

## Tenth Annual Instrumental Evening for the Earth

Earth Day Coalition will be celebrating ten years of elegant evenings as we present our annual Instrumental Evening for the Earth benefit concert. Join us on Thursday, November 15, 2007, from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm (concert beginning at 8:30 pm) at our new location of Rocky River's West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church.

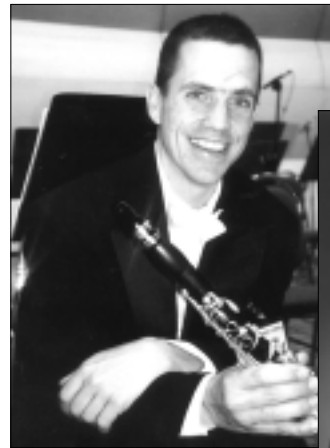
The highlight of the evening will feature Daniel McKelway and Lembi Veskimets, joined by friends from the world-famous Cleveland Orchestra, in a stunning chamber music performance. Before the performance indulge in the gourmet reception catered by Mustard Seed Market and Cafe, while strolling through our exceptional silent auction. Several items will be on display and up for bids ranging from art and entertainment, to gifts, travel, eco products and much more.

WCLV 104.9FM's Bill O'Connell and NEWSChannel 5's Angie Lau will co-host the event along with Earth Day Coalition President, Allan Dreyer and Vice-President, Barry Jerreb.

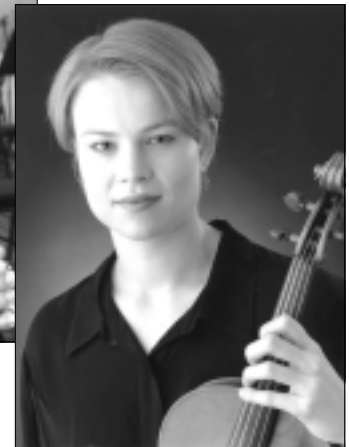
Don't miss out on the excitement of this evening, and wonderful opportunity to support Cleveland's own non-profit environmental education and leadership organization.

Instrumental Evening for the Earth tickets are \$75 per person; donor options that include program recognition and reserved concert seating are also available. Reserve your spot today for this tenth annual event by calling 216-281-6468 x221 using Visa or MasterCard or visit our website at [www.earthdaycoalition.org](http://www.earthdaycoalition.org).

Don't forget to use your Culture Connection coupon and save \$10 when ordering tickets. Be sure to mention you have this coupon at time of purchase. Culture Connection is an exclusive Members-Only coupon book, filled with discounts from more than 15 North-east Ohio cultural organizations including parks, nature centers, museums, theaters and more. All coupons from the second edition Culture Connection book are valid through December 31, 2008. Join EDC or renew your existing membership at the \$50 level or higher to receive your book today. You will be prepared for the 2007 holiday season!



*Daniel McKelway*



*Lembi Veskimets*

## West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church is actively working through the steps to be recognized as a 'Green Sanctuary' Church according to criteria in a denominational program they endorse. The steps involve both institutional commitments and encouragement to personal conservation habits among the members.

In September 2006, the congregation completed an energy-efficient renovation to older sections of their building, which consolidated the building's footprint leaving more green space and a park-like setting framing their new playground at Hilliard and Northfield. They are actively engaged in designing a bio-retention basin to capture and purify ground water runoff from the property. Their new facility was honored at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Craftsmanship Awards Dinner, sponsored by Builder's Exchange Magazine Inc., with four craftsmanship awards, the most for any one construction project nominated in 2006. Additionally, West Shore has encouraged and modeled financial support for local environmental activism. A Sunday morning offering this year was donated to Eco-City Cleveland's "Blue Lake Green City" project.

West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church is a quick 8 miles from downtown Cleveland right off Interstate 90 West - exit 162, the Hilliard Boulevard exit. Go straight through the intersection at the exit and you will be on Hilliard Boulevard. The church will be directly on your left at 20401 Hilliard Boulevard in Rocky River.

