration about the plants and animals that live in Milwaukee with us.

Saturday,
November 12

10:30 a.m. - noon

For kids, ages 5 & older accompanied by adult

\$4 per person or \$12 for families of 4 or more (Nonmembers

- \$7 per person or \$24 for families of 4 or more)

Call to register, 964-8505



FAMILY FUN FRIDAY!*

Celebrate the end of another successful week with an afternoon of fun for the whole family at the Urban Ecology Center. Join us for nature crafts and a fabulous fall hike. All ages welcome!

Fridays, November
18 & December 9

5 - 6 p.m.

For families

Adults: \$3
(Nonmembers - \$5)

Children: Free - donations appreciated

Call to register, 964-8505



STORY TIME IN THE TIPI

Gather around the fire in the tipi on our roof for some stories old and new. Warm up afterwards with hot cocoa. Come help keep the oral tradition of storytelling alive!

Sunday, December 4

12:30 - 2 p.m.

For kids, ages 4 & older

accompanied by an

adult (Nonmembers - \$7

per person or \$24 for

families of 4 or more)

Call to register, 964-8505

SCIENCE SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS*

Drop in and discover the world of science through self-led interactive activities and crafts. Theme for November & December: The Wonderful World of Water

Drop-in program

Every Saturday except
December 24

9:30 - 4:30 p.m. and

Every Sunday except
December 25

12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

For adults and

accompanied children

Free - donations appreciated



ANIMAL FEEDING*

Help feed the Center's resident turtles, snakes and fish.

Every Saturday except
December 24

at Riverside Park &

December 24 & 31 at

Washington Park

1 p.m.

For everyone

Free -

donations

appreciated



HOMESCHOOL SERIES

BIRDS ON A MISSION

Every year millions of birds embark on amazing journeys for seasonal migration. We'll discuss the ins and outs of avian migration and take a bird-oriented hike with binoculars.

Wednesday,
November 2

2 - 3:30 p.m.

For kids, ages 5 & older

\$5 (Nonmembers - \$7)

Call to register, 964-8505



MILWAUKEE ANIMALS

Many animals call Milwaukee home. We'll study mounted animals and live specimens from our animal room. We'll follow this with a hike in Riverside Park to see what wild Milwaukee animals we can find on our own.

Wednesday,
December 7

2 - 3:30 p.m.

For kids, ages 5 & older

\$5 (Nonmembers - \$7)

Call to register, 964-8505



HOLIDAY HOURS

VISIT US OVER THE HOLIDAYS!

Come for a break during the holiday rush. We're open, except for the times and days listed below. Not sure if the location you wish to visit is open? Please call 964-8505 for Riverside Park and 344-5460 for Washington Park.

CLOSINGS

Both locations will be closed on November 24, 25, December 24, 25 & 31, 2011 & January 1, 2012

In addition, our Washington Park location will be closed on November 16 (afterschool only), 23, 24, 25, December 23 - 26, & December 30, 2011 - January 1, 2012

SPECIAL WINTER BREAK HOURS:

Riverside Park location will be open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on December 22, 23, & 26-30, 2011 & January 2, 2012

Washington Park location will be open from 1 - 4 p.m. on December 27 - 29



= Riverside Park



= Washington Park

ADULT LEARNING

MEXICO'S MONARCH BUTTERFLIES*

Come see stunning photos and hear from adventurous Milwaukee travelers who visited the winter sanctuary of the Monarch butterflies in Mexico last winter. As butterflies that spent late summer in Wisconsin are flying south this month, we prepare for a return trip to witness their amazing migration.

Tuesday,
November 1
6:30 - 8 p.m.



For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

BEESENTATIONS - ALL ABOUT THE BEES!*

Bees and Beekeeping revealed! Bees play an important role in our food systems. This is an introduction to bees and beekeeping. Learn the difference between wasps and bees. Discover who's inside the hive and how Man has managed bees for pollination and honey. Whether you want to start a dance with bees through beekeeping, or just learn of the dance they do to find nectar, this course gets you buzzing.

