

WELCOME!

Happy summer!

Whether you are still on campus or your summer has taken you somewhere else, this newsletter is chock-full of noteworthy news, green tips, inspiration, and other opportunities we think you will enjoy! Summer is the perfect time to set some new sustainable goals! Whether that means starting a home garden, bicycling to work, or getting involved in a community work day or clean up, we hope you get to enjoy some time outdoors this summer. Below are a few opportunities to help get you started.

Sincerely,

SIU Sustainability

UPDATES

Bike to Work Week

This year 'Bike to Work Week' fell on May 16-20, the first week of summer intersession. To celebrate, SIU and the city of Carbondale planned some great events in support of a bike friendly campus and community! On Thursday, May 19th the Sustainability Office, in collaboration with the Craft Shop, Health and Wellness, and the Student Center, held a promotional and informational stand about the benefits of cycling. At the event, many students and faculty were able to get their bikes tuned up at the bike fix-it station, register their bicycles, and learn about the health benefits and sustainable initiatives that go hand-in-hand with cycling!





Riding your bike is a triple win for sustainability! It addresses the three pillars of sustainable development: the environment, society, and the economy.

According to national studies, 40% of errands are 2 miles or less. Of these, 68 percent are by car. Taking just a few of those trips each week by bike will improve health, cut down on fossil fuel use and pollution, save money, and improve the quality of life for everyone!

How is bicycling more sustainable?

- Riding your bike is a zero emissions form of transportation.
- It does not rely on fossil fuels, reducing your demand for it.
- Bicycling improves your health, leading to happier, healthier lives.
- A bike friendly campus or city promotes community appreciation.
- Riding your bike means less time stuck in traffic, allowing you to be more productive during that time.
- Cyclists save money on gas, car insurance, and other personal vehicle related expenses.



Sustainability Council Member Applications

The Sustainability Council is accepting applications for new members! Interested in making a long-term impact on the SIU campus? Apply to be a Sustainability Council member! Learn more [here](#). Applications are due by July 31st.

We are seeking Sustainability Fellows!

Are you passionate about positively impacting the world around you? Do you have ideas to help improve SIU? We are seeking students who are enthusiastic to work as a part of the Sustainability Office team! We strive to match your passion with a current need on campus as a part of this un-paid internship program. Students are expected to work a set schedule for 8-10 hours per week and perform duties in a professional manner. If you are interested in becoming a Sustainability Fellow, please contact us at sustainability@siu.edu. Include "Sustainability Fellow" in the subject line and tell us why you are interested in this role. More information can be found [here](#).

NEWS

[Spring comes sooner to urban heat islands, with potential consequences for wildlife](#)

[Non-toxic and cheap thin-film solar cells for 'zero-energy' buildings](#)

[Illinois Urges Caution While Recreating in Illinois Lakes or Rivers with Blue-Green Algae](#)

[6 More Global Fashion Leaders Join CanopyStyle to Help Ensure Forest-Free Rayon by 2017](#)

JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES

Ready to get involved? Below are a few local and regional jobs/opportunities to look into for more experience and education, and FUN!

Local Events and Opportunities:

Keep Carbondale Beautiful

KCB is gearing up for several activities this summer.

- Sunday, June 5: Third Annual [Garden Tour](#)
 - Tickets and maps can be picked up starting at 11 a.m. at Carbondale Main Street. Gardens will be open until 3 p.m.
- June 11, July 9 & 23, Aug 6: Saturday morning Community Cleanups
 - Volunteers will meet at 8 am at the Town Square Pavilion and get supplies and street assignments for picking up litter.
- Saturday, July 30: "[Alternatives to Lawns: How to Get the Most from Your Yard](#)"
 - This workshop will include presentations by area experts and informative displays, followed by tours of yards in the area that have been transformed to de-emphasize the lawn component. Starts at 1 p.m.

For more info from Keep Carbondale Beautiful check out the website keepcb.org

Summer Twilight Series 2016

Meets 6-8pm on the third Monday of each month throughout summer. At these meetings you can visit and tour local farms and hear from the farmers about their practices. The meetings are completely free!

The June 20th meeting will be at fellow Randolph County Master Gardener's, The Meyers in Steelville, IL. If you would like additional info you can contact Maggie Rose at 618-687-1727.

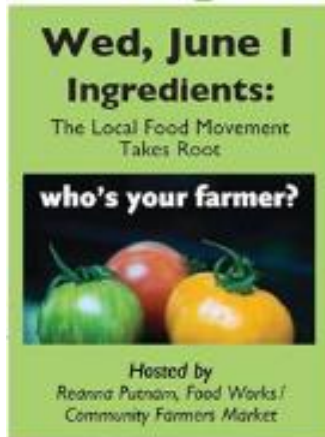
U PICK Lavender

Shawnee Hills Lavender is hosting a U-pick lavender event June 3-6 from 11am-6pm. Come out and enjoy the view and aroma at their new lavender farm. They have 800 blooming plants of 9 varieties. Bouquets are \$5.00 each.

