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April 2014

Earth Day

Omaha

April 19th

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Munroe-Meyer Guild's 46th Garden Walk

Sunday, June 8, 2014
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY
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"The Last Seven Words of Christ"

APRIL 19 EASTER EGG HUNT
10:00 a.m. Location: First Presbyterian Church

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46th Munroe-Meyer Guild Garden Walk

The 46th Munroe-Meyer Guild Garden Walk will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2014 from 9 am to 5 pm rain or shine. Omaha's premier Garden Walk will return to the current MMI geographical area and to the original site of the Hattie B. Munroe home. Neighborhoods include Dundee, Memorial Park, Elmwood Park and Dillon's Fairacres. These homes have beautiful gardens, and each home has a unique history. The gardens and the histories of the homes will be showcased during the Walk. In addition the public gardens at Joslyn Castle will also be featured. Vendors selling unique yard art and outdoor creations will be available on the Joslyn grounds. The Garden Walk benefits the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute for Genetics and Rehabilitation. MMI is a University Center of Excellence committed to unlocking the potential of children and adults with developmental disabilities and genetic disorders through exceptional patient care, education and research.

Important Information:

Date: Sunday, June 8, 2014
Time: 9 am to 5 pm rain or shine

Gardens Showcased:

Joe and Ruth Vacanti – Elmwood Park
Tim and Karen Conn – Dundee
Tom and Terry Price – Dillon's Fairacres
Dave and Jan Peters – Memorial Park
Cathy Collins – Dundee
Public Gardens at Joslyn Castle

Ticket Price prior to event: \$15

Ticket Price day of event: \$20

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The Potting Shed Sunrise Lawn and Garden
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Sierra Club Program

Thurs. April 24, 7 p.m. Bringing Back the Pollinators with Jennifer Hopwood of the Xerces Society First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., Omaha (Enter north door Education Wing)

Pollinators are an indispensable part of a healthy environment and a secure food supply. Despite their recognized importance, some pollinators are in decline. The reasons for this are difficult to pinpoint, but the loss of floral diversity and habitats from our landscapes is a major concern. Increasing urbanization, expansion of intensive agriculture, invasive plants, widespread use of pesticides, climate change, and disease and parasites all play a role.

The good news is that there are steps we all can take to increase the resilience of pollinator populations to cope with changes in our environment. Jennifer Hopwood of The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation will discuss the importance of insect pollinators, introduce the insects that provide pollination services, the native plants they rely on, and present straightforward actions that each and every one of us can take to protect and provide habitat for pollinators.

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Join **Dr. Richard Wolff** for a stimulating and provocative talk, *“Capitalism in Crisis: How Lopsided Wealth Distribution Threatens Our Democracy.”* University of Massachusetts Emeritus Professor Dr. Wolff is now a Visiting Professor in the Graduate Program in International Affairs at New York’s New School University. His books include *Capitalism Hits the Fan: The Global Economic Meltdown and What to Do About It* and *Democracy at Work: A Cure for Capitalism*.

More information at: firstuomaha.org/holland-lecture-series/holland

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Artistic Workshops

With returning favorites like blacksmithing and watercolor, Omaha Creative Institute's class lineup for early 2014 features something to interest everyone. These workshops support local artists and metro residents and visitors access to hands-on artistic experiences.

Early 2014 Schedule:

April 5: Song Writing with Beth Heimann
April 10: Omaha Creative Institute Spring Fling
April 15, 6-8 p.m.: ARTIST INC INFO SESSION
at Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts (FREE)
April 19: Print Making with Maranda Allbritten
May 3: Cinco de Mayo Parade
May 10: Mixed Media with Dori Settles

A detailed event lineup is available. For information and registration, visit omahacreativeinstitute.org/workshops-and-events. Questions:

Rebecca@OmahaCreativeInstitute.org or 785.218.3061

Nebraskans for Solar and Habitat for Humanity of Omaha

will launch an Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign on April 8th to raise \$32,500 to install solar energy systems on five Habitat for Humanity of Omaha houses this summer. These will be demonstration houses for a statewide Solar Power for Low-Income Families Program.

www.nebraskansforsolar.org/newsblog-2/

DCG Begins Gardening Workshops April 5

The Dundee Community Garden, at 49th & Underwood, is getting ready for spring.

