

This is the eighty-second edition of what is a "twice-monthly or so" News You Can Use newsletter for participants in one of the Initiative Foundation's Planning and Preservation programs. This newsletter is sent to everyone that has provided an e-mail at one of our Conservation-based training events. If you wish to be removed or if you have other names/e-mails to add please contact Don Hickman (dhickman@ifound.org) or Leah Posterick (lposterick@ifound.org). The goal of this publication is to share funding opportunities, new resources, and pending hearing or training events of common interest.

Please note that this newsletter is also now regularly posted on our website (www.ifound.org) on the Natural Resources page, under "news and notes."

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Minnesota Waters is currently seeking an Executive Director

Minnesota Waters seeks an experienced Executive Director with a proven track record in effective fundraising, strategic communications, understanding and influencing public policy, as well as guiding the development and management of programs which broaden and expand Minnesota Waters mission and statewide presence. Must have demonstrated experience in providing leadership and guidance to staff and board.

Thorough understanding of financial management and budgeting is required. The ideal candidate will embrace Minnesota Waters' Mission, vision and values focusing on locally led conservation. S/he will be a dynamic team and relationship builder capable of listening to, understanding and mobilizing our members, stakeholders and staff to have a strong influence on the preservation and protection of lakes, streams and watersheds in Minnesota. Experience as an entrepreneurial leader and the ability to learn quickly are a must. Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree and 3 – 5 years demonstrated experience as a leader.

Resume, references and a cover letter stating qualifications and salary expectations must be received no later than 4 PM, December 15 at Minnesota Waters, ED Search Committee, 720 W. St. Germain St., Suite 143; St. Cloud, MN 56301. E-mail applications are acceptable, send to Board Chair Richard Fowler at richard.fowler@comcast.net. No calls please. Interviews will be held January 4 and 7, 2008 at the office in St. Cloud. No phone interviews will be allowed. For information on Minnesota Waters please visit our webpage: www.minnesotawaters.org

Cross-Country Skiing

The Savanna Stewards will meet on **Saturday, December 8 at 12:00 pm** at the Northland Arboretum Visitor Center to celebrate the past year of stewardship activities with a day of skiing through the Paul Bunyan Savanna Preserve. The group will meet at the Visitors Center at the Northland Arboretum and will ski along trails in the Paul Bunyan Savanna maintained by the Brainerd Nordic Ski Club.

Volunteers should bring their own ski equipment, warm, layered clothing, and a valid Minnesota Ski Pass (season and single day passes are available wherever sporting licenses are sold). Hot

chocolate will be available afterwards at a bonfire. If there is no snow by the eighth, we will hike the trails in the savanna instead of skiing.

The Savanna Stewards, a volunteer stewardship group, meet monthly to help protect and restore the natural resources of the Paul Bunyan Savanna Preserve and the Northland Arboretum. In addition to providing critical stewardship activities, volunteers will...

- **learn** about these natural areas and the work to protect them
- **take part** in important stewardship activities
- **be outdoors** and actively enjoy the Preserve and Arboretum
- **meet others** who appreciate Minnesota's natural heritage

For more information about the Savanna Stewards program contact: Kent Montgomery, The Nature Conservancy, Central Minn. Office, 7163 Bear Road, Cushing, MN 56443, (218) 575-3032 or (218) 839-2309

*The **Minnesota Environmental Education Leadership Initiative** invites you to a facilitated discussion on...*

The Risk and Fear of Change

Wednesday, December 12th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Baxter/Brainerd

There is no cost for this discussion but registration is required.

As leaders in environmental education we find that change is often a desired outcome of our efforts. Change in behavior, change in attitude, change in knowledge, change in involvement. But what do we do when change doesn't happen or is slowed by the fear of risk and the vulnerability change evokes?

According to philosopher and business consultant, Peter Koestenbaum, there are four fundamental fears in being human: being abandoned, being assaulted, being a fool and being insane. These fears offer us insight about risk and change. How can you conquer the fears in your leadership efforts and help others to do the same?

In this discussion, we'll explore the four fears as they relate to our lives as leaders and our educational efforts. We'll talk about what we as individual leaders and educators can do about the fear and vulnerabilities that affect change. And we will discuss how we as a community can foster positive change in light of the risks that exist. We hope you'll join in.

Facilitator: Denise Stromme, Environmental Education, MN Pollution Control Agency

*This discussion is one of the educational opportunities being offered as part of the **Minnesota Environmental Education Leadership Initiative (MEELI)** a joint venture of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the University of Minnesota Extension.*

There is no cost for this discussion but registration is required. There are limited spaces available. To register, please send an e-mail to ee-events@pca.state.mn.us (preferred) or call 651-215-0266 and specify **which discussion location** you would like to attend. (If you do not receive a confirmation notice, please notify us.) The December 10 discussion location is at the MN Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul. The December 12 discussion location is at the MN Pollution Control Agency, 7678 College Rd, Suite 105, Baxter, MN.

BAELN's 2007-2008 Season

Living Lightly in Our Communities is pleased to offer...

Can Carbon Trading Benefit Minnesotans?

Thursday, December 13, 2007, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Held at the MN Pollution Control Agency, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter/Brainerd. **Free. All are invited.**

Speaker: Dean Current, Program Director, Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Agricultural Management (CINRAM), University of Minnesota

Carbon trading has potential to help protect and improve water quality, and introduce more sustainable land use options in our rural communities. Payments for carbon sequestration also help reward landowners for putting in more sustainable land use options. Carbon sequestration may prove to be a piece of the puzzle in solving our nation's energy and the global climate change crises.