## Environmental Profile: A House on Herman

This is a rather unconventional environmental profile in that it does not highlight the work of one person, but rather the many people who came together to enable a solution to a predicament created by one particular circumstance. The unique situation was produced by the desire of a couple, John and Lisa McGovern (John is Earth Day Coalition's Clean Fuels program director), to purchase a boarded-up house that was positioned to be redeveloped by the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Corporation (DSCDO) with aid from Neighborhood Progress Incorporated. This act set in motion a developer, Mike Kucera, who had previously worked on the Eco-vation home in Cleveland, among several other projects around the city, as well as the General Contractor, Jeff Marks, of DSCDO, who had previously designed town homes employing many green building techniques on Bridge Avenue near the Earth Day Coalition offices. These four key people and a near endless cast of supporting contractors, trades-people, and administrators enabled an eyesore to be resurrected as a testament to affordable green building techniques.



House on Herman before...



...house on Herman after

corner of Herman and West 74<sup>th</sup> Street in a burgeoning lakefront neighborhood, had been sitting vacant, and boarded, for nearly five years.

The finished product, which reconstructed every facet of the house, save the roof, was completed in a period of about five months. Although looking similar to much of the housing stock in the existing neighborhood, the house employed a bevy of green building techniques, which will benefit the homeowners in the long run, but did affect the initial purchase price. Highlights of these green building techniques include high-density cellulose insulation, a salvaged hardwood and tile floor, high efficiency windows and doors, a tankless

hot water heater and dual-flush toilets, low VOC (volatile organic compounds) paints and finishes throughout, and the eventual inclusion of rain barrels and rain gardens to alleviate storm water run-off.

Most of these innovations were the result of a collaborative approach to solving a problem created by the unique circumstance. This story of community and ecology is one that can, and is, being repeated on a daily basis, in a variety of forms, all across our emerging green city on a blue lake.

The recently completed house, on the

## Calling Eco-Friendly Readers

Please consider visiting the Earth Day Coalition website at [www.earthdaycoalition.org](http://www.earthdaycoalition.org) today to contribute your support by becoming a member in the most eco-friendly way, order merchandise, sign up for contests and our Earth Day walk-a-thon, explore online resources and read the latest edition (and archival issues) of The Earth Day News and more. Contact Dolores at 216-281-6468 x221 or via email at [dwatson@earthdaycoalition.org](mailto:dwatson@earthdaycoalition.org) if you want to opt out of receiving a printed copy of this newsletter. You'll help save trees, conserve resources and reduce air and water pollution and solid waste, as well as get the most up to date information. Thanks!



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# Hello Jessica



Jessica Francis joined Earth Day Coalition in late September as our Special Events and Marketing Coordinator. Jessica Francis spent the past eleven years in the non-profit sector, she has served as a Board Trustee, volunteer, and staff member of several organizations. The years have provided her experience in a variety of groups including educational, social service, medical research, and economic organizations. Her affiliations span over 100 local, state, national, and international diverse organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Lake Erie International Model United Nations Corporation, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and the Ohio Chambers of Commerce. Jessica is excited to join the staff at EDC, and is especially looking forward to meeting friends of Earth Day Coalition next month at the fall benefit on the 15th of November. In her 'spare time' she enjoys photography, traveling, planning off the beaten path historical appreciation trips, and spending time with Cooper, the world's most adorable golden retriever.

## Going Green

Over the coming months, the Northeast Ohio Clean Fuels Program will embark on a long term project which will break new ground for the program. NEO Clean Fuels will be working with members of Cleveland City council to craft a model 'Green Transportation Resolution' with an initial goal of adopting it in Cleveland, and a longer term goal of seeking adoption by the respective members of both the Cuyahoga and Northeast Ohio Mayors and Managers Associations. The Green Transportation Resolution will lay the groundwork for a holistic approach to solving the region's impending transportation crisis while concurrently addressing our non-attainment status for ground level ozone and fine particle pollution.