Our first gardening workshop of the 2014 season, "What to Plant and When", will be held on Sat. April 5, 10 a.m., at the AV Sorenson Center, 4808 Cass. This free workshop is geared towards beginning vegetable growers. All welcome to join us!

Weather permitting, we'll start planning our cool season crops, including spring greens, in early April. We're eager to start planting in our fifth year of growing greens in Dundee!

Seal Tight, Ventilate Right, Part II

So last month, we talked about the value, in both comfort and money, of sealing up all those drafty air leaks in your house – window frames, door frames, recessed lights, attic hatches, duct registers on exterior walls, outlets and light switches, pipe penetrations, you name it. But can a house be too tight? After 40 years of residential building science research, the answer is a resounding "No". Houses, the physical structure itself, cannot be too tight. Houses do not need to "breathe". However, people living inside the house, do need to breathe! Therefore, you want adequate ventilation to provide acceptable indoor air quality. So, the question is "how much ventilation do I need?"

The minimum level of residential indoor ventilation is determined by ASHRAE Standard 62.2. ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers) is a building technology society that develops many of the standards and best practices related to the indoor environment (full disclosure, I'm an ASHRAE member). ASHRAE Standard 62.2 states that all residential homes require ventilation. This ventilation can come naturally from openings in the building (doors, windows, drafts), or by mechanical ventilation, such as an electrically powered fan. The amount of ventilation is dependent on two primary factors: 1) conditioned (i.e. heated) floor square feet (which includes heated basements); and 2) the number of occupants. The larger the house or higher the number of occupants, the more minimum ventilation will be required. The exact calculation is too complex for this space (well, what else did you expect from a bunch of engineers!)

So how do you determine if your house needs more ventilation? Step 1 – hire an energy evaluator or qualified contractor to perform a door blower test (discussed in the previous month's article) to determine your natural ventilation (i.e. air leakage). Step 2 – Have the energy evaluator or qualified contractor calculate the required minimum ventilation based on ASHRAE 62.2. Step 3 – if the natural ventilation is less than the required ventilation, have the energy evaluator write up a scope of work to prove the necessary minimum ventilation. Often, this can be done by simply placing your kitchen or bathroom fans on a timer to run for specific time periods during the day.

ASHRAE Standard 62.2 deals with several other indoor air quality issues not addresses here such as minimum air filtration standards, minimum ventilation levels for kitchens and bathrooms, clothes dryer ventilation, and indoor air pollutants. For more detailed examples, listed of qualified contractors, or information on the different types of mechanical ventilation, please see our website, www.transductiontechnologies.com

David Holtzclaw, Ph.D., P.E.

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Cathedral Arts Project

In the Sunderland Gallery

Winnebago Images: Don Doll, SJ

April, 13 (opening reception) - June 8th
Free admission to events. A free will offering is accept-
ed. For info visit: www.cathedralartsproject.org

Go green with eco-friendly events at the Library

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22, making the entire month of April the perfect time to increase awareness about going green. At Omaha Public Library (OPL), every day is earth day!

Did you know that Watt Detector devices are available for checkout at all 12 OPL branches? In partnership with Omaha Public Power District (OPPD), OPL has Kill-A-Watt devices that can be used to measure the amount of electricity your household appliances use. You may also pick up Omaha recycling bins at several OPL locations

OPL also celebrates spring with eco-friendly events! "Go green" and carpool, walk or bike to your local OPL branch to enjoy these free programs.

Green Cleaning: Make your own "green" cleaning products to take home and use.

