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# Tufts *Sustainability in Action!* gets green



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## Opportunities

**Make Money While Recycling Old Gadgets!**

## Office of Sustainability Newsletter July 30, 2010

**Dear Tufts Environmental,**

This week we have several very interesting updates, including a very useful how-to on ordering your very own recycled paper notepads and information for all you on-campus students on how to get involved in the Eco-Rep program. Also, be sure to check our events listing - there are some great events coming up in August!

Enjoy!

*-Jason Merges*

*Picture of the week:  
Middlesex Fells Reservation provides a beautiful place to hike only minutes away from the Medford campus.*



If you have old electronics lying around, like an old iPod or outdated cell phone, you can make money by sending them in to Gazelle, a company that refurbishes and resells them. This extends the life of these electronics and keeps them out of landfills. Visit their [website](#) to find out more.



## Interested in Urban Gardening?

Former TIE intern and recipient of last year's [Compton Mentor Fellowship](#), Mara Gittleman, is studying food in NYC. She is part of a team of more than 20 volunteer researchers, students, interns and gardeners who are working with hundreds of gardens to map areas under production, measure total acreage, and track harvest volume by crop. She is always looking for additional volunteers.

[Get Involved](#)

## Cool Climate Art

# OOS News

## How to Make Your Own Recycled Paper Notepads



Got lots of scrap paper that's blank on one side? Use it to make scratch pads! You can make big or small notebooks out of your extra paper through Tufts Shared Services Print/Copy Center. This saves trees, makes you feel good and it's an inexpensive way to get branded notepads! The process is relatively simple - there are two ways you can order them.

### Method 1:

1. Call Print Copy Services (617.636.5373, or ext. 6-5375)
2. Order your recycled notepads on the phone- be sure to specify what size the pads are to be, as well as how many (each notepad is 30 cents).
3. Specify your location on campus, and Print Copy Services will pick up your scrap paper and drop off your notepads for you! (include your cardstock covers if you want them to have specific language on them)

### Method 2:

1. Go to Print Copy Services [website](#).
2. Log on to their digital storefront (if you need to, create a username and password).
3. Go to "Custom Print Items" and specify the Job Title and the number of pads you want.
4. Click the "Offline" tab, next to where it says "Upload"
5. Under "Type" select "Other (not listed)"
6. You must specify a file name (this could be your cover art) and a page amount
7. Under delivery instructions, write your location- be sure to specify which campus you are on
8. Click "next" and on this page, check the box "Call to Discuss"
9. Under "Special Instructions" specify that you want recycled notepads, and the size of the pads.
10. Click "next" and confirm your order.

Recycled notepads are a great way to reuse scrap paper that would normally go to waste! Of course you can also assemble them yourselves, but this yields a neater product.



## Contest



Deviant Art, an online art and networking website, is hosting a "Climate Art" contest, in which competitors submit their environmental-themed art pieces online to be judged by some very well-known artists and activists, including Van Jones and Chevy Chase. To learn more about the contest, visit the [website](#).

## In The News This Week

### Major water-shortages on the horizon

A new report reveals that 70% of counties in the US will face a new challenge in 2050- an uncertain water supply. The report was prepared for the Natural Resources Defense Council by Tetra Tech. Read the full article [here](#).

## Job Opportunities

## Living in a dorm this Fall? Apply to be an Eco-Rep!

Eco-Representatives are residential students who help raise awareness about ecological issues, encourage environmentally responsible behavior in their hall mates and peers, and plan related events and activities. Additionally, they organize group activities and collaborative projects, as well as represent the Eco-Reps Program at various campus events.



Candidates should have good communication skills, ability to work independently and collaboratively, a willingness to learn, and a passion for environmental issues. The time commitment is 2-5 hours a week, included a mandatory training retreat and weekly meetings. Eco-Reps earn \$25 per week and work from the first week of classes to the last week of the semester.

For the complete job description, read this document: [Eco-Reps Job Description](#).

If you are interested in applying for the program, email [Rachael Wolber](#) for more information and an application.



## Medford Wind Turbine Tour

**August 17, 2010 - 1:00 PM**  
**McGlynn School, Medford**



Don't forget to sign up to come tour the Medford wind turbine!

Join the Eco-Ambassadors as they tour a wind turbine [right here in Medford](#).

The tour will begin at the McGlynn school, where we will first listen to a short

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presentation about the  
permitting and installation of  
the turbine, and then we will  
visit the turbine up close.

