



Do a careful read! There may be a prize for lucky reader! (Thanks, Charlie!)

Small Scale Intensive Farm Training Program – (NCAT)

A great resource for teaching or managing small scale ag projects, and another great project offered through NCAT (National Center for Appropriate Technology). NCAT just keeps getting better and better – <http://sift.ncat.org>

MD FFA Middle School Agricultural Knowledge Bowl Event – (MAEF)

Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation will again sponsor MD FFA Middle School Agricultural Knowledge Bowl this year on Monday, June 26, 2012 at the Maritime Institute, Linthicum, MD during the FFA Convention. The time for this event is 1:45 in the Bridge Room. Awards for the event are provided by the FFA Alumni. First Place Team: \$75, Second Place Team: \$ 50 Third Place Team: \$25! Items for Quiz Bowl will be taken from 6th-8th Social Studies and Science AG related curriculum. Example: Eli Whitney invented the _____. Teams can also prepare by going the www.agday/education/fun_facts.php Fun Facts: About the Food We Eat and AG Day Facts: Flora, Fauna, & Food for Thought. Or visit www.maefonline.com/resources.php and play some games! Also you can use the book Seed, Soil and Sun. Complete rules for MD FFA Middle School Agricultural Knowledge Bowl Event can be found in the attachment. To register your team or have questions answered; contact Charles Gummer at charlesgummer@verizon.net or 410-960-2979.

Who Reads the BUZZ First? – (MAEF)

From Charlie Gummer (Ag Returns to the City): “Do you know of any school that could use an extra 4' T-5 Grow light? Free to the first email!” So the pressure is on. Email Charlie *fast* to get your free T-5!! charlesgummer@verizon.net

Aquaponics and Quest Workshops – (NOFA)

Herring Gut Learning Center offers two aquaponics teacher workshops, July 10-12 and July 17-19 in Port Clyde, Maine. Participants receive teacher training in aquaponics using Herring Gut's small-scale commercial aquaponics greenhouse and hatchery; a complete classroom kit including tank, filter, pumps, planting materials and an operating manual; standards-based curriculum materials, and more. In addition,

a new course, Classroom Quests, will be offered July 24-26, 2012. Both courses provide detailed instruction in how to successfully run a classroom project that integrates science and math with language arts and other subjects. The deadline for application is May 31, 2012. Sounds like a vacation in Maine this summer!

<http://www.herringgut.org/summerworkshopsdetail.html?id=1>

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy Job Opportunity

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) seeks an energetic people-person to provide program and administrative support for ESLC's exciting new environmental education program as Education Programs Manager. The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in environmental education, demonstrated abilities in administration/program support, excellent and versatile computer skills, and strong verbal and written communication skills. Further desired is a self-motivated individual with strong organization, effective time management skills, and attention to detail, who thrives in a team-based, collaborative environment. Job responsibilities will include assisting with education programs, database management, general program administration, coordinating and scheduling meetings, as well as handling phones and greeting office visitors. Based in historic Knock's Folly near Kennedyville, Maryland. Salary \$10 / hour for 40 hours / week with opportunities for advancement based on success of programs. This is a great opportunity to join an emerging outdoor education center with strong leadership, stable funding, and tremendous potential to make a difference on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy is a leading regional land trust responsible for preserving more than 50,000 acres. To apply, send resume, cover letter, and salary requirements to: Nina White, ESLC, PO Box 169, Queenstown, MD 21658, or nwhite@eslc.org. For more information about our work, please visit: www.eslc.org

Waldorf School of Baltimore Agriculture Events! - (WSB)

Friday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. A free screening of the 2010 film, "Queen of the Sun," Taking us on a journey through the catastrophic disappearance of bees and the mysterious world of the beehive, this ultimately uplifting film weaves a dramatic story of the struggles of beekeepers, scientists and philosophers from around the world including Michael Pollan, Gunther Hauk and Vandana Shiva.

Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21: Dynamic presentations by Gunther Hauk, renowned Biodynamic beekeeper and former Waldorf teacher.