Tuesdays,
November 1, 15,
December 6 & 20
7 - 8:30 p.m.



For adults
\$10 (Nonmembers - \$15)
Call to register, 964-8505

BASIC ENERGY LITERACY*

One side tells us there is plenty of oil left, another group gives glowing images of the new green energy economy that will get us off of oil. Which, if either, is right? How can you know? The competing views, however different, are counting on one thing in common: that we the consumer or citizen do not have the tools or knowledge necessary to assess their claims or make informed decisions. We will discuss the concepts and numbers necessary for a more accurate and critical understanding. Be sure to attend our program *Energy & the Economy* on November 12 to continue learning about this important topic.

Saturday,
November 5
10:30 a.m. - noon



For adults
\$5 (Nonmembers - \$7)
Call to register, 964-8505

ORNITHOLOGY WORKSHOPS*

Please join us for a slideshow delving into the wonders of the bird world, followed by a dusk bird walk. Binoculars provided.

Saturday,
November 5
3:30 - 5 p.m. &
Saturday, December 3
2 - 4:30 p.m.



For adults
\$5 (Nonmembers - \$10) Free
for regular birding volunteers
Call to register, 964-8505

BEEKEEPING BASICS COURSE: 3-PART SERIES & TEST*

Three 2-hour courses will give you the foundation to start beekeeping in a Top Bar Hive. We cover setup, installing the queen, inspections, harvesting, what you can expect and how to deepen your new relationship with bees. Course includes *Barefoot Beekeeping* by Phil Chandler. You are required to take a test, attend a Beesentation and hands-on class in spring to receive the Beepod Certificate for Beekeeping.

Mondays
November 7, 14 &
21 or December 5,
12 & 19



6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
For adults
\$85 (Nonmembers - \$100)
Call to register, 964-8505

MANAGING FLOODPLAINS AND FLOODWAYS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE*

Speaker: David Fowler, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District. It has always been the intention of Congress to use our natural resources in a sustainable way. However, the reality is that we have seldom achieved this goal. Learn how our country's future faces tough choices on the use of our floodplains and floodways. Impacts from structural flood control projects have resulted in both short term and long term consequences on these natural drainage systems. Hear about design solutions for an economically and environmentally sustainable watercourse system.

Tuesday, November 8
7 p.m.



For adults
\$5 suggested donation
(Nonmembers - \$5)
Call to register, 964-8505

YOUTHAI: HEALING ECOSYSTEMS ABROAD*

Billions of people around the world live with no access to sanitation. Youthaiti is an organization that addresses this issue in the poorest country in the Americas. Come hear the story of local nurse practitioner Gigi Pomerantz and how she has helped Haitian youth protect their environment through the creation of composting toilets.

Wednesday,
November 9
7 - 8 p.m.



For adults & accompanied
children, ages 10 & older
\$5 (Nonmembers - \$10)
Call to register, 964-8505

ENERGY AND THE ECONOMY*

In this follow up class to "Basic Energy Literacy" we will address the way energy and the economy are intertwined. While we all realize that high energy costs can provide a drag upon the economy, but the connections may be deeper than that. What if our entire economic structure and all the expectations we take from it about our lifestyles, including our prospects for the future, are built on the availability of a very specific type of cheap and abundant energy? Class 1 helpful but not essential.

Saturday,
November 12
10:30 a.m. - noon



For adults
\$5 (Nonmembers - \$7)
Call to register, 964-8505

SANDHILL CRANES AT JASPER PULASKI

Each fall tens of thousands of sandhill cranes congregate in the shallow marshes of the Jasper-Pulaski Wildlife Area in Indiana to reinforce pair bonds. Travel with Research Manager Tim Vargo to witness one of the Midwest's most amazing wildlife spectacles.

Saturday,
November 12, 9
a.m. through Sunday,
November 13, 5 p.m.

