



Farmers for 2013 CSA: Jeri Nakamora and Katie Burnside.

CSA

The Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village's CSA won an honorable mention for Product/Service for a Non-profit for the 2013 Green Business Awards put out by the *Business Courier*. There was an evening reception on March 7 at Xavier University's Cintas Center. The award was received by Deborah Jordan, the 2012 President of the ERUEV.

Now in its third year, the *Courier's* Green Business Awards pays tribute to some of the TriState's most exciting projects, programs, and services aimed at sustainability. There were 82 nominations that were narrowed down to 41 finalists. The *Courier* decided to add 11 honorable mentions to their list of 9 winners. The description in the Green Issue for the CSA is "the program's community-supported agriculture project uses backyard and vacant urban spaces to grow food. The CSA is producing a significant amount of food within the city limits and providing food for 70 households, with some 250 people. The project grows four to five times more food per square foot than a community garden because of the professional farming staff."

The honorable mention award was created using a process called hot casting. In the hot shop at Brazee Street School of Glass, molten glass is hand-ladled from a furnace and poured on top of a custom, hand carved granite mold with the Green Business Award logo. The thick blocks are then dusted with green glass powder. Brazee Street Studio is located on the site of the former Oakley Tool and Die factory, in operation from 1930 to 1980. The industrial site was renovated into the Studio.

The award will be kept at the greenhouse.
Michelle Savoti



CORV- the essential guide to local food

From a relatively small flyer only a few years ago, the Central Ohio River Valley Food Guide has grown up- and it has grown up on Enright Avenue! Former ERUEV President Deborah Jordan has done much of the heavy lifting for the guide, which features local farms and CSAs, a full schedule of farmers markets in the Tristate and restaurants which serve local food, as well as informative articles about local food production and related issues.

The 6th annual CORV guide will be available as an insert in the annual green issue of *City Beat* (being released April 17th), and you can also find it at places which feature locally grown or produced food. This is a huge effort of love for the folks who work tirelessly to research new farms, seek funding for printing, etc. If you know a good location for the guide, please let Deborah know. Of course, a small contribution toward printing would be very welcome!
Nancy Sullivan

Living in Nature

It's spring, and I'm excited to be seeing insects again. Honeybees, out looking for flowers that mostly aren't opened yet. And on the sunny south side of our house, crowds of box elder bugs. I see them each spring. They have been over-wintering for years under the shingles of our siding.

Ecologist Doug Tallamy is an expert on how bugs function in ecosystems. The insects which evolved here are able to find and eat leaves and other parts of plants that also evolved here—are native. Native plants' leaf chemistry is not toxic to insects that have evolved the ability to eat and digest their leaves.

But many of the yard trees, shrubs and flowers in the U.S. are imported non-natives. Very few native insects and insect larvae can eat their leaves. So insects are declining in numbers (farm pesticides also take their toll) and so are birds, almost all of which feed exclusively insects to their young. We also lose the pollination services of the bugs.

So we have been planting mostly regionally-native trees, shrubs and flowers in our yard (except in the vegetable gardens). Usually the leaf damage by caterpillars and others is tolerable by the plants, and now by my own expanded sense of aesthetics.

And I'm gazing more at the bugs around me, resisting the old urge to get rid of those eating the oak leaves. I'm getting to know their great variety and their habits. After all, they too are our relatives, part of the family of life. And the urban-suburban-woodland ecosystem here that they help maintain supports our own lives through it's mostly free services.

Bill Cahalan

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WWC's Annual Spring Flower-a-thon is Saturday, April 27-Mark Your Calendar!

Imago has had a team at every Flower-a-thon. We won two years ago. It is a great time, walking in the woods, looking at wildflowers. Would love to have you join us!

Start time is 8 am with Panera's bagels and coffee at the shelter at Embshoff Woods, though some members of the Imago team start around 7am at the Imago Earth Center.