# Northeast Ohio Clean Fuels Program

The Northeast Ohio Clean Fuels program is going through a transformation. The pending introduction of the reconstructed NEO Clean Fuels website heralds a new approach for the program. An approach, which utilizes the communication powers of the Internet to maximize a clean and often green approach to thriving in an economy, constrained by energy. NEO Clean Fuels will employ a holistic approach in which the product of available solutions is greater than the sum of its individual parts. To that end, the new website will employ an open-source architecture known as Drupal. A student at Antwerp University developed Drupal in the year 2000. Open source is community approach to software development that eases or removes intellectual property rights.

*from Wikipedia: "Drupal is a free and open source modular content management system (CMS) written in the programming language PHP. A CMS is a tool used by Web administrators to automatically track online visitors and prepare customized content for consumption, usually as HTML-based Web pages. Many modern CMSs, including Drupal, provide a 'back end' interface by which the system administrator may customize the content and display of their Web site without any programming skill being required."*

In 2003 Norm Roulet designed a community site for northeast Ohio called REALneo. Since then, Drupal has been employed locally to create several significant websites for the greater community including Voices and Choices, Green City Blue Lake, and most recently, the website for the entire Cleveland Public Library system. The Clean Fuels program will employ Drupal because of its potential to connect members and stakeholders while providing them and the greater public with dynamic content as well as automating several administrative tasks such as the coordination of volunteers and data collection for events. You can download Drupal (for free) and learn more at [www.drupal.org](http://www.drupal.org).

In other Clean Fuels news, Northeast Ohio Clean Fuels recently helped to coordinate a seminar on the topic of biodiesel quality. The seminar entitled, 'Ensuring Biodiesel Quality,' was presented in partnership with Clean Fuels Ohio and the Ohio Soybean Council, and funded from a grant from the National Biodiesel Foundation. The target audience was biodiesel producers, distributors, and retailers. The Northeast Ohio event, which was one of four around the state, was hosted at the AAA Regional Offices in Independence. The nearly forty attendees learned much about the intricacies of biodiesel from Leland Tong, Chairman of the National Biodiesel Accreditation Commission, including the critical issue of how to recognize and specify quality fuel in order to ensure the continued growth of this industry. Afterwards, about half of the attendees stayed on to get a first hand look at the first (and only) biodiesel refinery to open in Cuyahoga County. Center Alternative Energy, based in St. Louis, recently opened a plant just east of Tremont in the heart of the industrial Flats. The plant, which currently produces about 6 million gallons of biodiesel per year, is set-up to automatically rack blend a variety of biodiesel blends from B2 to B50. Rack blending provides a consistent, computer controlled blending of bio-based and petrol-based diesel to enable precision, custom blends like B2, B5, B20, etc. directly into the distributor's tank truck. The presence of this plant combined with the local retailers and distributors educated at this conference will ensure that biodiesel is offered for sale and utilized in fleets at a growing rate in Northeast Ohio. Our environment couldn't be happier! *Ethanol news notes:*  
-One bushel of corn yields about 2.8 gallons of ethanol.  
-One acre of corn can produce enough ethanol to run a car for some 72,000 miles on E-10 Unleaded.  
-There are some 6 million 'flexible fuel' vehicles on America's highways that can run on up to 85 percent ethanol (E85). Check your make and model.



## Deadly Diesel Emissions

On August 27th Earth Day Coalition joined the Ohio

Environmental Council to release a new report, "Cleveland Diesel Hot Spots—Dirty, Detrimental and Deadly." The report identifies areas in the five-county Cleveland metro region where more than 466,000 people live with elevated levels of deadly emissions from diesel exhaust. Exposure to this type of air pollution can significantly elevate risk for childhood cancer and leukemia, asthma, and premature death, all of which have been linked to diesel emissions.

The Environmental Protection Agency has established nationwide measurable standards for six criteria pollutants. For each criteria pollutant the standard includes a maximum concentration above which adverse effects on human health may occur. These threshold concentrations are called National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Standards are set to protect public health, including the health of sensitive populations, such as asthmatics, children, and the elderly. Additional standards protect public welfare, including protection against decreased visibility, and damage to animals, vegetation, and buildings. Northeast Ohio is in non-attainment of the NAAQS for ground-level ozone (smog) and fine particles (2.5 microns - soot). Non-attainment means that a geographic area has not consistently met the clean air levels.