For adults
\$125
(includes lodging)
(Nonmembers - \$150
(includes lodging)
Contact Tim at tvargo@
urbanecologycenter.org
or 964-8505 to register

**BOOK CLUB***

The Book Club meets to discuss an environmentally themed book. Newcomers and ongoing participants are invited to come enjoy the conversation and refreshments. November's title: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

Saturday,
November 19 (no
December meeting)



10 - 11 a.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

ENVIRONMENTAL SHORT FILMS*

Join UW-Madison filmmaker Kevin Gibbons for a screening and discussion of several "green" short films, including his own *America's Dairy Land*. These films were designed to investigate and expand on just what makes a film "environmental" and each focuses on a different environmental issue facing Wisconsin.

Wednesday,
November 30
6 - 7:30 p.m.



For adults &
accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

WILDERNESS OF DENALI 100*

Experience the winter solitude of 61 days in the backcountry of Denali National Park, Alaska with our Branch Manager, Willie Karidis. Willie retraces the steps of pioneering naturalist Charles Sheldon, 100 years after he explored, hunted and lived off the land of Denali. Karidis learned all he could about Denali, the winter wilderness and ultimately, himself.

Wednesday,
December 7
7 - 8 p.m.



For adults & accompanied
children, ages 10 & older
Adults: \$5 (Nonmembers
- \$10)
Children: Free -
donations appreciated
(Nonmembers - \$5)
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URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER PROGRAMS

(rp) = Riverside Park (wp) = Washington Park (wps) = WP Senior Center (bh) = Boathouse

NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>9a Burdock Brigade (rp)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (rp & wp) Mexico's Monarch Butterflies (rp)</p> <p>6:30p Community Living Options Group (rp)</p> <p>6:30p Victory Garden Initiative (rp)</p> <p>7p Beesentations (rp)</p>	<p>8a Birdwalk (wp)</p> <p>2p Birds on a Mission (rp)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (rp & wp)</p> <p>4p Papermaking (rp)</p>	<p>8a Birdwalk (rp)</p> <p>10:30a Burdock Brigade (wps)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (wp)</p> <p>4p Burdock Brigade (wp)</p> <p>6:30p Photo Club (rp)</p>	<p>2p Forestry Fridays (rp)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (wp)</p>	<p>5a Burdock Brigade (rp)</p> <p>9a Park Rangers (wp)</p> <p>Drop in 9:30a-4:30p Science Saturdays — The Wonderful World of Water (rp)</p> <p>10a Volunteer Orientation (wp)</p> <p>10:30a Basic Energy Literacy (rp)</p> <p>10:30a Volunteer Orientation (rp)</p> <p>1p Young Scientists (wp)</p> <p>1p Animal Feeding (rp & wp)</p> <p>3:30p Ornithology Workshop (rp)</p>
<p>Drop in 12:30-4:30p Science Sundays — The Wonderful World of Water (rp)</p>	<p>4p Young Scientists (rp)</p> <p>6:30p Beekeeping Basics Course (rp)</p>	<p>8a Burdock Brigade (rp)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (rp & wp)</p> <p>7p Floodplains & Floodways (rp)</p>	<p>8a Birdwalk (wp)</p> <p>9a Riverside Park Building Tour (rp)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (rp & wp)</p> <p>4p Papermaking (rp)</p> <p>6:30p Friends of Real Food (rp)</p> <p>7p Youthcraft: Healing Ecosystems Abroad (wp)</p>	<p>8a Birdwalk (rp)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (wp)</p> <p>4p Burdock Brigade (wp)</p> <p>7p Echo Poets (rp)</p> <p>7p Stargazers (rp)</p>	<p>2p Forestry Fridays (rp)</p> <p>3p Volunteer Orientation (rp)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (wp)</p>	<p>12a Sandhill Cranes trip leaves</p> <p>9a Park Rangers (rp & wp)</p> <p>Drop in 9:30a-4:30p Science Saturdays — The Wonderful World of Water (rp)</p> <p>10:30a Family Fun Hike (rp)</p> <p>10:30a Energy and the Economy (rp)</p> <p>1p Young Scientists (wp)</p> <p>1p Animal Feeding (rp & wp)</p>
<p>Drop in 12:30-4:30p Science Sundays — The Wonderful World of Water (rp)</p> <p>5p Sandhill Cranes trip returns</p>	<p>4p Young Scientists (rp)</p> <p>6:30p Beekeeping Basics Course (rp)</p> <p>6:30p Baking With Alternative Flours (rp)</p> <p>7p New Urban Friends (rp)</p>	<p>8a Burdock Brigade (rp)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (rp & wp)</p> <p>7p Beesentations (rp)</p>	<p>8a Birdwalk (wp)</p> <p>Washington Park location closed for afterschool programs</p> <p>Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (rp)</p> <p>Annual Meeting 6:30p (rp)</p>	<p>8a Birdwalk (rp)</p> <p>10:30 Burdock Brigade (wps)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (wp)</p> <p>4p Burdock Brigade (wp)</p> <p>6:30p Using Your Preserves Creatively (rp)</p> <p>6:30p Vegetarian Polluck (rp)</p>	<p>2p Forestry Fridays (rp)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (wp)</p> <p>5p Family Fun Friday! (wp)</p>	<p>13a Drop in 12:30-4:30p Science Sundays — The Wonderful World of Water (rp)</p> <p>5p Sandhill Cranes trip returns</p>
<p>Drop in 12:30-4:30p Science Sundays — The Wonderful World of Water (rp)</p>	<p>6:30p Beekeeping Basics Course (rp)</p>	<p>9a Burdock Brigade (rp)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (wp)</p> <p>5:30p Volunteer Orientation (rp)</p>	<p>9a Washington Park location closed</p> <p>Riverside Park Building Tour (rp)</p> <p>4p Papermaking (rp)</p>	<p>25a Both Urban Ecology Center locations closed</p>	<p>25a Both Urban Ecology Center locations closed</p>	<p>19a Burdock Brigade (rp)</p> <p>9a Park Rangers (wp)</p> <p>Drop in 9:30a-4:30p Science Saturdays — The Wonderful World of Water (rp)</p> <p>10a Book Club (rp)</p> <p>10a Volunteer Orientation (wp)</p> <p>1p Young Scientists (wp)</p> <p>1p Animal Feeding (rp & wp)</p>
<p>Drop in 12:30-4:30p Science Sundays — The Wonderful World of Water (rp)</p>	<p>4p Young Scientists (rp)</p> <p>6:30p Transition Milwaukee (rp)</p>	<p>8a Burdock Brigade (rp)</p> <p>4p Young Scientists (rp & wp)</p>	<p>8a Birdwalk (wp)</p> <p>Young Scientists (rp & wp)</p> <p>Papermaking (rp)</p> <p>Environmental Short Films (wp)</p>	<p>24a Both Urban Ecology Center locations closed</p>	<p>25a Both Urban Ecology Center locations closed</p>	<p>26a Park Rangers (rp & wp)</p> <p>Drop in 9:30a-4:30p Science Saturdays — The Wonderful World of Water (rp)</p> <p>1p After Thanksgiving Hike (rp)</p> <p>1p Young Scientists (wp)</p> <p>1p Animal Feeding (rp & wp)</p>



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= Riverside Park



= Washington Park

ADULT LEARNING CONTINUED

URBAN HOMESTEAD SERIES

BAKING WITH ALTERNATIVE FLOURS*

Now that you've learned how to process locally grown flours, learn how to use them in baked goods. Trained pastry chef Annie Wegner LeFort will share and demonstrate recipes for using homemade alternative flours — such as acorn and sunchoke — to make both sweet and savory baked goods. Taste some incredible new flavors and learn to prepare unique dishes you can serve at your upcoming holiday gatherings. Samples will be provided. (This class is a complement to October's "Making Alternative Flours," though that course is not a prerequisite.)