Wednesday, April 2, 6 p.m., Benson Branch, 6015 Binney St., 402.444.4846

Green Body Care: Use basic recipes and add your own twist to make luscious bath salts and scrubs from natural ingredients. Materials provided. Space limited. Registration required.

Saturday, April 5, 2:30 p.m., Florence Branch, 2920 Bondesson St., 402.444.5299

Tuesday, April 22, 12 p.m., W. Dale Clark Main Library, 215 S. 15th St., 402.444.4800

Upcycled Tees: Learn how to transform old t-shirts into no-sew totes, necklaces and scarves. Refreshments and snacks provided.

Tuesday, April 8, 4 p.m., W. Clarke Swanson Branch, 9101 W. Dodge Rd., 402.444.4852

Every Day Is Earth Day Storytime

Wednesday, April 9, 10:30 a.m., W. Dale Clark Main Library

Upcycling - May Day Baskets: Make baskets and flowers from recycled materials.

Monday, April 28, 10:30 a.m., W. Dale Clark Main Library

Some events require registration or have recommended ages for participation. For detailed descriptions or to register, visit omahalibrary.org or call the hosting branch. Visit omahalibrary.org for information about additional programs offered at Omaha Public

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Adult discussion group: 9:10 a.m.
Music & message for all ages: 10:30 a.m.



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Professor Richard D. Wolff
**Capitalism in Crisis: How Lopsided Wealth
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Concert

MasterSingers, under the direction of Dr. D. Laureen Pickle, will present their spring concert "On Broadway: the Best of the Big Apple!" on Sunday, April 13 at 4pm in the sanctuary of First Central Congregational Church located in midtown at the corner of 36th and Harney Streets, For more information, call 402-345-1533.

The concert features special guests: Wilson Lion Singers, Caroline Hinrichs as Peter Pan, and pianist Victory Sedlacek. Tickets are available at the door: \$15/adults; \$12/students and seniors. Children 12 and under are free.

Luther Memorial Church 61st and Western

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Holy Week Services-Palm Sunday 8:45 and 11 am
Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Svs noon & 6:30pm
Easter Sunday Worship 6:30, 8:45 and 11am
Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt at 2 pm

YRUU Garage Sale May 3rd

The Youth Group at First Unitarian Church is having a garage/book sale on Saturday, May 3rd.
3114 Harney Street. Enter through west door go downstairs.
Find some great stuff and help the youth raise funds!

More information can be found at

www.midtownmonitor.com

Full listing of Green events at the Library
More on Solar Power
Additional events and articles
of interest to midtown.

We'd Like to Hear From You ... If you are **located in midtown** and have events, fundraisers or other news of interest to Midtown residents and businesses, please send it to
midtownmonitor.omaha@gmail.com

Please try to send **at least one month in advance** of event whenever possible.

Check our website for even more midtown events www.midtownmonitor.com

Earth Day Omaha April 19th

There will be demonstrations throughout the day, and the children's tent will have a variety of events again this year. Details on both of those are being finalized, but people can check our website or www.facebook.com/EarthDayOmaha for updates.

Band schedule

11:00 AM : David Corbin
12:00 PM: Faerie Tones
1:00 PM: Hector Anchondo
2:00 PM: Linoma Mashers
3:00 PM: Southpaw Bluegrass Band
4:00 PM: Traveling Mercies
5:00 PM: The Bishops

Demonstration tent throughout the day

Health & Wellness

12:00 PM: Capoeira Angola
1:00 PM: Yoga Rocks the Park
2:00 PM: The Omaha International Folk Dancers
3:00 PM: Young Spirit - Native American Youth Dance Group



Above: Learning about clean energy from the Nebraska Solar Energy Society.

Below: Chelsea Taxman, 2013 "Friend of the Environment" award recipient from Truck Farm Omaha.



