



SIMPLY NEWS

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LIGHT UPON LIGHT - A SUMMER CELEBRATION

Saturday, August 1, 5-9 PM

Enjoy our summer celebration complete with a sumptuous dinner of local, organic foods in the beautiful setting of Liz and Eric Hansen's home, 11781 Dunhan Rd., Mt. Vernon (about 50 minutes from Clintonville).

While their new off-the-grid home is a bit of a road trip, we have no doubt you will be inspired. Liz shares some initial thoughts on their "new" lifestyles on page 9.

Please make your reservations by 7/24: suggested donation -- \$20/person; \$35/couple; after 7/24: \$25/person; \$40/couple. Reserve with Ben: ben@simplyliving.org; payment can be made at the event. Proceeds support Simply Living's Earth Institute course program.

We'll carpool from the Giant Eagle parking lot, south of Kelso Rd. off N. High St., leaving at 4 p.m. Meet in the vicinity of the gas station. (Definitely casual clothing recommended, including shoes and socks.)



Liz and Eric Hansen's home-- site of 2009 Light Upon Light celebration

TRANSITION CENTRAL OHIO

Earth care, people care, fair share
...Now that's a succinct description of how we might live! It also describes the ethics of permaculture, a growing worldwide movement for people to live in healthy relationship with the land and each other.

Acting on those ethics, Simply Living is committed to creating a local initiative, Transition Central Ohio,

modeled after those described by Rob Hopkins in *The Transition Handbook* (see SL's Feb/March newsletter at <http://www.simplyliving.org/newsletter>). The goal is to build more resilient neighborhoods and communities by connecting people, projects and various learning approaches (aka not reinventing the wheel, but strengthening it!). *How* we engage each other is as important as *what* we choose to do.

We are currently a small group meeting regularly and planning next steps. Awareness-raising events, networking with local groups aligned with the project goals, and having fun are all part of the picture. For more information and/or to get involved, contact Beal Lowe, email.beal@yahoo.com.

Simply Living's Vision: Creating a compassionate and sustainable world through personal, community and cultural transformation.

Summer highlights...

Save these dates!

For more details, visit www.simplyliving.org/calendar.

Events:

WCRS Fundraiser at The Summit, Sat. July 11, 5pm - 2am, 2216 Summit St. Join local bands and DJs for an evening of music to benefit our community radio station, WCRS. Cover charge - \$5.

"A Sense of Wonder" - A film about Rachel Carson, Tues., July 28, 7:30pm, The Drexel East, 2254 E. Main St. Using many of Carson's own words, Kaiulani Lee embodies this extraordinary woman in a documentary-style film depicting Carson in her final year of life. Sponsored by Simply Living, Central Ohio Sierra Club, and the Free Press. Free and open to the public. Donations accepted.



Bike ride to urban gardens - Thurs. Aug. 13, 7 pm. A repeat of last year's very popular visit to the Sandmans' and Rooney's permaculture gardens. Meet at Whetstone Park parking lot in front of large shelter house for a summer evening bike ride south on the Olentangy Bike Path to 268/274 W. Como. Inspiration and conversation about a super energy efficient home, plant guilds, swales, beekeeping, and more.

Mad River canoe trip and potluck - Sun. August 23. Enjoy a peaceful 2-hour canoe trip on the Mad River, followed by a potluck picnic at the nearby home of the Welkers. Canoe livery costs: \$13 per adult (age 12 and up) and \$5 for up to 3 children; kayaks - \$18; inner tubes - \$8. Please register with Becky Allen by Aug. 17th at razwriter@yahoo.com or 488-7122. Include your name, phone, email, names of persons attending, and the number of canoes, kayaks, tubes needed. To carpool from Columbus, meet in the vicinity of the Get Go gas station in the Giant Eagle parking lot at 2801 N. High (just south of SL office) by 12:15 pm. Canoeing at 2 pm and picnic at Welkers at 5 pm, 3538 W US HWY 36, Urbana. Please bring a dish for six to share and your table service. Becky will email directions and details to persons registering.