Exposure to ozone can inflame and damage lungs, aggravate asthma, cause coughing and irritate the respiratory system. Fine particles can aggravate heart and lung diseases and have been linked to heart and asthma attacks, and bronchitis. In Ohio, diesel emissions contribute 10% of the particulate pollution from on-road mobile sources. Some other Ohio facts: 29% of nitrogen oxide come from mobile sources; 47% of mobile source diesel particulate matter comes from non-road diesels; and, 25% of mobile source nitrogen oxides comes from non-road diesels.

Hot spots are areas that experience levels of diesel pollution that pose risks above background levels. The Cleveland Diesel Hot Spots report defines hot spots as those areas that are within one-quarter of a mile of a roadway with PM emissions of at least 675 grams per day.

The Dirty Dozen, or the top twelve communities with the most people living in diesel hot spots are Cleveland, Elyria, East Cleveland, Strongsville, Garfield Heights, Mentor, Maple Heights, Painesville, North Olmsted, Bedford Heights and Lakewood – with East Cleveland and Bedford Heights having over 60% of its citizens living in a diesel hot spot.

So what can be done? We need to initiate diesel clean up programs in the Cleveland metro area and call on local schools and public transit authorities to retrofit existing vehicle fleets with pollution control technology. We can also use ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel to reduce deadly

diesel emissions by more than 90%. The Diesel report recommends the six "R's" of diesel cleanup: refueling-switching to cleaner fuels; repowering-installing low emission chassis; replacing older equipment with newer lower emission equipment; rebuilding, repairing and maintenance; reducing idling; and, retrofitting with emission controls. To view a full copy of the Cleveland report, click [www.theoec.org/](http://www.theoec.org/).



## More Bad Air Days for Cleveland?

A new study, "Heat Advisory: How Global Warming Causes More Bad Air Days," was recently released by some of the nation's top medical experts along with Audubon Ohio and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). The report projects that residents in Cleveland will experience significantly

fewer healthy air days as hotter temperatures caused by global warming speed the formation of smog.

Scientists predict average temperatures will warm as much as 10 degrees Fahrenheit by the end of the century unless we start cutting global warming emissions soon. Heightened smog levels trigger asthma attacks and pose health threats to children and the elderly in particular. For people with asthma, smog pollution can increase sensitivity to allergens.

Cleveland would see the number of bad air days that exceed the EPA's standard climb 39% and Columbus would see bad air days increase 44%.

The full report can be viewed at [www.nrdc.org/globalwarming/heatadvisory/contents.asp](http://www.nrdc.org/globalwarming/heatadvisory/contents.asp)

### Ohio School Bus Program

Ohio EPA is helping school districts retrofit their diesel school buses with pollution control equipment and use cleaner fuels to reduce emissions. Priority is given to applications from school districts in communities that do not meet the federal air quality standards. Click [www.epa.state.oh.us/oeef/html/schoolbus.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oeef/html/schoolbus.html) for more information.



## Student Environmental Congress Honored for Excellence

Earth Day Coalition is proud to announce the Student Environment Congress as a recipient of the Dominion and Biodiversity Alliance's **2007 Northeast Ohio Environmental Awards** in the area of primary/secondary education. We thank Bernadette Manzo, Science Chair at Cleveland's Max S. Hayes High School for her nomination of the SEC program, as well as former SEC participant, Amanda Block, for her support letter. Ms. Block participated in SEC in 2001 to 2003. As a recent graduate of Ithica University she remains thankful for SEC in her formative high school years and credits SEC with making a lasting impact on her and laying a solid foundation of environmental knowledge and activism on which she has been able to build. Student Environmental Congress Director, Dawn Wrench, was honored on October 5 at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

The Northeast Ohio Environmental Awards program "recognizes and honors the outstanding achievements of organizations, businesses and individuals in various environmental initiatives throughout the region and pays tribute to those that have demonstrated a commitment to environmental excellence, leadership and accomplishment in their respective fields." The Biodiversity Alliance is comprised of the Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland Museum of Natural History and Cleveland Metroparks Zoo with a mission to conserve biodiversity and natural environments by collecting, disseminating, and applying scientific knowledge as part of the local and global conservation communities. Congratulations to Dawn and Student Environmental Congress students!