You can either meet us at the McGlynn school (3002  
Mystic Valley Pkwy Medford, MA 02155) at **12:55 pm**, or  
if you would prefer to carpool, **meet at the Office Of  
Sustainability at 12:45 pm.**

RSVP to [Emily Parker](#), OOS intern

## Upcoming Events

### Northeast Organic Farming Assoc. Summer Conference

**August 13-15, 2010**  
**U Mass Amherst Campus**



Over 200 workshops, dozens  
of exhibitors, a Teen  
Conference, Children's  
Program, an Afternoon Fair  
with farm animals, live music,  
auction, and an ALL-LOCAL  
dinner. Stay on campus in the  
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Keynote speakers Sally Fallon  
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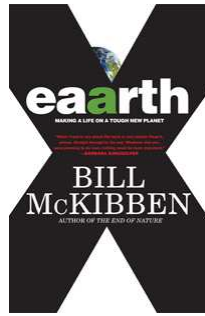
Funes, of the Cuban Association of Agronomists and  
Foresters. All registrations that are received before July  
12, 2010 receive a \$20 discount. For more information  
contact: NOFA/Mass, 411 Sheldon Road, Barre, MA  
01005, 978-355-2853, [info@nofasummerconference.org](mailto:info@nofasummerconference.org).  
[More information](#)

[Calendar of NOFA/ Farm-Based Events in  
Massachusetts](#)

### Bill McKibbin Book Talk

**August 29, 2010 7:30pm**

## Cary Hall, Lexington MA



Bill McKibben is visiting Lexington to talk about his newest book [Eaarth](#), a book about the changes we will have to make in the face of global climate change. Bill McKibben is a well respected and outspoken climate change activist, as well as the founder of [350.org](#). This is an excellent opportunity to hear him speak and hear his views on climate change and the environmental movement.

## Massachusetts Green Career Conference

**October 1, 2010**  
**Marlborough, MA**

Green Workforce Training and Associates are hosting the second Massachusetts Green Career Conference on Friday, October 1, 2010 in the Marlborough Holiday Inn conference center. This exciting conference offers green career guidance and resources to ~400 green job seekers, career/workforce professionals, academic, business and government staff. Everyone wanting to know about the greening economy and careers will find this conference timely, practical and valuable. Register for the event [here](#).

## Boston Local Food Festival

**October 2, 2010**  
**Wharf on Fort Point Channel in Boston**

This is a celebration of local food from the Boston-Massachusetts-New England area. Festival-goers can engage with farmers, chefs and entrepreneurs, learn from workshops and demonstrations, and enjoy activities and local music. Boston Local Food Festival is an entertaining and fun way to increase the availability of healthy local food, encourage regional agriculture, which builds our local economy, and protect our environment by reducing transportation pollution. [More information](#)

## Global Work Party

**October 10, 2010**

Tufts University

*Do you like the environment? Do you hate climate change? Do you want to do something about it?*

**Here's your chance!** On October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Tufts Institute of the Environment will host A Day to Celebrate Climate Solutions, in conjunction with [thousands of other events around the world](#).

**Imagine:** bike repair workshopers in San Francisco, school insulating teams in London, waste-land-to-veggies-gardeners in New Zealand, and solar panel installers in Kenya. And most importantly, YOU at TUFTS!

For one of the Global Work Party projects, Tufts is partnering with [HEET](#) (Home Energy Efficiency Team) to weatherize a building on or near the Tufts campus using student, staff and faculty volunteers. It could be a frat house, a local non-profit's headquarters, or maybe even the building you live or work in!



**With your help,** 10/10/10 is going to be the biggest day of practical action to cut carbon that the world has ever seen! There are lots of ways to get involved with Tufts' projects: we need volunteers, team leaders, and enthusiastic energy efficiency advocates; there are different levels of involvement too - from leading an energy efficiency team to just showing up and getting trained on the day of the project.

Please e-mail [Get.to.work.Tufts\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:Get.to.work.Tufts(at)gmail.com) for more information.

October is a few months away still, but in order to make this an awesome work party, we've got to start planning now. **Will you help?**

## Educational Opportunities

## Programs at The Green Roundtable in Boston

**August 4, 12:30-1:30pm**

**[Lunch and LEED: Be a LEED AP & Maintain Your Credential](#)**

For more info go to the [Nexus/Green Roundtable Calendar of Events](#)

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## Education in a Changing Climate Faculty Workshop

**August 1 - 4, 2010**

Unity College; Unity, ME

Unity College is offering a workshop that will offer attendees practical ways to educate themselves, their students, and the public about climate change. The event will provide a climate change primer on basic climate science; likely effects on ecosystems and people; some ethical, literary, and artistic responses; and a sampling of potential solutions that range from political to personal and technological to philosophical.

[Registration](#) ends July 16, 2010. [Workshop website](#)

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## Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom Workshops

**June 30-August 17**

Seekonk, MA

*Teachers:* Join us for one of more of our summer workshops and try out some hands-on activities for the classroom while you explore local farms. Each workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., offers classroom-ready educational activities and focuses on a different area of agriculture with exploration of the work that takes place at that farm. The \$30 fee for each workshop includes the educational program and tour, all educational materials and activities, and ten professional development points with a related classroom activity. Lunch is also included with ten of the twelve workshops. All Workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. [Website](#) and [workshop schedules](#)

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## Fostering Sustainable Behavior Workshop