Sat. Sept. 19 Fall Bonfire at the home of Sheila Fox. Watch SL calendar for more details.

Wed. Oct. 14 A Gift to Be Simple, Simply Living's premier fund-raising lunch, noon to 1 p.m. at the Confluence Park Restaurant. **We invite event sponsorships from businesses, organizations, and individuals. For more information, call Jayme, 447-0296.**

****New Fall Offering****

We are pleased to share that Simply Living will be piloting a new project developed by the Center for Earth Leadership (founded by Oregon friends Dick and Jeanne Roy), titled **Agent of Change**. The program begins with a six-session course, "How to Be an Agent of Change in Your Circle of Influence". As a requisite for the course each participant selects a personal circle of influence--school, workplace, center of faith, neighborhood, community event, etc. During the course, the participant develops a plan to raise eco-consciousness and introduce sustainable practices, then takes steps of early implementation in consultation with other class participants.

Would you enjoy being trained to facilitate such a group? Please contact Marilyn Welker to learn more: mmwelker@ctcn.net. Visit the Center's website at www.earthleaders.org.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GENEROUS PROGRAM SUPPORT....

Given the challenging economic realities for us all, we are deeply grateful to the following groups and foundations who are so generously helping to support our work.

The Green Fund of The Columbus Foundation for \$7700 for support of our Earth Institute courses and WCRS conservation-related programming. Designated funds will enable us to employ Ben Redman as our Earth Institute Coordinator, increase conservation-related info on our website, and produce several WCRS programs.



The Law Offices of Kitrick, Lewis & Harris for a full year of underwriting support for *Democracy Now!*, our premier nationally syndicated news program airing weekdays at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on WCRS 102.1 and 98.3 FM.



The Grants Committee of Comfest for supporting WCRS web streaming at *wcrsfm.org*. With WCRS approved for 13 hrs/day of on-air broadcast, listeners can access our station 24 hr/day via the website.



Community Festival

The Puffin Foundation for production support of *Conscious Voices*, a locally-produced program featuring interviews with people who have consciously chosen to march to a different drummer.



The Puffin Foundation

The following businesses who are providing underwriting support for WCRS programs:

Kris Keller Chiropractic, Used Kids Records, India Oak Bar & Grill, Lost Weekend Records, Snowville Creamery, Seagull Bags, and Abucar Universal Design.

The following nonprofit organizations for providing recent WCRS underwriting support: **Green Columbus** and the **Ohio Ecological Food & Farm Association.**

We especially thank those of you who have recently made special gifts to support our work and who have been faithful in keeping your pledges current! Every dollar counts. Your support makes our work possible.

Farewell and Welcome - Staff Transitions

Thank you, **Zach Henkel**, for your service with WCRS 102.1 and 98.3 FM over the past year and a half. As a VISTA Volunteer for 15 months, Zach recruited and trained numerous local program and playlist producers and oversaw daily station operations. His passion about cycling led to his production of *Cranksters*, a program covering the local bicycle scene. Zach has left his mark on WCRS in profound ways, and we are grateful for his dedication and commitment to build our community radio station. Look for him about town as you hail a pedicab (which he may be driving) and safely navigate the city streets.

Ben Redman left his position of Member Services Coordinator at the end of April and has been working part-time in an interim capacity as we complete our hiring process for a new office coordinator. Ben will continue to work part-time as our Earth Institute course coordinator while he pursues his training to become a certified yoga instructor. You can continue to contact him at: ben@simplyliving.org.

As we complete this issue, we are in the final stages of hiring our new **Office Coordinator**. Watch for our new staff member's introduction on our web home page soon, and stop by our office to introduce yourself.

A Great Ohio Adventure - Ohio Green Living Fayre Labor Day, Monday, September 7th

This annual event makes a great family outing and features a country fair flavor with a special focus on green living. The all-volunteer organizing committee is committed to supporting Ohio's green non-profit organizations, and last year they generously gifted Simply Living with support for WCRS.