*Dawn with Terry Bishop from Dominion at the Biodiversity Awards. Student gardeners at the Dike 14 Nature Preserve below.*



## Students Sowing Seeds and a Vision

After learning about and experiencing the Dike 14 Nature Preserve through their SEC project, students in John Hay High School's Environmental Club were motivated to be part of Dike 14. Student now

have a vision for the Dike 14 Nature Preserve; they see the potential it holds for not only the city of Cleveland but for them as students. Students ended last school year by building the garden and are starting this year off with the planting. It

was decided that the garden should contain both native and invasive species as to best represent the current habitats of the dike, as well as to educate others on how to identify the invasives on site.

People will be encouraged to not plant the invasives and remove them when identified. The garden will be used to show visitors some of the most common species on

the dike and help train people to identify and appreciate them. Many of the species planted in the garden are also favorite among the butterflies, so the hope is that during the appropriate seasons, visitors will also get a chance to experience the variety and beauty of insects of the order Lepidoptera.

Although students assisted in the planning, preparing and the creation of Dike 14's sample garden, a big thank you is owed to their teacher and club advisor, John Fellenstein, for his hard work and support. A special thanks to the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes for their donation of plants and to their Natural Resources Specialist, Lara Roketenetz, for her support. We all look forward to seeing the sample garden grow and flourish at the Dike 14 Nature Preserve. Check our web site to plan a visit with a member of the Dike 14 Environmental Education Collaborative or to plan for a visit during the large community open house events.

# EarthFest 2008 is coming Mark Your Calendar

EarthFest 2008 will be held on **Sunday, April 20th**, at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Mark your calendars, because you won't want to miss this nineteenth annual celebration of EarthFest. Visit our website at [www.earthdaycoalition.org](http://www.earthdaycoalition.org) for updates on EarthFest activities, registration forms for the Art, Poetry and Essay Contest, the Walk or Bike for the Earth, and exhibitor information.

Better yet, plan to volunteer with Earth Day Coalition at EarthFest 2008 and be part of the *Climate Change Solutions* here in Northeast Ohio. There are literally hundreds of volunteer jobs to be filled by individuals and groups.

Attend one of the following Volunteer Orientation Meetings to find out how you or your group can get involved:

**Saturday, January 12, 2008:** 10:00 am to 11:30 am at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Windows on the World Room in the Zoo's Education Building. Parking and admission are free for this training. This is the **ONLY** orientation that will be held at the Zoo.

**Saturday, February 9, 2008:** 10:00 am to 11:30 am at Carnegie West Branch of the Cleveland Public Library.

**Monday, March 10, 2008:** 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Carnegie West Branch of the Cleveland Public Library.

**Saturday, April 12, 2008:** 10:00 am to 11:30 am at Carnegie West Branch of the Cleveland Public Library.

The Carnegie West Branch of the Cleveland Public Library is located at 1900 Fulton Road (just north of the intersection of Fulton Road and Lorain Avenue), Cleveland, 44113, right across the street from the Earth Day Coalition offices.

There is ample free parking on the street or in the lot located at the corner of West 38th and Bridge Avenue. Please call the office at 216-281-6468 to RSVP for the orientation, or to get more information or driving directions. Make every day Earth Day and get involved today.

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Earth Share of Ohio (ESO) is a not-for-profit, umbrella federation created by its conservation and environmental beneficiary organizations to represent them in annual employee workplace charity campaigns across the state, and to provide them with an efficient and secure way to manage their workplace donor contributions. Earth Share of Ohio annually certifies that its beneficiaries operate with the highest professional standards and engage in active programs that protect our health, land, water, air and wildlife on local, national and global levels. Earth Day Coalition is one of more than 70 beneficiary organizations represented by ESO in 2007.

