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CGE NEWS

April 2022

Earth Day, Earth Month, Earth Life ...

Thanks to Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson and activist Denis Hayes, the first Earth Day in 1970 was a series of teach-in events around the country.

Throughout April, CGE is continuing that tradition by collaborating with other local organizations to both educate *and activate* our community. Please check out the many activities below.

And ... [Please Give What You Can to Support the CGE Mission](#) Once the Earth Month magic has receded, CGE will remain hard at work transforming this early Spring enthusiasm into tangible action. 2022 marks a transformative year for our organization: from aligning and enhancing our six programs and launching an official membership program, to an organizational rebrand and new website, we have bold goals for the next nine months. [Please consider donating](#) to support our efforts as we strive to make every day Earth Day!

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Earth Day: Generations of Environmental Justice

CGE is proud to be co-sponsoring this event Inspired by the Project Survival “teach-out” organized by Northwestern students in 1970 for the first Earth Day, this all-night student-led workshop will feature speakers and workshops on topics from indigenous power and resistance to social justice art and community gardening. [RSVP here.](#)

When: Friday-Sat. April 22-23, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.

Where: NU's Alice Millar Chapel, Parkes Hall



Earth Day: Intergenerational Climate Strike

The IPCC has declared a climate emergency and we need to act. So grab your kids. Grab your granny. Grab your neighbor. Let's go.

When: Friday, April 22:, 2:00 p.m.

Where: Fountain Square



Support ETHS Students at the Next Schoolboard Meeting

When: Friday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.

Where: ETHS room N112

Earth Day: District 65 10-Second Film Festival

In honor of Earth Week, the D65 Climate Action Teams and CGE are co-hosting this event where you can watch the students' perspectives on the environment and climate action on the big screen. Tickets are free but are required, so [get them here](#). Current Rotary guidelines require proof of vaccination and masking inside the building.

The Film Festival will also feature a repurposed instrument drumming circle! Feel free to bring some improvised musical instruments from home (kitchen utensils anyone?). [Visit here to submit a film](#); deadline is midnight April 21st.

When: Friday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Rotary auditorium, 1560 Sherman Ave.



Native Plants, Pollinators, and More

The second annual [Bird Buzz Native Plant Sale](#) is underway with lots of trees and shrubs (woodies) and wildflowers. Proceeds benefit CGE's Natural Habitat Evanston (NHE) and the Evanston Environmental Association (EEA). As part of this sale, Natural Habitat Evanston is offering these educational webinars:

Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. [Using Native Plants to Manage Water.](#)

Join Julia Bunn of The Spirited Gardener and learn how to use native plants to manage downspout water and sidewalk puddling.

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. [Why Shrubs and Trees are Essential to Home Landscapes.](#) Allison Sloan, Steward of Harbert-Payne Park and owner of Shady Grove Wildflower Farm.

Repair It – Don't Toss It!

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month, where you'll get help diagnosing, troubleshooting and/or repairing your small appliances. The next café on April 9 will also include garden tool sharpening! These events are part of Evanston Library's Climate Action Program to help people become are part of a community that takes care of people and planet. [Register and get more information.](#)

When: Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Robert Crown Library

Bell Bowl Prairie Still Needs Your Voice!

One of the last remaining ancient gravel prairies in Illinois, Bell Bowl Prairie is still slated to be paved for Chicago Rockford Airport construction in coming weeks.

The federally endangered Rusty Patched Bumble Bee and rare birds have been identified at the prairie, but that hasn't derailed the threat. Alternative routing is possible, but the airport is refusing to discuss options. [Read more here.](#) If you haven't already signed onto the IL Environment Council letter, [please do here.](#)

Collaboration Over Profit – A Series on the Solidarity Economy

The Solidarity Economy (SE) is an alternative framework that prioritizes people over profit through collaboration, mutual aid networks, cooperatives, and community land trusts. Evanston Public Library in collaboration with Evanston Development Cooperative is hosting a [Solidarity Economy 101 series](#), where participants can learn about SE principles, among them, the prioritization of people over profit through collaboration, mutual aid networks, cooperatives, and community land trusts. This event is open to anybody interested in starting their own coop business, a mutual aid initiative, learn about community land trusts or wanting to strengthen their communities using SE values and tools.

This VIRTUAL session will be facilitated by Mike Strode, founding coordinator of Chicago's [Kola Nut Collaborative](#) and member of [U.S.Solidarity Economy Network](#)

Sessions will be held at the Robert Crown Center, Multipurpose Room B in English and in Spanish as follows:

Spanish: Thursday, April 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sign up [here.](#)

English: Saturday, April 16, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. [Sign up here.](#)

A Climate Change Forum with WGN's Tom Skilling

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Mary Gade and Donald J. Wuebbles) who will discuss recent developments in climate change science, law and policy and the future of climate change strategy. The event is both in-person and virtual. Register below.

When: Saturday April 16, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Where: [In person](#) at Venue Six 10, 610 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago or [register for the online session](#).



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