This year the 3rd annual Ohio Green Living Fayre will be held at Zanes Landing Park in downtown Zanesville. Located right on the Muskingum River, just north of the historic Y bridge, you can literally bike (located at the head of a 3-mile bike trail), bus (two blocks from the Greyhound terminal), drive (just off Interstate 70), or boat (dock available) to the event.

So join in the fun on Labor Day, 11 am to 6 pm. Admission is only \$5 per person (oh so cheap), with free parking.

Featuring:

- 40 workshops on green energy (How can you apply for those PV rebates?), healthy lifestyles (natural herbs and such), alternative construction (straw bale, passive solar, water catching), and sustainable living (with a special emphasis on how to live green in the city and suburbs).
- All-day music from the solar-powered stage.
- Alternative powered vehicles.
- A complete children's program (including fishing university).
- Vendors with green living demonstrations.
- A cruise on the Lorena paddlewheel boat (with many of the workshops on this unique craft, which is moored at the park).
- Find out more at ohiogreenliving.org

Vendors & Sponsors Wanted:

If you are interested in displaying your wares at the Fayre (last year about 1,000 attended - who knows how many this year), we want you there. As an all-volunteer educational event, we purposely keep prices affordable (only \$50 for a 10 x 10 space). We ask that you incorporate a demonstration aspect to your booth. Booth spaces for non-profits are free. (After all, the point of this project is to raise money in support of non-profits focused on sustainable living.) More info and applications can be found at http://ohiogreenliving.org/?page_id=79, or contact Jay Warmke: jay@bluerockstation.com

Volunteers Wanted:

Be part of this event. Give a few hours of your time (even if it is just the day of the event). Contact Elyse at elyse.perruchon@gmail.com.



The Lorena Sternwheel

As suggested by one of Simply Living's three themes--healing toward wholeness, we all are involved in healing ourselves, others, and the planet. With Congressional health care legislation having such high stakes, we've asked two advocates to share their viewpoints. Realizing the legislative landscape is changing almost daily, we've included contact info so you can be part of the solutions.

HEALTH CARE REFORM – IT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IN 2009

by Kathleen Gmeiner

2009 is the year when health care in the U.S. will take a step forward. It has to be. The momentum is here, particularly at the national level. People have never needed it more. This Congress' and this President's determination may not exceed those of Clinton and the 1993 Congress, *but* they are much smarter in their approach. Make it happen fast. Keep it simple. (Some will challenge me on how simple it is.)

Congressional leadership's goal is to pass health care reform legislation before the early August Congressional recess. Then a "conference committee" with representation from the House and the Senate will work through August to find agreement on the differences between the two bodies.

Right now, the expectation is that the Senate will come out with two bills in June, and Speaker Pelosi has said that the House will have a health care reform bill on the floor of the House by July 31st.

So what are the issues? Three very large issues are.

- Will we have an individual mandate to purchase insurance? Serious consideration of this in the Senate committees could mean that uninsured persons would be required to purchase health insurance. Affordability would be one very big issue. UHCAN Ohio and the Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage published a report in January 2009 showing that in a survey of 900 people conducted among faith groups in Franklin County, even for persons with incomes between 201-250% of the federal poverty level (\$44,320 to \$55,125

for a family of four), slightly over one-third have "negative cash flow"—meaning their monthly essential expenditures exceed their income. Educating Congress on what is actually affordable for average people will be a challenge.

- Will a public health insurance plan be available to purchase? A public plan would provide benefits without profit being a factor. Those opposing the public plan fear that it will create an unfair competitive advantage for the government, harming the ability of insurance companies to survive. Those favoring it see it as a way to control costs and offer a more efficient alternative for coverage.
- Will employers be mandated to provide benefits? This is often referred to as "play or pay" – provide benefits or pay into a system that pays for the employees of that employer to have health coverage.

Activity among advocates to shape federal reform is intense and includes broad participation with faith communities.