Earth Share of Ohio provides a simple, convenient way for you to support the finest conservation and environmental organizations in our communities, our state and our country. ESO beneficiary organizations work hard every day to address environmental health risks, restore natural habitats, create recreational spaces, educate Ohioans about conservation and environmental topics, and reduce global warming.

ESO has a listing of 2007 participating employers. Please call Earth Day Coalition at 216-281-6468 x 221 to see if your place of employment is already participating or to inquire about establishing this charitable giving option at your place of business to help support a sustainable future in Ohio. For more information on ESO call 877-434-2357 or email to [info@earthshareofohio.org](mailto:info@earthshareofohio.org).



Do It Right   
Change a Light

There is still a chance to get some of the 15,000 compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs that Earth Day Coalition is giving away this year with our project partner, Technical Consumer Products, to provide *Climate Change Solutions*.

Thousands of northeast Ohioans have pledged to change light bulbs to CFL's, drive less, lower their thermostats, recycle, reuse and buy recycled products, turn off appliances, buy and consume local and organic foods and talk to neighbors and friends about global warming. But, more needs to be done.

Take action now...check out our web site for the Seven in 2007 pledge card and bring the card (and your pledge to fight global warming in seven simple steps) into our office for your free CFL. Our Green Book of pledges is filling up fast - add your name and pledges to your neighbors and friends. Northeast Ohio is doing our part. *Some sobering global warming notes:*

- rising average temperatures are already affecting the environment
- human activity is the main cause
- the greater and faster the warming, the more adverse effects will occur (likely in this century)
- America is the world's top global warming polluter.

## Welcome New and Renewing Members

Welcome to the newest members of the Earth Day Coalition and thank you to all who have renewed membership for 2007. We are happy to have you help improve the health, quality of life and environment of the greater Cleveland community:

Hope & Stanley Adelstein, Katherine Augustine, Virginia Aveni, Kathryn Brock, John & Gale Bromelmeier, Dave & Renata Brown, Tim & Peggy Brown, Crown Point Ecology Center, Paul Daly, Krista DeSimoni, Jessica DiPerna, Jane & Maier Driver, MD, Theresa Duncan, Mary Eitzen, Kim Evangelisti, Pamela Geick, Warren Grossman, Barbara R. Hawkins, Caren Henry-Glatcz, Daniel Jaffe, Barry Jereb, Mary Ann Koral, Geri & Dick Kriska, Benson Lee, Colleen Lipaj, John Majdiak, Joseph Meissner, Andrea Mitchell, Christine Perkins, Vincenzo Ruggiero, Capt. Jeffrey Sanders, Sr. Mary Schrader, Beverly & Sidney Smith, Billie Elaine Smith, Starbucks Coffee Company, Brian Stefan-Szittai, Sunrise Cooperative, Guy & JoAnne Tessmer, Chris Trepal, Kay Vine, Doris & Fred Watson, Margie Wheeler, Sue & Craig Woolf, Helen Zdrojewski and Jack Zeller.

If you are interested in becoming a supporting member of Earth Day Coalition, please call Earth Day Coalition at (216) 281-6468, join on-line at [www.earthdaycoalition.org](http://www.earthdaycoalition.org) or contact us by email at [dwatson@earthdaycoalition.org](mailto:dwatson@earthdaycoalition.org). Help make 2007 your year of environmental action for *Climate Change Solutions* in Greater Cleveland.



The Nature Preserve at Dike 14 on 'Scenic Sunday,' a beautiful way to enjoy and celebrate our lakefront.



## Welcome to Our New Interns and Goodbye to Liza

Earth Day Coalition recently said goodbye to Liza Aromas, our Special Events Coordinator. Liza is relocating along with her new husband, Justin. We wish Liza and Justin all the best as they begin their new adventures.

We said hello to the following talented interns who will be working in our office this fall and winter:

Julia Gerlach, a senior communication major at Cleveland State, is working on Earth Day Coalition's fall benefit. Following her graduation in December, she will be moving to Maryland to participate in AmeriCorps NCCC, a 1- month residential service program.

