STL-HESC Sponsors Workshops at the Green Homes Festival

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
The St. Louis Higher Education Sustainability Consortium will be the 2010 Workshop Sponsor for the Green Homes Festival! The marks our first official joint venture as an organization, and hopefully, the beginning of many more collaborations to come.

This was made possible by the financial support of several key Consortium institutions, including Lewis & Clark Community College, Maryville University, Saint Louis University, and the St. Louis Community College District. In addition to the financial contributions, half of the sponsorship includes an in-kind donation of people power from campuses all over the region.

The STL-HESC is in need of at least 28 volunteers to work a four-hour shift at the Green Homes Festival.

The EarthWays Center has asked that the Consortium be responsible for manning the Workshop component of the Festival, and the Consortium in return is asking all of our campus contacts for a commitment of volunteer hours.

This should be a fun opportunity for students & staff alike. Volunteers will soon be able to register on the Festival’s website, where you can find more information about the event: www.greenhomesstl.org. In exchange for a 4-hour shift, volunteers will receive:
- Complimentary parking
- A funky sustainably made T-shirt
- Voucher for one free workshop admission
- Beverages throughout the day
- $5 in food vouchers redeemable at the festival’s food court
- An invitation to the follow-up thank you party at Schlafly Bottleworks

If you have any questions about additional ways that your school can get involved in the Green Homes Festival, whether as a separate institution or under the STL-HESC umbrella of Workshop Sponsor, please contact Katy Mike or greenhomesfest@moenviron.org.

DON’T MISS:
The next STL Higher Ed Sustainability Consortium General Assembly meeting will be held on September 22, 2010 at the RCGA at 2:00pm.

The organization will soon be taking RSVP for this event online at http://www.earthwayscenter.org/stl_hesc.html. In the meantime, please contact STL-HESC Coordinator Katy Mike Smaistrla for more information: katymike.smaistrla@mobot.org.

LATEST NEWS:

STL-HESC Developing a Web Presence
The EarthWays Center has agreed to support STL-HESC as it develops an online identity. For the latest information, check out the updated web content at http://www.earthwayscenter.org/stl_hesc.html.

Committee Chair Update: STL-HESC Education Subcommittee Makes Progress on Inventory
According to Marcia Lochmann, the Director of Sustainability at Lewis & Clark and Co-Chair of the STL-HESC Education Committee, her subcommittee is working together with the EarthWays Center to inventory existing sustainability curricula and programs across the colleges and universities in the region, work that the EarthWays Center has been doing for the past several years. They’re also working with the St. Louis RCGA which is developing an inventory of the green job training programs offered in the region. Results of these inventories will be promoted in a special event in January called the Green Showcase. For more information on the activities of the Energy and Environmental Council, contact Eric Schneider at eschneider@stlrgca.org or (314) 444-1148.

The education committee will also be working to identify criteria for green intensive courses. Green courses and training are being offered in several institutions across the region now, like the Photovoltaic Installation courses offered at St. Louis Community College and Lewis and Clark Community College.
FROM THE US GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL – ST LOUIS REGIONAL CHAPTER: THE GREEN SHADOW PROGRAM

The USGBC-STL Higher Education Advocacy Subcommittee has developed a “Green Shadow” opportunity for local university students wondering what life is like “in the real world.” Currently the Subcommittee is compiling a database of local employees in the sustainable design and construction field, and college students are invited to shadow the professionals for a day to get a better sense of the field.

For more information about the Green Shadow program, please contact Tony Ruebsam, chair of the USGBC-STL Higher Education Advocacy Subcommittee at tony.ruebsam@smwilson.com.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

THE SHOW-ME SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE
Missouri Student Environmental Coalition and the Green Maryville Student Association join forces

Reaching out to students across the state for a third year in a row, the Show-Me Sustainability Conference will be hosted in St. Louis on October 15-17th. According to Adam Paige, Conference Coordinator, “This is a great chance for students to learn about the future of sustainability, network with other students, and bring their experiences and ideas back to their campuses.” The Conference starts with a Sustainability Expo, a great way for other members of the wider community to support students interested in going green. For information about how your institution can get involved, please contact Adam at apaige@maryville.edu.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

AASHE 2010 National Conference
Campus Initiatives to Catalyze a Just & Sustainable World

This year, the conference will stimulate thousands of conversations around campus sustainability as it brings together all of AASHE's diverse members in the largest campus sustainability conference in North America. For more information about the resources offered by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, please visit http://www.aashe.org

Not able to make it to the 2010 AASHE Conference? The STL-HESC will facilitate the sharing of conference materials, lessons learned, and contacts made. Keep an eye out for more information through these resource-sharing tools as they’re developed!

Campus Success Stories...

BIKE RENTAL PROGRAM PLANNING UNDERWAY AT MIZZOU


WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SEeks NEW SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTOR

Find the job posting #20575 online at https://jobs.wustl.edu/. The Sustainability Director will be responsible for actively promoting and facilitating sustainability activities across the University, collaborating with students, faculty, and staff and relevant committees.

STLCC’S SUCCESSFUL PAPER REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

As a part of the Green Business Challenge, STLCC began a paper reduction campaign at Cosand Center. At the half way mark, they have met and gone beyond their 10% reduction goal to 27% reduction! They hope to exceed that percentage by the end of the challenge on Sept 10th. Contact Sustainability Coordinator Peggy Moody at pmoody@stlcc.edu for more information on this project.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

MO SOLID WASTE MGMT DISTRICT REGION H WORKSHOP FOR UNIS, COLLEGES, RECYCLERS AND SHELTERS
September 8, 2010 - 2:00 to 4:00pm
Columbia, MO

This workshop will showcase the Wash U building. Registration is required; all programs are free to USGBC-STL membership & students; $20 for non-members. For more information, visit http://www.usgbc-stl.org/programs/.

