EHC Announces 2014-15 Schedule

The Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) is pleased to announce its 2014-15 schedule of programs and projects:

Environmental Education Field Trips. This year, as part of its continuing support of the Allegany County Collaboration for Environmental Literacy, the EHC will be hosting County-wide field trips for 3rd grade, 7th grade, and high school Earth/Space Science and Environmental Science students. Students participate in a full-day field experience at the EHC that includes hands-on science investigations that reinforce classroom curriculum. As always, local college students are invited to observe and/or assist EHC instructors to gain valuable field experience and resume credentials.

Professional Development. In partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the EHC recently hosted a five-day Chesapeake Classroom workshop tailored to Western Maryland watersheds and their relationship to the Chesapeake Bay. In early 2015, the EHC will be inviting local educators to participate in other EHC training programs that also provide certification in environmental education curricula, with special versions for early childhood and elementary school students. Participants in select programs are also eligible to receive Maryland State Department of Education continuing education credits.

Healthy Living. Earlier this month, the EHC conducted its fall Gardening for Health workshops, focusing on preserving food from the harvest and on how to compost. More workshops will be offered in the spring. This program also includes our highly successful Summer Science Discovery Camp, with two week-long camps being offered this upcoming year. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for details.

Environmental Arts. This fall, the EHC is continuing its art workshops, with the last one of the season to be held on Sunday October 12th. This workshop, The Great Pumpkin Patch, will focus on using pumpkins for inspiration in the creation of dramatic fall atmosphere and compelling oil compositions. The EHC is also hosting two fall art exhibitions; one for the Artists of Evergreen and one open to all area artists (see back cover).

STEM Outdoor Learning Pavilion. This academic year, the EHC will also be working on a new project to create an outdoor learning Pavilion to support its lessons in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) as well as its workshops in sustainable agriculture and forestry. This project, which will begin this fall and be completed in June, will involve hundreds of elementary, middle, high school, and college students who will help create the Pavilion and also learn about its “green” technology including milling timber at the EHC sawmill, collecting rainwater for field use, capturing solar energy for lighting, and utilizing self-contained composting toilets in Pavilion restrooms. This project is funded in part by the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Rural Maryland Council.

For more information on EHC’s 2014-15 schedule, programs, and events, call 301-687-0664, visit our web site, www.evergreenheritagecenter.org, or email foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org.
EHC Hosts Energy Fair

The Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation and its partners hosted an Energy Fair at the Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) on Saturday September 13th from 1-4pm. The Energy Fair event included fun energy activities, useful information on energy solutions and careers, plus $200 in coupons offered by Potomac Edison for Maryland residential customers through the EmPOWER Maryland Program.

This Energy Fair was the culmination of a one-year education project that involved over 1600 elementary, middle, high school, and college students who investigated energy science, solutions, and technology and participated in energy audits and other hands-on learning projects. The event also unveiled the EHC’s new Energy Learning Station, a 200 square foot room built under the project that enables students to investigate the use of "green" energy solutions and monitor energy use. AES Warrior Run donated the solar panels for and participated in the creation of this mini classroom, Hillegas Construction donated the classroom windows, the American Woodmark Foundation funded the classroom’s Energy Detective System, and the FirstEnergy Foundation and EverPower made cash contributions. In addition, students from Allegany County’s Center for Career and Technology Education (CCTE) created the Station’s signage.

Partners participating in the Energy Fair include Allegany County Public Schools, Frostburg State University, Allegany College of Maryland, AES Warrior Run, First Energy, Metz Electric, LNH Enterprises, NewPage Corporation, and Constellation Energy (an Exelon company, which awarded the Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation a grant in 2013 to help subsidize the project). The EHC Foundation was one of ten projects in the U.S. that received funding under Constellation’s Energy to Educate program.

For more information on this free event, visit www.evergreenheritagecenter.org, email foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org, or call 301-687-0664.

Instructor Susan Keller helps a participant set up a mini wind turbine (above). Participant tries out the hand-crank generator to power light bulbs (right). EHC Operations Officer Richard Sauer demonstrates lighting efficiency in the new Energy Learning Station (above left). Instructor Hana Yoder assists participants in creating solar cookers (above right).
Artist Maggie Pratt demonstrates sun-themed art including solar printing (left and below) and drawings (below right).

Energy Learning Station exterior showing solar panels (left) and interior showing educational displays (right).

Monitoring system display showing energy output of solar panels (above) and interior of building (right).
EHC’s Fall Art Exhibitions

Annual Fall Arts Walk Frostburg  (Saturday October 11)
As part of the Annual Fall Arts Walk in Frostburg, the Artists of Evergreen will exhibit at the Star Gallery in the General Art Store, Main Street Frostburg. This exhibit will feature paintings by Evergreen Art Workshop participants.

Artists Explore Environments II  (Saturday November 1)
This 2nd annual Frostburg exhibition (with $1000 in PRIZE money!) will be open to Allegany and Garrett county artists. Artists may exhibit two & three dimensional works of art that feature their impressions of “environment”. Entry is non-juried and open to all area artists over 21.

For more information on these two events, visit www.evergreenheritagecenter.org, email foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org, or call 301-687-0664.

We Host Events!

Our secluded location eliminates distractions, yet is a short drive away. We are just outside Mount Savage, only 15 minutes from Frostburg and Cumberland. Our green facility can accommodate your meeting or event for up to 50 people. Guests may enjoy tours of the historic Evergreen Museum, barn, and walking trail. Catering services are also available.

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