What's Happening in Ohio

Meanwhile, Ohio's legislature has been the center of a very big struggle over whether Ohio will take modest steps to assure health coverage for adults and children. Following deliberations of the House and the Senate Finance Committees, the long awaited expansion of Medicaid for children with family income between

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200-300% of the federal poverty level remains in the budget. However, the Ohio Senate and House joint conference committee still must wring over \$2 billion out of this year's state budget.

The stage is also set for a major confrontation over whether 110,000 adults will be able to obtain coverage through three reforms proposed by the Governor. One would make it easier for people with pre-existing conditions to buy health insurance. One would extend dependency to age 29 for young adults to be covered on their family policy. A third proposal would allow employees whose employers don't provide health insurance to buy insurance using pre-tax dollars, saving them about 30% of the premium cost. These reforms were sustained in the House but stripped by the Senate Finance Committee. Advocates will work hard to achieve restoration of those modest proposals and a proposal to require greater reporting by insurance companies of their use of premium dollars.

Want to get involved?

Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage is actively working at the state and federal level. OCHC's Central Ohio Network meets the third Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 404 S Third St. (614-456-0060). HCAN is very focused on federal reform and can be contacted by calling Progress Ohio at 614-441-9145. Also see companion article by Alicy Faryna of Ohio's Single Payer Action Network with contact information..

SL member Kathleen Gmeiner has spent years working on access to quality health care for all living in the U.S. and is currently working for UHCAN Ohio.

WILL 2009 USHER IN MEANINGFUL HEALTH CARE REFORM?

by Alice Faryna

In a recent letter to Senators Kennedy and Baucus, President Obama reiterated his vision of health care reform:

I agree that we should create a health insurance exchange -- a market where Americans can one-stop shop for a health care plan, compare benefits and prices, and choose the plan that's best for them, in the same way that members of Congress and their families can. None of these plans should deny coverage on the basis of a preexisting condition, and all of these plans should include an affordable basic benefit package that includes prevention and protection against catastrophic costs. I strongly believe that Americans should have the choice of a public health insurance option operating alongside private plans. This will give them a better range of choices, make the health care market more competitive, and keep insurance companies honest.

I understand the Committees are moving towards a principle of shared responsibility -- making every American responsible for having health insurance coverage, and asking that employers share in the cost...If we do end up with a system where people are responsible for their own insurance, we need to provide a hardship waiver to exempt Americans who cannot afford it. In addition, while I believe that employers have a responsibility to support health insurance for their employees, small businesses face a number of special challenges in affording health benefits and should be exempted.

In the meantime, Single Payer advocates are keeping up pressure to bring this option to the table despite clear resistance from the White House and most members of Congress. On May 31st, thousands hit Seattle streets demanding health care reform, many of them Single Payer activists. More than 190 organizations endorsed the rally, including dozens of unions, women's organizations, health-care workers and churches.

Senator Baucus, chair of the key Senate Finance committee, faced protests from his constituents in Missoula, Montana, who demanded that single payer be placed on the table.

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Dr Oliver Fein recently reported that due to public pressure, the House Education and Labor Committee would hold a hearing on single payer options--a small but important step.

Evidence of the need for reform, which makes affordable universal coverage even more urgent, was recently published by Physicians for a National Health Program co-founders Drs. David Himmelstein and Steffie Woolhandler. In 2007, 62.1 % of all bankruptcies were linked to medical bills or illness (up from 49.6 % in 2001). Most of those bankrupted were

well educated, middle-class homeowners, and three-quarters had health insurance at the time illness struck. The study's findings have huge implications for the health care debate going on in Congress now. It is clear that free market forces won't work.

The clock is ticking. A bill is to be presented to the President at the end of August. Now is the time to contact U.S. Senators and Representatives to cast your "vote" for reform that actually works.

Alice Faryna is a retired physician and has devoted years of her life to a more just and effective health care system.

WCRS volunteer opportunities

Volunteers are the backbone of programs and operations with our community radio station, WCRS 102.1 and 98.3 FM. We especially need at this time people with the following skills and interests:

- 1) volunteer coordination
- 2) event organizing
- 3) writing/interviewing
- 4) website work using Drupal open source software
- 5) public affairs programming
- 6) studio operations
- 7) underwriting sales
- 8) marketing

Special thanks to Liz Snyder for our new WCRS logo.