Monday,
November 14
6:30 - 8 p.m.
\$20 (Nonmembers - \$25)
Call to register, 964-8505



USING YOUR PRESERVES CREATIVELY DEMONSTRATION*

Want to learn to use your home-canned, dried, or frozen goods? Master Food Preserver Annie Wegner LeFort will share and demonstrate creative ways to use these homemade products in appetizers, entrees and desserts. Think beyond spreading your jam onto toast and serving salsa with chips. Learn how to get more out of the flavors of the season. Samples will be provided.

Thursday,
November 17
6:30 - 8 p.m.
For adults & accompanied children
\$20 (Nonmembers - \$25)
Call to register, 964-8505



KNIFE BASICS*

If the thought of slicing and dicing all those fresh local vegetables prevents you from cooking from scratch, come and learn how to "sharpen" your basic knife skills in this hands-on class. Trained chef Annie Wegner LeFort will teach basic cutting techniques as well as discuss selection and care of knives for food preparation. Sign up today to "hone" your skills.

Monday,
December 12
7 - 8:30 p.m.
For adults
\$10 (Nonmembers - \$12)
Call to register December 8, call 964-8505



STUDENT INTERN RESEARCH PROJECTS*

This program will highlight student and volunteer research projects conducted in Riverside Park throughout the year. Each student will present a short summary of his/her work, which includes remote censusing of animals, studies of the State-threatened Butler's Gartersnake, Monarch butterfly studies and bat monitoring.

Tuesday,
December 13
7 p.m.
For adults
\$5 suggested donation
(Nonmembers - \$5)
Call to register, 964-8505



CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Join thousands of volunteers from around the world as we collect data for an international database that has been monitoring population trends for over 100 years! At Riverside Park we will hike north to Capitol Drive along the east bank of the Milwaukee River, stop for a quick brunch (bring brunch money with you), return along the west bank and then continue to Lake Park for refreshments and more birding. At Washington Park we will take a leisurely stroll around the 130-acre park. Please dress for the weather — binoculars available.

Saturday,
December 17
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Saturday,
December 17
9 - 11 a.m.



For adults
\$5 donation to
National Audubon Society
Call to register, 964-8505

URBAN ADVENTURES

SPONTANEOUS WINTER ADVENTURES

When snow is in the air, the adventure is bound to fare. Email Chad at cthomack@urbanecologycenter.org to get word of spontaneous snowshoeing, skiing and winter outings. Everyone is welcome!

AFTER THANKSGIVING HIKE

Looking for a good way to work off that turkey, potatoes, cranberries, stuffing and pie? Come spend some time with us! This guided hike will offer a glimpse into the ecology of the river and the work being done to restore the river to its full beauty. Come prepared for the weather.

Saturday,
November 26
1 - 3 p.m.
For adults & accompanied children
Adults: \$8
(Nonmembers - \$10)
Children: \$6
(Nonmembers - \$8)
Call to register, 964-8505



INTRO TO X-C SKIING

Trying to find a way to enjoy cold winter days? Learn how to cross country ski! Bring an adventurous spirit; we'll provide the skis and hot chocolate. We will begin on the athletic fields and then head into the woods or down the bike trail. Make sure to dress in layers.

Saturday, December 17
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
or Tuesday,
December 20
1 - 3:30 p.m.
For adults & accompanied children, ages 12 & older
Adults: \$10
(Nonmembers - \$13)
Children: \$7
(Nonmembers - \$10)
Registration required, call, 964-8505



URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER TOURS

RIVERSIDE PARK BUILDING TOUR*

Get an insider's view of Riverside Park's innovative building design and programming through these staff-led tours.

Wednesdays, November 9, 23 & December 14
9 - 10:15 a.m.
For adults & accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



BOOK YOUR OWN TOUR!*

Have a group of five or more who want to visit any of our branches? We offer private tours of our green building, park, gardens and branch locations. Please contact Mike at mlarson@UrbanEcologyCenter.org for fees and scheduling.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER AND ANNUAL MEETING***

Join us for an evening of food and friendship as we say "thank you" to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make the Urban Ecology Center a success! Come for dinner, dessert and a few surprises.