- o Friday April 20 event: free lecture, 7:30 p.m.
- o Saturday April 21 events include a *Workshop with Gunther Hauk*, 9:00am - 12:30pm. Cost: \$48 adults/ \$38 students (pre-register or pay at the door) and a *Mini Bee Festival*, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Talk in person with Mr. Hauk and shop with bee-related vendors; free and open to the public!

Location: Waldorf School of Baltimore, Tamarind Building, 4801 Tamarind Rd, Baltimore, MD 21209.

Grants Available! - (*Youth As Resources*)

Youth As Resources, Baltimore's youth-led grant making organization has funds available! Youth (up to age 21) in Baltimore who want to put their community building ideas into action are invited to apply for funding. Grants up to \$3,500 are available for community organizing initiatives that are created and carried out by young people. Youth As Resources is offering grant seeker workshops on Tuesday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m. Applicants are required to attend one of the two workshops and must be represented by one or two youth and no more than one optional adult. Application deadline is on Friday, April 20 by 5:00 p.m. To sign up for a workshop and/or for more information, please call (410) 576-9551.

Stone Barns Agriculture Education – (*SBF*)

A beautiful video that should inspire anyone interested in agriculture education from K to adults! Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture. SB mission says it all: "To increase public awareness of healthy, seasonal and sustainable food, train farmers in resilient, restorative farming techniques and educate children about the sources of their food, and prepare them to steward the land that provides it."

<http://vimeo.com/15222791>

No-Till Organic Cropping Workshop - (*PASA*)

Capital Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area Council in Southcentral Pennsylvania, presents the basics technologies, tools and techniques for getting started with organic no-till at a workshop scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Center, Dauphin, PA. The cost for the program is \$10 per person, which includes workshop resources and lunch. Pre-registration is requested for the event. Interested producers may email registrations and request a workshop brochure at workshops@cpartnerships.com or by leaving a phone message at 717-248-4901 Ext. 303. Callers should leave their name, contact information and the number of people registering for the event.

Jeff Moyer, Rodale Institute's farm director and one of the original organic no-till researchers in the U. S., will discuss organic no-till field trials and research over the past decade, as well as new technologies and equipment available for organic no-till farming success. Moyer's cover crop research and development of a roller-crimper have contributed considerably to the widening interest in organic no-till methods. Bill Curran, Penn State weed scientist, and colleagues Mary Barbercheck, entomologist, and organic no-till researcher Matt Ryan, will present information on weed management, insect and pest control and current organic research in the Northeast U.S. The team also will guide participants in a special session on weed and insect biology and identification. Kirby Reichart, farmer-researcher and owner of Sunshine Farms, Grantville, will discuss his on-farm field trials combining various cover crops with organic farming techniques.

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Both experienced and novice organic farmers, and producers interested in learning more about organic cropping, are invited to attend the workshop. The Resources Center is located at 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin, PA and driving directions are available at <http://extension.psu.edu/dauphin/directions>

Counting-out Rhyme

Silver bark of beech, and sallow

Bark of yellow birch and yellow

Twig of willow.

Stripe of green in moosewood maple,

Color seen in leaf of apple,

Bark of popple.

Wood of popple pale as moonbeam,

Wood of oak for yoke and barn-beam,

Wood of hornbeam.

Silver bark of beech, and hollow

Stem of elder, tall and yellow

Twig of willow.

-Edna St. Vincent Millay

March

Rain-glaze on snow. Mud and ice and snow.

Coyotes feed themselves on gaunt dreams of spring. Then
what comes slowly suddenly he sees.

Light hovers longer in the southern sky.

Brooks uncover themselves. Alders redden.

Grosbeaks' beaks turn green. Chickadee finds the song

he lost last November, and blue jay abandons

argument and gluttony. He cranes his neck,

bobs his mitered head; he bounces on a naked branch

crying: Spring!

But, like all winter's keepers

he speaks his dream before

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he sees the fact.

Did you hear a phoebe?

And he out again and walking on the earth,
in the air, in the sun, ankle deep in mud.

- David Budbill