For more information please contact Jayme: 447-0296 x101 or jayme@simplyliving.org.

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A Tribute to Thomas Berry

An inspiring topic to many Simply Living members is exploring the human/Earth relationship. As thoughtful writers have noted, our most fundamental challenge is to grow our consciousness: Who are we? Where are we? And how shall we live, understanding that the universe is “a communion of subjects, not a collection of objects”?

An extraordinary and inspiring person in this journey is Thomas Berry, a Catholic priest of the Passionist order, cultural historian, and self-proclaimed ‘Earth scholar’. Thomas, who authored many essays and books, including *The Great Work: Our Way into the Future*, *The Dream of the Earth* and *Evening Thoughts*, died on June 1st.

We honor Thomas, one of many seminal thinkers and lovers on whose shoulders we stand. For years his essays circulated informally among academics and activists until Sierra Club Books asked him to gather them together in the collection titled *The Dream of the Earth*, published in 1988. Thomas was an extraordinary scholar who spent his lifetime synthesizing history and culture, modern institutions and spiritual questions, pursuing a universal knowledge of our condition.

To read Thomas’ writings is to embrace a deep understanding of our place and our work. A beautiful sample of his writing excerpted from *The Great Work* is his essay, “The Meadow Across the Creek”, available at ThomasBerry.org.

Simply Living member Beal Lowe knew Thomas and had visited him on Memorial Day weekend. Beal’s tribute to Thomas follows.

A Tribute to Thomas Berry 1914-2009

Thomas Berry has been my most important teacher, and it is with great gratitude and respect that I pay tribute to him here. Through his written words, I was given a revelatory understanding of the universe and the Earth and a radical reinterpretation of the human as a species. Then, he gave me a vision of the Ecozoic Era and enlisted me, as a citizen, into the Great Work. What follows are some of his teachings which I find particularly meaningful.

-Beal Lowe, Simply Living member

Thomas Berry’s body is in the Earth.
Thomas Berry’s spirit is in the air.
Thomas Berry’s wisdom is here.
Listen.

Human presence on the planet Earth in the opening years of the 21st century is my subject. We need to understand where we are and how we got here. Once we are clear on these issues we can move forward with our historical destiny, to create a mutually enhancing mode of human dwelling on the planet Earth.

In relation to the earth, we have been autistic for centuries. Only now have we begun to listen with some attention and a willingness to respond to the Earth’s demands that we cease our industrial assault, that we abandon our inner rage against the conditions of our earthly existence, and that we renew our human participation in the grand liturgy of the universe.

The Great Work before us, the task of moving modern industrial civilization from its present devastating



influence on the Earth to a more benign mode of presence, is not a role that we have chosen. It is a role given to us, beyond any consultation with ourselves.

The mythic vision has been set into place. The distorted dream of an industrial technological paradise is being replaced by the more viable dream of a mutually enhancing presence with the Earth community. Always, the dream drives the action.

At this time two things are needed to guide our judgment and sustain our psychic energies for the challenges ahead: a certain alarm at what is happening and a fascination with the future available to us if only we respond creatively to present urgencies.

Our evolutionary responsibility is to perceive the epic of the universe as the primary revelatory experience of our times.

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TRANSITION TO OFF-THE-GRID LIVING

by Liz Hansen

Photos courtesy of Liz Hansen

First of all, let me clear the air. “Transition” is a misleading word for the title. It was more like jumping head first into a pond of unknown depth. At least that’s what it felt like for me, who grew up in the suburbs and had spent the previous seven years living in Columbus. How did I get here, to this off-the-grid home?

Like many good stories, it started with falling in love. At the 2006 Light Upon Light event I met Eric, who had just begun building an off-the-grid home near Mt. Vernon. At that point the house was little more than a foundation and a few block walls of various heights. Eric and I were married in June 2007 at the house, in progress. In July 2007 I sold my house in the University District, and we moved into our home, complete with walls and a roof, but no power. Technically, counting the small portable generator and car battery, we did have power, occasionally.