Wednesday, November 16

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

At Riverside Park

For members & volunteers

Free - donations appreciated

Please RSVP by November 9, call 964-8505

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS***

Want to spend more time outside? Looking to work alongside ecologically-minded people? Interested in sharing your gifts with the community? Come find out how you can contribute your time and talents to the Urban Ecology Center.

Saturdays, November 5 or December 3
10:30 a.m. - noon



Fridays, November 11 or December 16
3 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22
5:30 - 7 p.m.

Saturdays, November 5, 19, December 3 or 17
10 - 11 a.m.



For adults & youth
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

PAPERMAKING*

Join other volunteers as we learn the art of recycled papermaking to create beautiful gifts for our Center's supporters.

Every Wednesday through December 7 except November 16
4 - 6 p.m.

For teens, adults & accompanied children, ages 12 and under
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

**FORESTRY FRIDAYS**

Come help us work to improve the health of our forest in Riverside Park and the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum! Join the Urban Ecology Center Forestry Specialist to meet friends, have fun and make a lasting, positive impact on the earth while we remove invasives, plant trees and control erosion in the park.

Every Friday except November 25
2 - 4 p.m.

For adults & accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

**PARK RANGERS**

Kick off your weekend at either branch of the Center and help keep our parks clean, safe and accessible. Dress for the weather and join other volunteers as we walk through the parks picking up trash and noting any maintenance needs.

Saturdays, November 12 & 26
(No Park Rangers at Riverside in December)
9 - 10:30 a.m.



Every Saturday through December 17
9 - 10 a.m.



For adults & accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

BURDOCK BRIGADE OPPORTUNITIES

The Burdock Brigade engages in hands on restoration activities-removing exotic invasive plants and propagating and planting native species in order to preserve and restore native vegetation and wildlife habitat.

WASHINGTON PARK SENIOR CENTER

Join us as we work with help from the Washington Park Senior Center participants.

Thursdays, November 3, 17, December 1 & 15
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

WASHINGTON PARK

Join us as we work with help from Young Scientists Club.

Every Thursday except November 24 and December 29
4 - 5 p.m.

**RIVERSIDE PARK**

Every Tuesday 9 - 11 a.m.
Saturdays November 5, 19, December 3 & 17
9 - 10:30 a.m.



For adults & accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



= Riverside Park



= Washington Park

INTEREST GROUPS

VICTORY GARDEN INITIATIVE: EAT AND MEET*

The first Tuesday of every month, VGI has its monthly potluck to connect our members, plan projects and learn about better ways of growing our own food.

November: Top 10 Fruit and Nut Tree Picks for Your Own Urban Food Forest! Attendees will learn to place varieties in special symbiotic clusters called Guilds, which optimize space, production and pest management. You can then order these trees through VGI's annual Fruit and Nut Tree Sale.
December: International Permaculture with Kata Young and a Special Holiday Potluck. Kata has travel extensively through Central and South America practicing permaculture and will give a presentation on her experience.

Tuesdays,
November 1 &
December 6
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
For all ages
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



COMMUNITY LIVING OPTIONS GROUP-MILWAUKEE (COLOG MILW)*

We welcome those interested in exploring all options of intentional community living and housing. Interest in cohousing options is directly related to the sustainability and practicality of shared living. We gather to learn, support and promote each other's ideas and endeavours.

November: Look at Our Past, Talk About Our Future. COLOG has been meeting for over two years. It's time to look at what we have accomplished. Once examined, the past can guide the future. Participate in activities, group discussions and help shape goals for 2012.

December: Winter Celebration. Let's come together just to enjoy each other's company! We'll share good food (potluck style), share our stories and work together on something fun to make as a community.

Tuesdays, November 1
(one week earlier than usual)
& December 13
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



UEC PHOTO CLUB*

Explore nature in an artistic light and develop new skills. Check out our website at www.uecpc.org

Thursdays,
November 3 &
December 1
6:30 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



FRIENDS OF REAL FOOD*

Share a potluck dinner and join the enthusiastic, informative discussion.
November: Hazelnuts & Naturally Raised Animals. Speaker: Jeannie Herold, Hazel Valley Farm. Jeannie will share her philosophy of farming — fresh air, natural spring water, sunshine, hormone and antibiotic free, chemical free, naturally raised animals. She grows hazelnuts and raises grass fed lambs, pigs, chickens and turkeys in nearby Eagle, Wisconsin, in the shadows of the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest.