[Illinois Native Plant Society Annual Gathering, June 3-5 at Touch of Nature Environmental Center](#)
[The SIU Student Sustainable Farm is offering a SCA this year \(Community Supported Agriculture\)](#)
[Volunteer with SIU Touch of Nature!](#)

[Join LOGIC for 'Fun in the Field', volunteer work days every Friday](#)

[Sustainable Living Film Series at Longbranch Cafe & Bakery on June 1st](#)



For more local events you can check out the Beautify Southern Illinois Calendar [here](#).

Regional Events and Opportunities:

[Citizens' Climate Education Conference and Lobby Day](#) - June 19-21, 2016 - Washington, D.C.

Attend the Grand Opening of GROW at the St. Louis Science Center! [Click here](#) for more info.

A "Save the Date" poster for the "GROW" exhibit grand opening at the Saint Louis Science Center. The poster has a green header with "SAINT LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER" in white. Below that, "SAVE THE DATE" is written in large red letters, with "Invitation with details to follow" in smaller text underneath. The main title "GROW" is in a large, stylized font where the letters are filled with images of plants and food. Below the title, it says "EXPLORE THE JOURNEY OF FOOD" in red. The event details are: "Exhibit Grand Opening SATURDAY, JUNE 18 9:00AM-5:30PM". A list of activities includes: "Parade on Oakland Avenue (9:00am-10:00am)", "Mini tractor rides for kids", "Fermentation food demos", "Hands-on activities", and "Live music". At the bottom, the website "SLSC.org/GROW" is listed, along with the Saint Louis Science Center logo.

[6th annual Summer Institute on Sustainability and Energy, “Nexus” program, University of Illinois at Chicago, August 4-16](#)

The Summer Institute on Sustainability and Energy (SISE) is a two-week intensive workshop and lecture series for students and professionals. This summer the program, entitled ‘Nexus’ will be from August 4-16. A diverse body of participants will engage a broad spectrum of energy and sustainability-related topics in response to challenges resulting from 1) a growing world population, 2) the need to cultivate more food, 3) a dwindling supply of available water resources, and 4) unforeseen disasters as result of climate change. It is important for energy and sustainability-minded professionals, and all future decision makers, to become fluent in the issues surrounding the nexus, and to work together to implement innovative solutions in the decades to come.

SISE is now accepting applications! Participants can expect lodging for the duration of the 2-week program. Many participants will receive support for travel costs as well. Applications will be accepted through July 1, 2016. To access the application, click [here](#).

Online Events

- [Designing Energy Reduction Programs for Small Campus Buildings](#) - June 15, 2016 (2:00 p.m. Eastern) – Online
- [Resilient Energy Design](#) - June 14, 2016 (2:00 p.m. Eastern) – Online
- [Getting Started with STARS 2.1](#) - June 1, 2016 (3:00 p.m. Eastern) - Online

Jobs/Internships:

[Director, Campus Planning and Sustainability, Trinity University](#)

[Recycling Coordinator, Western Carolina University](#)

[Water Conservation & Sustainability Specialist, Weber State University](#)

[Lecturer, Earth Sciences and Environmental Sustainability, Northern Arizona University](#)

[Sustainability Manager, University of Houston](#)

[Assistant Director of Sustainability, University of Albany](#)

[Sustainability Analyst, University of Pennsylvania](#)

[Dining Sustainability Manager, University of Kentucky](#)

Conferences:

[Two Weeks Left to Apply: 2016 AASHE Sustainability Awards](#)

Applications are still being accepted for an AASHE Sustainability Award. Consider submitting on behalf of successful sustainability projects, campus research and/or exemplary student leadership. Winners will be announced at the [2016 AASHE Conference & Expo](#) in Baltimore, Maryland, Oct. 9 - 12. Submissions accepted through **June 3** for the 2016 awards cycle.

[Energypath 2016 Conference, Penn State, PA July 25-29](#)

*The *Sustainable Energy Fund* is proud to **provide full scholarships to students and educators** on a first come, first serve basis to attend Energypath 2016!

[2016 Green Sports Alliance Summit, Houston, TX, June 28-30](#)

The summit will feature case studies and speakers from professional sports franchises and facilities in Houston that are working collaboratively as leaders to implement better sustainability practices to advance the green sports movement.

INSPIRATION

[UIC aims for more sustainable campus](#)
[Target Makes Big Push Into Natural, Organic Market](#)
[Northern Arizona U Eliminates Plastic Bags](#)
[Cornell U and Iceland Sign Agreement to Model Geothermal Energy](#)
[Wesleyan U Funds Sustainability Education and Social Justice Programs](#)

GREEN TIP

With summer here many of you may be getting ready for some fun outdoors! Luckily, EarthShare has some excellent green tips for summer! Click [here](#) for ways to 'green up' your camping trips!

*****Ink and Toner Cartridge Recycling:** This program is a recently developed and rapidly expanding method of diverting hazardous electronic waste from local landfills. Through this program you can recycle both your unused and used ink and toner cartridges, and possibly receive unused cartridges depending on our inventory. Click [here](#) to learn more about the process.

Want more news and tips?

Join us on social media: [Facebook \(SIU Sustainability\)](#), [Twitter \(@SIUsustain\)](#), and [Instagram \(SIUSustainability\)](#).



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