Rachel Azrak currently lives in Cleveland Heights but is originally from New York City. In May 2007 she received her BA in Music Performance from Case Western Reserve University and is now taking courses towards a teacher's license at Cleveland State University.

Brandy Kimball lives in Lakewood and attends Tri-C's Corporate College with a major in Accounting. She will transfer to Cleveland State University in the spring. Brandy is working with the Clean Fuels Program.

Gleb Mytko is a senior at Cleveland State University studying International Relations. Gleb is working on the environmental justice project, the Neighborhood Audit Profile.

Nicole Vaudrin recently returned from Peace Corps Philippines and is working with the Dike 14 Nature Preserve Program. Nicole is familiar with community entry tools, networking and information gathering, and trying to find knowledgeable, helpful people to assist in projects.

## Dike 14 Nature Preserve Updates

Thank you to the 34 volunteers who helped make 'Scenic Sunday' at the Dike 14 Nature Preserve on September 23 such a success. Thank you especially to Earth Day Coalition volunteers Suzanne Aldrich, Dave Brown, Rosanna Keough, Megan Murphy, Linda New, Fred Scalse, and Dolores Watson - your support is deeply appreciated. Fifty-one species of birds were identified, sixty monarchs were tagged, numerous bees, dragonflies, praying mantis', and spiders were spotted as well as a very shy juvenile white-tailed deer and a number of brown snakes resting under an abandoned piece of sheet metal.

Partnering with Walk-n-Roll and the Rock Red Ribbon Ride events brought new visitors to Dike 14. Ten tables lined the Dike 14 loop trail stocked with invaluable information and resources as well as personal interpretation from Collaborative volunteers. Scenic Sunday debuted the Dike 14 Environmental Education Collaborative's "Discovery Pack" project. The Discovery Pack is a unique backpack filled with activity kits providing a menu of favorite time-tested environmental education activities to help students and families connect with nature. The packs are readily accessible from Earth Day Coalition and other Collaborative members and are no-cost, classroom or family-friendly backpacks filled with nine activity kits that encourage exploration by taking kids of all ages on short learning adventures at home, school or on-site at the Dike 14 Nature Preserve. All kit activities were developed with Ohio's academic content standards guidelines, focusing on 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade standards. The activity kits promote on-site and off-site experiences related to Dike 14 that are engaging, interesting, and connected to our region and the Dike 14 site. Kit topics include plants, trees, insects, surface runoff, history and geography, weather, mammals, birds and butterflies. Contact the Earth Day Coalition office at 216-281-6468 x 227 to inquire about borrowing a backpack and becoming acquainted with Cleveland's nature preserve.

Check our web site at [www.earthdaycoalition.org](http://www.earthdaycoalition.org) or [cuyahogawcd.org](http://cuyahogawcd.org) for information on the upcoming public meetings to discuss the U.S. EPA environmental assessment results and future plans for Dike 14 on December 6th & 7th. Locations and details are coming.

# The 10th annual *Instrumental Evening for the Earth* Thursday, November 15...Details inside



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- Exceptional Chamber Music, Mozart Serenade in E flat  
*(rarely heard original sextet version)*
- Meet our Fabulous Hosts, Angie Lau and Bill O'Connell
- Enjoy the Gourmet Reception from Mustard Seed Market & Cafe
- Unique Silent Auction and more...



Dan McKelway, Lembi Veskimets and friends



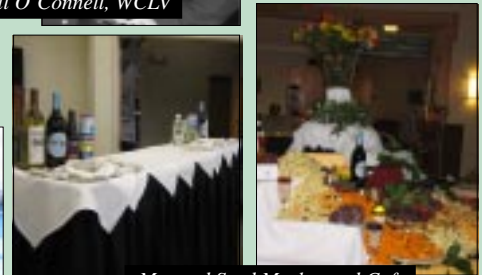
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Environmental and Unique Auction Items



Mustard Seed Market and Cafe

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