New to the Eco-Village: Matt and Elaine Baker

Matt manages Rieser Bike Shop, the only bike shop in Over-the-Rhine. Elaine is a Vet Tech and works with Angel Paws and the Ohio Aicat Resources. Elaine was on the phone with a person seeking help from Angel Paws (hospice for animals), so I asked Matt why they moved to the Eco-Village. "It has everything we wanted in one place: space in the house, big garden space, a bike ride distance to work downtown, and kids around for our kids to play with." I then asked what he would like to contribute to the Eco-Village. "We are still unpacking, but when that is done I am interested in bike sharing, a bike base encouraging people to get out on the street and bike – for example using their bikes to go shopping. Also, a "bike shop" to help people with their bikes. We have also just gotten chickens."

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Changes Coming in Trash Pickup

Starting in early April, the city will start delivering a large rolling trashcan to each residence and will also resume yard waste pickup. The objective is to get everyone to recycle more and put less out to go into the landfill. Yard waste will go to the newly created business, CincyCompost, where it will be converted into valuable compost rather than dumped into the landfill.

After the program is fully phased in, each household should use ONLY the new rolling cart for trash. Everyone will initially receive the same size can. However, if you have a large family or a very small one, you can request they change your can out for a different size.

Note that each new can will be micro-chipped with a specific address, so be sure not to trade with your neighbor, etc.! Starting in October, you will be billed if you leave out additional trash, although there will probably be some "amnesty" pickups around the holidays.

You can use your old trashcans for yard waste by labeling them accordingly. Yard waste will be picked up every two weeks on the same day your recycling is picked up.

Nancy Sullivan

Current Enright Ridge Urban

Eco-Village, Inc. Membership

First, E.R.U.E.V. would like to welcome its newest members - David Dennewitz and Amanda Phirman. Thanks for becoming involved and supporting ERUEV's programs, initiatives and commitment to making our neighborhood a greener and more eco-friendly place.

There are various levels of membership and many ways to become involved in the community. The ERUEV board meets on the third Thursday each month and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Share your expertise or join one of the organization's standing committees, such as EGG, membership, communications, or farm project. Talk to any board member or bring a friend and attend a meeting.

INDIVIDUAL (\$15)

Allen Feibelman
Scott Schaeffer
Michelle Savoti
Ken Reidel
Chris Clements

HOUSEHOLD (\$25)

Deborah Jordan/Bill Cahalan
Nate/Kate Reidel
Dennis Coskie/Sharon Wilson
Mary Beth McKee/Matt Trokan
Michael and Kate Waddell
Jonathan Anderson/Sandie Lett
Dan Divelbiss/Megan Suttman
Jeff and Lydia Stec
David Dennewitz/Amanda Phirman

ASSOCIATE(\$10)

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SUSTAINING (\$500/5years)

Jim and Eileen Schenk

OTHER:

Diane Gerwin (Donation)

Membership year runs January 1 to December 31. Fill out the form in the RidgeRunner or pick up a form at a board meeting, special event or from Ken Reidel (660 Enright). Return your annual dues to 660 Enright or P.O. Box 5206, 45205. Questions? Contact Ken Reidel at kpriedel@aol.com.

Monthly Tour

The April tour of the Eco-Village will be on Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 to 11:00 am, the Fourth Saturday of the Month. The tour is \$10 per person, free for Eco-Village members (regular or associate) and people they specifically refer. If you, or someone you know, would like to get to know more about the Enright or McPherson Eco-Villages, it's a nice way to spend a morning. Reservations required: 513-921-1932 or e-mail jschenk@imageearth.org. For more information, www.enrightecovillage.org.

Come to the Wildflower Festival!

The Enright Ridge Urban Eco-village will have a booth at this event. Come join us! If you would like to help person the booth please let us know
Posted on 19 January, 2013 by Mary P
Mark your calendar now! Don't miss this big event happening on April 5, 2013 .
from 6 to 9 pm at the College of Mt. St. Joseph, 5701 Delhi Road.

