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Calling all Food Artists!

This is a call for food-related art. Tuft's ECO will be hosting a Souper Bowl, a local food event featuring homegrown artists, musicians and soup. Submit comics, drawings, paintings, poems, decorated cakes, collections or photos for soup-slurpers to peruse during this awesome November event. Email signeporteshawver@gmail.com

October 22, 2010

Dear Tufts Environmental,

I don't know about all of you, but I've had a pretty busy week this week. Classes are gearing up, meaning midterms and papers galore (which I'm sure means more work for students and faculty alike.) I'm sure glad to see it's Friday once again. My advice to anyone who has had a busy week like myself: Slow down for a minute, breathe in the fall air, and read the OOS Newsletter for all sorts of fun and interesting events and opportunities!

Stay Green!

-Jason

Header photo: Students from Tina's Environmental Action Class show off their Zero Waste Challenge results

News

with submissions.



Interested in Renting a Bike?

[MyBike](#) Boston has set up a bike rental program that is available to the Tufts Community. Bike Rentals start at \$33.33 a month and includes free repairs and a lock. To find out more, visit their rentals page [here](#).



Job Opportunities

[Program Manger](#), Wisconsin Climate Change Action Initiative, Madison WI

[GIS Analyst](#), The Nature Conservancy, Seattle WA]

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at OOS](#)

Know a friend who would like



The Zero-Waste Challenge

This week, all of us in the Office of Sustainability have committed to doing "the Zero-Waste Challenge," which is a really fun and interesting way to gauge your consumption and waste habits. How it works is this: You wear a pin and carry around a gallon-sized clear plastic bag with this logo stuck to it:



And what you do is every time you consume something that has waste that you do not recycle or compost, you put it in the bag. You make sure that the bag of trash is always visible, as it can become a talking point when people ask "What's with that bag of trash" or in my case "Why are you carrying around so many empty candy wrappers?" The challenge is to see how little waste you can accumulate in the time span of one week.

Tina recently had her Environmental Action class do the Zero Waste Challenge and blog about it. Here are some snippets from various entries:

One student wrote about composting:

"...this week I made a bin in my room where I put compostable items and every morning before I went to eat breakfast in Carmichael I would drop it off in the compost bin behind Miller. It is so easy! And I absolutely will continue to do it."

Another student wrote about changing habits:

"I try to avoid anything that is non-recyclable or non-compostable not just because I don't want to carry it around in my waste bag, but also because I know it will just add to the huge piles of junk in landfill. So when I reach for a granola bar, I think to myself 'Do I really need this? Are there other options I could choose from?'"

The challenge is a very interesting way to take a step back and really think about how what you consume effects the world around you. Like one of the students said, I've been very concerned with not just the products themselves, but the by-products of my consumption. I definitely recommend that everyone try this exercise to really show how small actions, like eating a candy bar, can accumulate to have lasting impacts.

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On-Campus Events

Previously Mentioned:

[Recycling Facilities Tour](#)

October 28, 2010 12pm - 1:30pm

Casella Waste Systems, Charlestown MA

Off-Campus events

New:

A Sea Change Screening

October 27, 2010 6:30pm

Third Life Studio

33 Union Square, Somerville

Somerville Climate Action and State Representative Denise Provost present a showing of the award winning documentary, A Sea Change. A Sea Change focuses public attention on the urgent but little-known crisis of ocean acidification. After the film there will be a discussion on the subject. Admission is free!

To find out more about the film, visit its website [here](#).

2010 Recycling Award Gala Celebration

November 17, 2010 5:30 - 9pm

The Artist for Humanity EpiCenter

100 West 2nd Street, Boston

MassRecycle presents the 2010 Recycling Awards Gala Celebration! The ceremony will recognize the 11 BEST Recycling Programs in the State in addition to presenting a special Lifetime Achievement Award to Ben Harvey of E. L. Harvey & Sons for his



many years of leadership and the significant contributions he has made to increasing recycling and reducing waste throughout Massachusetts. We hope you will join us in their recognition.



The Celebration will include:

- Wine tasting from local Turtle Creek Winery
- Silent auction (please let us know if you have items you would like to donate)
- Exhibit of art from reclaimed materials
- Live jazz trio
- Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar
- Networking
- Award ceremony

For details and to order tickets click [here](#).

If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth Rose at 617-312-5671 or programs@massrecycle.org

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[MCAN Climate Action Conference](#)

October 24, 2010 10am - 5pm
Clark University, Worcester MA

[A View from the Top: Sustainable Roofs in Boston](#)

October 28, 2010 4pm - 6:30pm
Federal Reserve Bank, Boston

[6th Annual Conference on Clean Energy](#)

November 3-4, 2010
Hynes Convention Center, Boston

Educational Opportunities

New:

Beyond The Local Ordinance: Nature has Definable Rights

October 23, 2010 3 - 5pm

45 Mt Auburn Street (Harvard Square)

Democracy Center- Mandela Room

The Friends of Alewife Reservation are sponsoring a talk centered around the Silver Maple Forest. Two experts will talk about their respective fields:

Charles Katuska -Wetlands Scientist for the silver maple forest

and

Gail Darrell- Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund

For more information on the event, call FAR:

617 415-1884

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[LEED & Green Project Management](#)

Oct 21 and 28, 2010 1:30 pm

Chauncy St., 7th Floor, Boston, MA

[EPA Sustainability Grant Opportunity](#)

Deadline: December 22, 2010

Inman Square, Cambridge (specifics TBA)

[Campus Ecology Costa Rica](#)

January 4-13, 2011

Webinars

Solectria Renewables Webinar Series

Friday, October 22nd, 2010 at 2pm - How to select

the right PV inverter**Friday, November 19th, 2010 at 2pm - Utilizing
Solectria Renewables PO Check list****Friday, December 3rd, 2010 at 2pm - Utility-Scale
Solar****For more information, and to register for the
webinars, [click here](#).**

Evaluating Campus Sustainability

Friday, October 28nd, 2010 at 2pm

This webinar will focus on the history and purpose of various evaluation efforts for campus sustainability. Many different groups develop systems and publish reports on campus efforts, this webinar will highlight a few and discuss the value of each.

The webinar, with Q&A, will be 1 hour. Participants will receive dial-in and URL information two days before the conference. Participants that want to participate via the phone only can request a copy of the presentation. Register for the webinar [here](#).

See you next week. And don't forget to [send in your pictures](#) for the header!

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