With our new home still in progress, every aspect of our daily lives was turned upside down. Our house had none of the following: stove, oven, washer, dryer, microwave, refrigerator, light switches that did anything, hot water, a shower, or radio. What we did have was a sun oven, a propane grill with side burner, a camping cooler, indoor plumbing which consisted of one sink and a conventional flush toilet, access to parents’ washing machines, a flock of three chickens, cell phones, a small laptop with cellular internet (I was still working my IT job, telecommuting from the back porch), and the generator to charge our electronics, tools, and the single car battery at the same time. We also had patience and flexibility (usually) while figuring out our new home. (“What’s for dinner now that the sun oven blew over, and our beans and rice are all over the front yard?”). Both Eric and I were committed to making our new lifestyle work and were enjoying the adventure, so we avoided any frantic calls to the power company begging them to run power lines to our house.

After about eight months of living with little power, we hooked up three solar panels and four golf cart batteries, and our lifestyle changed again. Within a month’s time we had light switches and electrical outlets that worked, a high efficiency refrigerator, and a front loading washing machine, all running off energy from the three solar panels. Each addition made our home feel both more luxurious and comfortable.

At this point our house has most of the features of a “conventional” house, but the underlying systems are



Wedding Garden



Sun Oven on the sidewalk.

quite different. We are still working out the hot water system, which in the spring, summer and fall will be solar heated and in the winter will be heated by our wood stove. We cook quite differently than most folks, using the wood stove, sun oven, and grill for all of our cooking.

I’m really glad that our “transition” didn’t involve transitioning so much as just jumping in! I believe that by having our lifestyle change quickly and completely we were able to adapt to our new way of living as the norm.

Liz and Eric are hosting our August 1st Light Upon Light summer celebration and look forward to sharing their home and hospitality with guests. See page 1 for details.

New Interactive Website to Enhance Communications

by Tuesday Trippier

If you haven't yet explored Simply Living's updated website, spend a few minutes and check it out at simplyliving.org. Designed to be more interactive, the site allows SL to more fully communicate with its members and to be a resource in the community. Site visitors can access event information, join SL, donate, participate in forums, learn about SL initiatives and services and much more.

SL board members Lisa Staggenborg and Chris Luers helped develop the site, working with Robb Ebright, a serious Drupal open source software programmer. "Lisa has really driven the new website development and kept the project going, working with many other SL members," explained Chris, who got involved in the current development late last year after developing his family business' website.

The goals behind the redesign were to make the website more interactive and current so it would be a reliable resource to members and the community. But, as Chris points out, being a non-profit with limited resources and staff, SL also faced the challenge of creating a website that wasn't costly and didn't require hours and hours of staff time to update. Drupal, an open source content management system developed in Sweden, provided a perfect fit with the project's goals.

"Drupal is a free community-oriented, participatory system," says Chris. "Typical websites are managed by one or two people who run the whole website. With our site, the community participates in building the content of the site."

Chris explains that the site is like SL itself: it serves as a hub or a central resource for people with similar interests to connect. Members can participate in writing articles, bringing other news items to SL's attention, and adding event information. The site is now set up to be a forum to disseminate current information about SL to local members and others from across the country.

"A secondary goal of the site was to reach those beyond our core group. Not all of our members are in Central Ohio," says Chris. "Social networking media is big right now, and we can provide a forum for ongoing electronic conversations."

Chris explained that the site can also provide current feeds from other related websites, like Treehugger.com for instance. This tool allows the site to evolve and be updated without the man hours required by one webmaster.

"It's very exciting; we can do so much," says Chris. "Our challenge is that we are a group dedicated to living simply, so we have to constantly step back and ask ourselves: is this feature about quality or just flash? SL is about quality, not flash."

"The goal now is to get the word out about the site so people are using it and participating," says Chris. "We want people to realize its potential and to find it a useful tool for learning and connecting with our community."