December: Farming Cooperatively: Fondy Farm Project Season in Review. Speaker: Stephen Petro. Come join a lively discussion with farm manager Stephen Petro about the Fondy Farm Project and its inaugural season on 40 acres of land in Port Washington. The purpose of the Fondy Farm Project is to build a secure, economically viable farm cooperative for small-scale, local immigrant and limited resource farmers that will provide fresh food for the people residing on Milwaukee's north side; taking a multifaceted approach at solving local food issues.

Wednesdays,
November 9 &
December 14
6:30 - 8 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



URBAN STARGAZERS*

Join us for fun, information and stargazing.
Thursdays,
November 10 &
December 8
7 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



URBAN ECHO POETS*

Our purpose is to observe and experience nature, then to express these observations in poetry and essay. We will read and write and appreciate poetry with images from nature at its core.

Thursdays,
November 10 &
December 8
7 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



NEW URBAN FRIENDS*

Learn about an innovative approach to creating streets that serve people, not just cars. From urban agriculture to play to mobility, see examples of streets re-designed to enhance neighborhood life. CNU-WI president Ken Voigt shares information from an NEA-sponsored charrette he participated in with 80 national experts at UC-Berkeley.

Monday,
November 14
7:30 - 9 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



VEGETARIAN POTLUCK*

Bring a plate and fork along with your meatless dish to share at our picnic-style meal.
Thursdays,
November 17 &
December 15
6:30 - 8 p.m.
For adults &
accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505



TRANSITION MILWAUKEE: ALL CITY HUB MEETING*

Monday,
November 28 (no
December meeting)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
(Nonmembers - \$5)
Childcare available: \$4
(Nonmembers - \$6)
Call to register, 964-8505



Transition Milwaukee is part of an international movement to address the challenges of climate change and peak oil proactively by relocalizing. We are working to rebuild local resilience and self-reliance through creating and promoting community projects to grow our own food, generate our own power, develop our own economies and reskill. Whether you are new to or familiar with the Transition Initiative, we invite you to come to our monthly Hub meetings.

EARLY MORNING BIRDWALKS

Interested bird watchers of all ability levels are invited to explore bird life with us. Binoculars available.
Every
Wednesday except
November 23 &
December 28
8 a.m.



Every Thursday except
November 24
8 a.m.
For adults and
accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FRUITY NUTTY AFFAIR

Friday, November 11
Tickets at victorygardeninitiative.org

The Urban Ecology Center provides support to special grassroots efforts working on good ideas that relate to the Center's mission. The Victory Garden Initiative (VGI) is one of those efforts. Since we are supporting VGI as their fiscal sponsor and we are interested in their success, we are happy to promote their fundraising event. Join VGI for our Second Annual Fruity Nutty Affair on November 11—that's right, Eleven, Eleven, Eleven—at Best Place in the Historic Pabst Brewery. This wacky, classy evening will begin with tapas prepared by local caterers and special Fruity Nutty Drinks prepared by BitterCube. Come prepared to bid on a Chicken Coop and your own Food Forest at our live auction. Then dance the night away with Fruity Nutty Characters who will amuse and educate you. All proceeds go toward the creation of Milwaukee's Urban Food Forest!

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The Urban Ecology Center receives a majority of its support from local foundations, corporations and individuals. This section of our newsletter is reserved to thank you and the many supporters of the Center. **The names listed are those who made a contribution to the Urban Ecology Center in the two months since our previous newsletter.**

We thank all of you who have begun a new membership, renewed your membership, given a gift membership or made a donation to our mission. We work hard to recognize all our supporters accurately. Contact Cassie at 964-8505 or cmordini@urbanecologycenter.org if your name has not appeared as you expected.

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