Communications Committee

Our purpose is to promote the Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village (ERUEV), invigorating the sense of community and increasing the knowledge and practice of sustainable living internally to Enright Avenue residents and members of the Eco-Village, and externally to the Greater Cincinnati Community. Our main focus is to help the community develop within the Eco-Village itself. Members of the committee are: Jim Schenk, chair, Erin DeWitt, Michael Frazier, Deborah Jordan, Josh Miller, Michelle Savoti, Eileen Schenk, Nancy Sullivan, and Sharon Wilson.
Monthly meeting 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm.

ENRIGHT RIDGE URBAN ECO-VILLAGE MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Membership year: January 1 - December 31)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Associate \$10 Single \$15 Household \$25 Sustaining \$500

Amount attached: \$ _____

Cash ___ Check # _____

Mail dues to P.O. Box 5206, 45205 or drop off at the Imago Earth Center. Thank you from the Membership Committee.

Questions? kpriedel@aol.com

ERUEV March Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Ken Reidel, Dennis Coskie, Deborah Jordan, Michelle Savoti, Josh Miller, Jeff Stec, Dan Divelbiss

Committee Reports:

Membership

- No new members
- Decided to merge Associate Members from CSA with membership list for contact (Josh will take the lead)
- Ken will draft benefits of different levels of membership
- 32 members on role

Treasurer

- Considering a loan to cover the foundation @684 in order to have higher cash flow for Eco-village

EGG

- NWF certification has gone through
- Watershed Series of workshops is coming up (promoted through Sierra Club)
- Idea: Create a bird's eye view map of the street to be posted near entrance
- Considering what it would take to build a living wall on Burr Oak
- CSA got an honorable mention in the Business Courier

Housing

- Washer broke on McPherson and Nancy is responding
- During an emergency, housing has the ability to cut check and must also use the board approved requisition form in order to keep the books in order

CSA

- Organizational structure has been proposed by Jim
- Defining roles: separate reps to board (one from CSA, other from Farm project on 1 year terms each), facilitator (6month term), records keeper (1 yr term), finance lead (1yr term)
- Farmer report was received
- Google docs are up and running
- CMHA looks promising

Water Series

Session 3: Actions we can take: Harvesting Rain Water: Rain Barrows, Cisterns and the Construction of the Raingarden.

Date: April 19 at 6:30 pm

Cost: \$5/participant, potluck dinner, wine and beer available for donation.

Where: Imago Earth Center, 700 Enright Avenue, Cincinnati OH 45205.

This is the third and final session of Ecology on Tap's Water Series. This is an action session, and will look at what we can do to preserve water. Water harvesting is something all of us can do in one way or other no matter where we live, using the water off our roofs. We will look at rain barrels and a cistern. We will look in detail at the rain garden. Nancy Sullivan and Jim Schenk are members of the Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village and have been involved in the construction of a number of rain gardens.

One Stop Recycling Day

Is anyone interested in organizing a collection of items for this recycling day so only one vehicle will carry things rather than a number of people driving there? If interested, call Jim Schenk at 921-1932.

THE ONE STOP DROP

FOR RESIDENTS ONLY

FREE RECYCLING DROP OFF APRIL 13TH!
COMPUTERS AND OTHER ELECTRONICS* | PLASTIC BAGS
NUMBER 5 PLASTICS | USED PENS AND MARKERS | CELL PHONES

10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
WHOLE FOODS MARKET
ROOKWOOD COMMONS
2693 EDMONDSON RD
CINCINNATI, OH 45208

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Keep Cincinnati Beautiful
WHOLE FOODS MARKET
CINCINNATI

*VISIT KEEPCINCINNATI.BEAUTIFUL.ORG FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ACCEPTABLE ITEMS OR CALL (513) 352-4385.

2trg Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District CINCINNATI SAVING SPECIES

**Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village
seeks to be an ecologically responsible community
sharing ideas, resources, and a reverence for earth.**