TuesdayTrippier, a SL member, writes a weekly green living column in the Delaware Gazette.



How Can I Participate in Simply Living?

Did you notice our new tag line, "Making life good together"? That is the short and sweet version of what we're about. Our members make our many events and programs happen. Can you help? Are you looking for ways to get involved? Here are some possibilities....Call or contact us!

EMAIL LISTSERVS

General - moderated:

Simply Living's all-around informative listserv: Expect 2-5 messages/wk., ranging from events of note to give-aways, housing matches, and more. Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer, janet@simplyliving.org, to join and/or send information to share with the SL community.

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How Can I Participate in Simply Living?

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Community Update: “Natural Foods, Simple Living, Good People, Building Community” is the banner for this lively weekly digest updated every Friday, covering many events in Central Ohio’s progressive community. Contact Chuck Lynd to join and/or send information to share: chynd@cavenet.org. Also access the update on the Clintonville Community Market’s website.

Topical - all participants can post:

WCERS listserv: This is still a fledgling listserv, as yet infrequent. Can you help us develop program notes for our local weekly programs? Contact Robb Ebright: robbit@azone.org.

Peak Oil/Global Warming (POGW) listserv: Expect a very lively (approx. 5 messages/wk.) posting of articles, information exchange, events and thoughts, offered in connection with the POGW learning group. Contact Lisa Staggenborg: lstag@columbus.rr.com.

Columbus Permaculture Guild listserv: Learn about using permaculture design in your daily living practices. Hands-on work/learning opportunities are especially enjoyable! To join, send email to columbus-permaculture-guild@googlegroups.com.

Playgroup for parents with young children: Connect with a wonderful resource/support group with weekly play groups, special outings, and more. Contact Gary Allison: gary.allison@gmail.com.

SL PROGRAM AND WORKING GROUPS

- Our working groups play a pivotal role in growing Simply Living’s mission:

SL Board - Contribute your leadership through serving on our board. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month, and our board members offer invaluable leadership through both board service and program/operational support. For more information contact Donna Sigl-Davies: DSigl-Davies@columbus.rr.com or 268-7656.

WCERS - 1) Steering Committee - provide oversight for the project, 2) Program Committee - work with all things related to programming, 3) Outreach Committee - connect us with our larger community, and 4) Technical Support - provide technical expertise both for broadcasting and internet. For more information contact Jayme Richards: jayme@simplyliving.org or 447-0296 x101.

With thanks to Jenny Floch for our updated Simply Living logo design!



Earth Institute Steering Committee - Provide leadership and support in offering our Earth Institute discussion courses. Contact Ben Redman: ben@simplyliving.org or (513)403-8650.

Transition Central Ohio - Join us in developing our local initiative to intentionally design more resilient communities. (See story on pg. 1.) Contact Beal Lowe: email.beal@yahoo.com.

Peak Oil/Global Warming Learning Group - Contribute your ideas to setting our monthly programs. Contact Marilyn Welker: mwelker@ctcn.net or 447-0296x102.

Outreach/Bookstore Committee - Contribute to our bookstore operations at the Clintonville Community Market, with a variety of possible tasks. Contact Chuck Lynd: chynd@cavenet.org or 268-5580.

A Gift to Be Simple Planning Group - Create and implement our annual premier fundraising event, or help with specific tasks. For more information contact Jayme Richards: jayme@simplyliving.org or 447-0296 x101.

Communications Working Group - Write stories or articles, help with ongoing development of our website, do interviews - tell us what you enjoy doing! Contact Marilyn Welker: mwelker@ctcn.net or 447-0296x102.

Member Events Working Group - Do you enjoy helping at events but don't like committee meetings? Or, do you enjoy organizing events? Either way, call us at 447-0296. We'll explore opportunities.

Do you have other ideas? Call us at 447-0296 or email us at info@simplyliving.org. Together we are “making life good together”. Thanks for what you contribute in this work!

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How to Store Your Garden Produce: The Key to Self-Sufficiency by Piers Warren.

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Gems awaiting the artful browser and thoughtful reader...

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