



Straub Quarterly

Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center

"In partnership with the community, we create awareness and understanding of our relationship to the environment."

Announcing the 2011 Annual Green Awards!

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Almost 40 nominations throughout Marion, Polk, and Benton counties were submitted in February for this year's Green Awards. This two-year-old event honors local businesses, organizations, and individuals who have made significant efforts in sustainability and environmental education.

Both winners and nominees will be acknowledged at an awards dinner at the Salem Conference Center on **Saturday April 9th** from 5 pm to 9 pm. Music, dinner, and an oral and silent auction will also be part of the event, with all proceeds supporting the non-profit Straub Environmental Learning Center. "We've seen interest increase in both sustainability issues and the Green Awards. The number of nominations has almost doubled since last year" said Jon Yoder, President of the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center.

Green Award categories include:

- Recycler Of The Year
- Sustainable Organization of the Year
- EarthWISE Certified Business of the Year
 - Green Building of the Year
 - Green Apple Award

*****See page 2 for nominees!*****

The selection committee will choose the nominee that they feel most deserves to receive the award within the category for which they were nominated. The jury is composed of representatives from the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center, Marion County Public Works-Environmental Services, Garten Services, Inc., and the public.

"The Green Awards really fits our message of reducing waste and striving for sustainability," said Jeff Bickford, Marion County Environmental Services Division Manager. "The fact that it helps the educational efforts by the Straub Center is a real bonus," Bickford said.

For ticket information, contact us at (503) 391-4145 or email alexandra@fselc.org.

And the 2011 Green Awards Nominees are...



Recycler of the Year: Individual

- Bob Ferris
- John Matthews
- Tristan Eby

Recycler of the Year: Business

- Friends of Salem Saturday Market
- Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley
- Marion County Jail
- Northwest Senior and Disability Services
- Recology Compost Oregon
- South Salem Cycleworks

Green Apple Award

- Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School
- John Borowski
- Jon Hazen
- Kelly Swartzentruber
- Living Culture TV
- Maureen Foelkl
- Salem Retired Educators

Sustainable Business of the Year: Small

- AJ's Automotive Repair, Inc.
- CB | Two Architects and Construction
- Chemeketa Community College Disability Services
- Compex Two
- Illahe Vineyard
- Neighborhood Harvest of Salem
- Oregon Tilth
- State of Oregon, Dept. of Administrative Services (DAS) Fleet Motor Pool
- Travel Oregon
- Wildwood | Mahonia

Sustainable Business of the Year: Large

- Block of The Salem Conference Center, The Grand Hotel in Salem and Bentley's Grill
- City of Salem
- Food Services of America
- Green Acres Landscape, Inc.
- Kettle Foods
- LifeSource Natural Foods
- Salem Electric

Green Building of the Year

- Jennifer Lloyd residence, Salem
- Painter's Hall, Salem
- Salmon Run Industrial Park, Salem
- Ted and Rita Powell residence, Dallas
- WaterPlace Building, Salem

EarthWISE Business of the Year

- AJ's Automotive Repair, Inc.
- Block of The Salem Conference Center, The Grand Hotel in Salem and Bentley's Grill
- CB | Two Architects and Construction
- Compex Two
- Green Acres Landscape, Inc.
- Kettle Foods
- LifeSource Natural Foods
- State of Oregon, DAS Fleet Motor Pool
- Travel Oregon

Come cheer on the nominees at our 2011 Annual Green Awards event at the Salem Conference Center, Saturday April 9 at 5pm. More details are on the front page of this newsletter!

Volunteers Wanted!



The Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center would not be who we are today without the help of volunteers.

We are almost entirely volunteer-based and we need your help!

THANK YOU!

Upcoming Events:

Restoration Days

Straub Environmental Learning Center
 Saturday April 23, 2011
 Saturday May 21, 2011
 Saturday June 25, 2011
 9am-12pm

Our native restoration area needs some attention, and we need your help! Rain or shine. All ages and skill levels welcome! No RSVP Required.

Family Nature Night

Swegle Elementary
 May 3, 2011
 We need 5-6 volunteers to help out at our annual Family Nature Night!

To sign up and inquire about other volunteer opportunities, please contact us at:
fselc@fselc.org or (503) 391-4145



New Vehicle Donation Program!

The FSELC has adopted a new vehicle donation program! Don't let those old cars go to waste; help our environment by donating so that they may be reused, repurposed, and recycled!

By donating your vehicle to our organization:

- This money helps us to continue our wide variety of programming.
- You receive auction sales price of your vehicle as a tax deduction or \$500, whichever is greater.
- Avoid the possibility of receiving a low trade-in value from a dealer, the anxiety and hassle of selling to a private-party, and this program allows you a way to provide money to the FSELC even if your vehicle has mechanical problems.

If you decide to donate your vehicle:

- It will be picked up FREE of charge.
- Many of the auction yards have bidders competing from all over the world so they are able to get high wholesale prices for even non-running cars. Older model cars are picked up by our nationwide salvage yards.
- Proceeds will go to the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center.
- You will receive a receipt entitling you to a tax deduction for the gross selling price or \$500, whichever is greater.

Our vehicle donation program is made possible through our partnership with Donate for Charity. When you are ready to donate your vehicle, you may call Donate For Charity toll-free at (866) 392-4483 or donate online at their website: www.donateforcharity.com. Please call Alexandra at the FSELC if you have specific questions about the organization (503) 391- 4145.

 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! 



Support the Growing Straub Center!

Since our beginning in 2002, the FSELC has continued to offer an amazing array of environmental education programs thanks to the work of countless volunteers and continued support from donors like you.

In July of 2010, we began contracting with a fantastic environmental educator well-known in the Salem community, Bobbie Snead. Bobbie is our new Education Consultant!



Bobbie works for the City of Salem in the Youth Environmental Education Program (YEEP). YEEP is an outreach program in which she gives classroom presentations and lessons on native animal species to students in grades K - 5. The program has up to 15,000 student contacts per year. A lifelong naturalist, Bobbie has been interested in environmental education since childhood. In her spare time she loves to go hiking.

We would like to thank our donors for their support in making our programs—and growing staff—possible. Help keep our programs available to the public at little to no cost with a tax-deductible donation to FSELC.

We look forward to seeing you at our programs!

Yes! I would like to support the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center!

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