High Heel Dash

Members of the Junior League of Omaha are planning their fourth annual High Heel Dash to take place on Thursday, May 1, 2014 in AkSarBen Village. The dash is an event designed to raise funds and bring awareness to the Junior League's community projects including Project Hope Pack, A Book of My Own and Career Development Series.

The "Dash" is a 50-meter run down Mercy Road. All participants must sport their favorite pair of heels (at least 2" high) and be at least 19-years old. Runners should sign up in the women's, men's, or 4-person relay categories. The cost to enter as an individual is \$40 and a 4-person relay team is \$150.

A post-race happy hour will take place at Liv Lounge immediately following the Dash. Prizes will be awarded for winners in each division. Additional prizes will be awarded for categories such as unique heel, best costume and more.

Registration is now open at www.jlomaha.org. Follow the Dash on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at #2014HHD.

The Eclectic Book Review Club,

organized Oct. 11, 1949, will continue its spring calendar at the Omaha Field Club on the third Tuesday of the month at noon .

On April 15th, University of Nebraska/ Lincoln, English professor Mary K. Stillwell will review her biography of "The Life and Poetry of Ted Kooser."

Omaha South High School principal Cara Riggs will review her book, "Hope in Urban Schools: Love Stories," on May 20.

If you are interested in good food and a good book, join us at the Field Club at Noon. Lunches are \$13.00. Call Rita Price at 402-553-3147 for a reservation. Deadline is the Monday morning prior to the meeting.



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Summer Concert Tradition “Playing with Fire” Moving to Turner Park

Midtown Crossing is thrilled to welcome Playing with Fire, Omaha’s sizzling, free summer concert tradition, to an expansive, new venue: seven-acre Turner Park with its iconic Pavilion and permanent stage.

“This allows us to continue our legacy, and I think it will be a great fan experience,” said Jeff Davis, Playing with Fire founder.

Featuring the best in blues, soul, funk, R & B, and rock, Playing with Fire spent the majority of its first 10 years at Lewis & Clark Landing on Omaha’s riverfront, attracting crowds of up to 10,000 people. The switch to Turner Park allows the 501(c)(3) non-profit to showcase the same great local, national and international acts with less expense and logistical complexity.

“We sought out a place with a covered stage, the space and amenities to accommodate us. Midtown Crossing stepped up with its Pavilion at Turner Park and has basically become a partner in the show,” Davis said.

A free concert experience, Playing with Fire’s 2014 schedule will play out over the course of two Thursday nights: June 26 and July 3, starting at 5:30 p.m.

June 26: Opening act: Hector Anchondo Supporting act: Ben Poole Headliner: Jonas & the Massive Attraction

July 3: Opening act: Mojo Bag Supporting act: Randy Oxford Band Headliner: The Madame Louise Project, featuring Lulu Hughes

Also important is fostering community involvement. Playing with Fire supports local charities, such as The Food Bank for the Heartland and Parkinson’s Health Development, and cultivates music education by providing performance and fundraising opportunities to students of BluesEd, a non-profit youth artist development program. Playing with Fire concerts are made possible with the support of the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Douglas County Visitor Improvement Fund, the City of Omaha, corporate and private sponsorships, in-kind donations and volunteers. To learn more about Playing with Fire and the 2014 concert series and artists, visit www.playingwithfireomaha.net.

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While at the Neighborhood Center, Crystal worked to strengthen and advocate for your neighborhood. She worked with your elected officials on policies related to education, juvenile justice reform, domestic violence, housing, crime and safety. Crystal knows how to craft rules and regulations that address issues without creating unintended consequences that are worse than the problems they were designed to solve. She will continue to use her experience as your neighborhood advocate to create and implement sensible regulations that protect consumers.

Crystal wants to be your advocate in a new capacity as a member of the Nebraska Public Service Commission. The leadership skills she has developed over her years of service will benefit you each day when she is elected.

Please remember to vote for Crystal on May 13 and let's keep her working for all of us.

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