**September 13-14, 2010**

University of Toronto; Ontario Canada

This two-day workshop provides a comprehensive introduction to community-based social marketing and how it is being applied throughout the world to foster sustainable behavior. Those who attend the workshop will learn the five steps of community-based social marketing (selecting behaviors, identifying barriers, developing strategies, conducting pilots, and broad scale implementation) and be exposed to numerous case studies illustrating its use. [More information and registration](#)

## UVM's Diversified Agriculture Farm Residency

**August 2-13, 2010**

Rockville Market Farm, Bloomfield Farm, and The Farm Between

An intensive two-week-long course that lets you have hands-on experience working at three successful local farms in Vermont. Students will learn about different aspects of farming such as running a business, marketing farm products, managing soil fertility, and much more. The farmers are the instructors for the class and will be able to provide an in-depth view of their farming philosophy and operation. By working on three farms of different sizes, students will gain an understanding of multiple approaches to contemporary small scale sustainable agriculture.

To find out more, email [Kate](#) and/or [John](#).

## Groundwork Somerville's Garden Workshop Series

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### Drying Herbs & Making Tea

**August 4th, 2010**

Argenziano School Garden, 290 Washington St, Somerville

Do you have herbs in your yard that you never eat? Come learn how to dry herbs and make tea! If you eat local produce, why not drink local tea??

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### ¡Salsa!

**August 18th, 2010**



Elderly Center garden, 8 Bonair St, Somerville

Want to enjoy making and eating Salsa from garden veggies while getting a free basic salsa dance lesson? Beginner and experienced Salsa dancers are invited to join us and enjoy a fun evening with friends!

## NABCEP solar installation training and certification

### **Solar PV (Electric) Installer Boot Camp + NABCEP Entry Level Exam** ([More info](#))

August 3-5, 2010  
Woburn, MA

### **Solar Thermal (Hot Water) Installer Boot Camp** ([More info](#))

August 17-19, 2010  
**Boston, MA**

## Business Transportation Workshop

**August 25, 8:30-10am**  
**Cambridge City Hall Annex; Cambridge, MA**

Join The Sustainable Business Leader Program and the Cambridge Energy Alliance for a free morning workshop on green transportation alternatives for businesses in Cambridge and Somerville.

Presenting will be representatives from: MASSRides, Charles River TMA, MASSBike, Zip Car and Metro Pedal Power. Learn about creative transportation alternatives for your employees, customers and products. RSVP [here](#) or contact [Emily](#) for more information.

## How to Plan for a Sustainable Community: Eco-municipality Planning and Leadership Training

**September 29-Oct 2, 2010**  
**Harvard Square; Cambridge, MA**

A 3 ½ -day national training session to increase planner and citizen leadership capacity in communities and their local governments to initiate and lead a change process to become a sustainable community. The objective of the training is to prepare planners and potential local leaders to lead a planning process that involves community sustainability education, bottom-up participatory planning, a comprehensive and systematic approach, and a strategic implementation process to transition to becoming a sustainable community. [20 AICP CM credits will be available]. [More info](#)

## UMass Amherst's New University Without Walls Green Programs

**Apply by October 1, 2010**

UMass Amherst's online education opportunity UWW has several new green, sustainability-focused programs featuring everything from green entrepreneurship to sustainable food and farming. Apply for the Spring by October 1st or attend an online information presentation to learn more. Application and additional information can be found on the [UWW website](#).

## Campus Ecology Costa Rica

**January 4-13, 2011**

The National Wildlife Federation's Campus Ecology program is hosting a ten day expedition to Costa Rica this January. There on the program, students will learn about global warming, sustainable travel and leadership. They will search for all kinds of wildlife and learn about the successful sustainable development strategies that have made Costa Rica famous for conservation and ecotourism. Also, students will interact with rural community members and give back through service projects. Traveling by foot, boat, canopy walkway and zip-line, they truly experience this wonderful country up close and personal. Along the way, students will engage in discussions about carbon footprints, eco-friendly tourism and Costa Rica's Certification for Sustainable Tourism program.



Follow this [link](#) to the Campus Ecology website for more

information regarding the program, as well as application information.

## Educational Opportunities- Webinars

### AASHE Webinar: Retrofitting Existing Buildings for Energy Efficiency and Demand Response

**August 19, 2010 2:00pm - 2:45pm**

This is an educational webinar presented by Harry Sim, CEO of Cypress Envirosystems (AASHE Business Leader) and Kirk Dillery, Energy Systems Specialist at Western Michigan University. They will cover campus case studies and savings data related to HVAC, lighting, steam, and compressed air retrofits. This event is designed for building managers, sustainability officers, and those who work with buildings that are 10 years or older. The webinar is free, but attendees must [register](#).

### Additional Webinars

August 4: [Improving Solar PV Results Through Collaborative Procurement](#), hosted by the EPA

August 11: [What is Transparency, Anyway? Webinar](#), hosted by Nexus

September 2: [Primer on LEED & Green Project Management](#), hosted by Nexus

See you next week. Tina's been going through old files and we're going to start sharing some of the historical work Tufts has done for sustainability. And don't forget to [send in your pictures](#) for the header!

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