So, what is carbon sequestration?

According to the US EPA, carbon sequestration is the process through which agricultural and forestry practices remove carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere. The term "sinks" is also used to describe agricultural and forestry lands that absorb CO₂, the most important global warming gas emitted by human activities. Trees and plants, for example, absorb carbon dioxide, release the oxygen and store the carbon.

Dean Current will present a variety of options for terrestrial carbon sequestration in Minnesota and how to use these options to promote more sustainable land use and rural development. A discussion on current issues and concerns, including frequently asked questions will be included.

You may direct your questions concerning this presentation to Eleanor Burkett at (218) 828-2326.

Shoreland Landscaping Workshop in Menahga

Description: During this two-day workshop, participants will create a plan to install a lake- or river-friendly shoreland buffer. This is a popular course for anyone wanting to understand the relationship between shoreland plants and water quality.

Date: December 14-15

To register contact: Kari Tomprei, Wadena Soil & Water Conservation District, Email: Kari.tomperi@mn.nacdn.net, Phone: 218-631-3195 + 3

Happy Dancing Turtle is proud to announce our second annual Back To Basics!

Back To Basics – Come Grow With Us

Saturday, January 12

8:00AM – 3:30PM

Pine River-Backus School Commons

\$25 by January 4/\$30 after January 4/\$15 for Kids' Activities

Sustainable living...what's it all about? Join together with friends, neighbors, & family to expand your knowledge about all aspects of living sustainably. Workshop sessions, keynote speaker, vendors, exhibitors, luncheon, door prizes, and more! Continuing education credits available. School-aged children's programming on sustainable living runs concurrently...bring the kids and make this 2nd annual Back To Basics a family event! Registration brochures available after December 1 at: Pine River-Backus Community Education office, Pine River-Backus Family Center, Pine River Chamber Office/Information Center, Pine River Public Library, or by calling Happy Dancing Turtle at 218.587.2303. Registration forms will also be available on our website: www.happydancingturtle.org. If you would like to be a workshop presenter, you can register up through November 26. Vendors/exhibitors may register up until the date of the event. Registration forms for vendors/exhibitors and presenters may also be downloaded from our website. Event sponsored by Happy Dancing Turtle, Pine River-Backus Community Education, & Central Lakes College.

HDT Happenings Calendars

In September, HDT distributed its new HDT Happenings Calendars to students in the Pine River-Backus Schools. The calendar was created by Quinn, with assistance from Stef Bristow and Barb, as a resource to the community. HDT classes are listed, along with other community events, and each month focuses on a topic related to sustainable living. The calendar is a school year calendar, and runs through August of 2008. Calendars are available at: Pine River Chamber of Commerce Info. Center, Pine River Public Library, Pine River-Backus Family Center, Pine River-Backus District Office, and by calling HDT at 218.587.2303.

Wild Edibles Cookbooks

HDT has available newly published copies of For Soul and Kitchen: Wild Food Cookbook by Alma Christensen, "Lady of the Woods". Individual copies are available for \$11.50, and bulk orders of 10 or more will be sold for \$10 per copy. If you are interested in purchasing this unique cookbook, you can contact HDT at 218.587.2303. Cookbooks can be picked up at the HUG campus, or we can mail them to you for additional shipping charges (current postal rate).

CF Bulb Offers

Energy Star is again promoting the Energy Star Change A Light program, with their \$2 per bulb

instant rebate offer. For each bulb that you purchase (up to a maximum of 12 bulbs), you will receive an instant \$2 cash-back rebate...all you have to do is fill out a coupon at the store...it's very simple! Participating stores in the area include: Ace Hardware in Longville, Emily Ace Hardware, Hackensack Lumber & Hardware, Crosslake Ace Hardware, Brainerd Ace Hardware, Ace Hardware of Deerwood, Abra True Value Hardware in Crosslake, Bear Trax Store in Hillman, Thurlow Hardware in Pequot Lakes, Crosby True Value, Deerwood True Value, Godfrey's True Value in Backus, Menard's in Baxter, Fleet Farm in Baxter, Royalton Lumber & Hardware, Gardiner Hardware in Pine River, Little Falls Ace Hardware, Little Falls Fleet Supply & True Value, and Little Falls Hardware Hank.

If you have any questions regarding anything that HDT is involved in, please don't hesitate to contact us at 218.587.2303, or email me at barbhines@happydancingturtle.org.

The Farmer Chef Direct Marketing Workshops

Are you a farmer looking to expand your market into restaurants, cafes, food services, institutions and distributors? Are you a buyer interested in making new connections to purchase local products from farmers, producers and distributors?

The networking process-loosely based on the principles of speed-dating-works like this: 1) fill a room with chefs and food buyers interested in buying local products and farmers interested in selling to them; 2) give them five minutes to connect one-on-one about what they produce and what they're interested in buying; 3) exchange business cards if they're interested in following up; and 4) rotate.

If you are a farmer interested in getting your product into a restaurant, grocery store or institution (school, hospital, etc.), or a food buyer for a restaurant or other institution; or someone working in food systems and would like more information on the "got local?" series of workshops, please call 612.871.1541 or e-mail Lindsay at or [click here](#)

Little Falls, January 28, 2008 10 a.m.-3 p.m. [Click here](#) to register