USGBC-STL SEPTEMBER MONTHLY PROGRAM

"Washington University’s Living Learning Center and the Living Building Challenge" September 14, 2010 - 5:30pm
This US Green Building Council –St Louis Chapter monthly program will showcase the Wash U building. Registration is required; all programs are free to USGBC-STL membership & students; $20 for non-members. For more information, visit http://www.usgbc-stl.org/programs/.

MCDONNELL INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS ACADEMY SYMPOSIUM: GLOBAL ENERGY FUTURE
October 1-5, 2010
Washington University
Planning is currently underway for the 3rd Symposium to be held in St. Louis. The McDonnell Global Energy & Environment Partnership consists of 25 university and corporate partners working together in energy, environmental, and sustainability research, education, and operations.

SWIC RED BUD CAMPUS GREEN FALL FESTIVAL
October 2, 2010 - 10:00am-2:00pm
The first green festival at Red Bud! For more information on the event, please contact Amy.Brockman@swic.edu.

NATIONAL GREEN SCHOOLS CONFERENCE
“Growing Green Schools Across America” October 24-26, 2010
Minneapolis, Minnesota
This event will provide a unique forum for the national K-12 education community to meet, network, learn and share ideas around greening our nation’s schools. http://www.greenschoolsnationalconference.org/.
STUDENTS OFFERED CHANCE TO ATTEND GREENBUILD FREE!
Greenbuild 2010 will be held in Chicago this year! Mark the date: November 17-19th. The annual Greenbuild International Conference and Expo is the world's largest conference & expo dedicated to green building... and a great opportunity for students to gain a wealth of information and contacts! Volunteers must give a minimum of eight hours of volunteer time in order to attend the rest of the conference. For your efforts, you'll receive free admission as a student to the conference which will provide exciting educational opportunities on the latest in the green building movement and amazing networking opportunities. If you have questions about volunteering, please email volunteers@usgbc-chicago.org.

DISCOUNT OFFER: NEW BOOK ON SUSTAINABILITY IN HIGHER ED
Earthscan Publishers announces the publication of a new book, Sustainability Education: Perspectives and Practice across Higher Education. Edited By Paula Jones, David Selby and Stephen Sterling, the book provides background on the current status of sustainability within higher education, including chapters discussing interdisciplinarity, international perspectives and pedagogy. For a 20% discount, please use the voucher code FP20 when ordering from earthscan.co.uk.

CURC CONTINUES ON
At its core, CURC is about serving those who work in the college and university recycling and sustainability fields. With new sponsorship and administrative support from Keep America Beautiful, the organization has updated its name to the “College & University Recycling Council,” and it will retain the same steering committee leadership structure and will pursue the same historic mission to support environmental program leaders at institutions of higher education in managing resources, recycling and waste issues. In addition to sponsoring the widely popular Recyclemania event, CURC also provides several other valuable resources, including free webinars and the RECYC-L Listserve. Contact Membership Chair Robyn Hathcock, at rjhath@uoregon.edu, to find out how your institution can informally become a member.

HIGHER ED ISSUES ADDRESSED ON THE DIANE REHM SHOW
Just in case you missed it... local radio station KWMU 90.7 aired a program in which Diane Rehm and two professors examined the American higher education system. http://thedianerehmshow.org/shows/2010-08-17/higher-education

Picture taken at Lewis & Clark Community College above an instructional classroom this summer.

KEEP CONNECTED
Do you have a success story to share? Is your campus hosting an open event? Please let us know and we can help you spread the word! This newsletter was written by the Missouri Botanical Garden’s EarthWays Center with the intent of fostering relationships between our colleagues working to promote sustainability at their respective institutions.

CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY DAY
SCUP Webinar (& Other Local Events??) October 20, 2010
On this designated day in October, colleges & universities are encouraged to create events on campus that draw participants for the exchange of ideas & knowledge. The CSD8 webcast will feature David Gershon, author of Social Change 2.0: A Blueprint for Reinventing Our World. For more information about the webcast, visit http://www.campussustainability.info/. If your school is hosting a CSD event, let us know! For information about past CSD events in St. Louis, please visit http://www.earthwayscenter.org/stl_hesc.html.

GREENING MIDWEST COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE October 19-20, 2010
Jefferson City, MO
This 2-day conference brings together industry, municipal, county, code and agency professionals working in many aspects of community development and energy-efficient "green" home building and remodeling. University of Missouri Small Business and Technology Development Centers (SBTDC) Program will be onsite to engage interested attendees in the services offered by this statewide network of business development assistance. More information at http://muconf.missouri.edu/gmcc.

ECOLOGY AND EDUCATION SUMMIT: “Environmental Literacy for a Sustainable World” October 14-15, 2010
National Education Association HQ, Washington, DC
The Ecological Society of America (ESA) and the National Education Association (NEA) in partnership with more than 20 national organizations, invites you to create a national dialogue to accelerate the transformation of teaching and learning among K-20+ audiences in both formal and informal settings in response to today’s urgent and complex environmental challenges. More information at www.esa.org/eesummit.

CAMPUS WEBSITES
Washington University in St. Louis
Lewis & Clark Community College
University of Missouri - Columbia
Campus sustainability means more than recycling, building green, or hosting an Earth Day celebration every year at your college or university. It is a broad initiative that requires intimate coordination and institutional relationships. It is our aim to look at campus sustainability as a continuum while originating dialogue about systematic actions to further that initiative at schools in the St. Louis area.