

WV Sustainable Fair set for April 17-19 at Stonewall Jackson

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CHARLESTON — In this time of ever-increasing household bills, a struggling economy and concern over the future of our environment, “going green” not only makes sense, but can put money in your pocket as well, say sponsors of the April 17-19 Sustainable Fair, to be held at Stonewall Resort.

Denise Poole, co-director of West Virginia Sustainable Living, said, “The purpose of the Sustainable Fair is to highlight the benefits of living in a more environmentally conscious fashion, which can include leaving a smaller footprint on the earth and also saving money through conservation and growing your own foods, among other things.”

Poole said the Sustainable Fair will present a kaleidoscope of activities with a “green” theme – from culinary events, artisan exhibits, alternative energy education and enhancing environmental awareness

among children – and is dedicated to promoting sustainability in all aspects of daily life.

The Fair opens Friday evening, April 17, at 5:00 p.m. The “Earth-to-Table Taste Around” runs from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and features local chefs preparing their signature dishes utilizing ingredients from local farmers. Following dinner there will be live entertainment in the resort lounge and musically-inclined guests are encouraged to bring their own instruments for a jam session outside by the fire pit.

Saturday is packed with a variety of speakers, seminars, exhibitors and artisan displays and topped-off with a “Sustainable Feast” multi-course meal prepared by Chef Hawkins.

Guests can choose from three seminar tracks which include experts speaking on a variety of topics.

Speakers include: Ken Auvil – Green Building: Saving Energy in Your Home; Charles Tanzola – TDM Fuel Cell Demonstration; Dan Bowes – WV Solar Demonstration; Mike McKechnie – Green Building: WV’s Future Now; Hall Hitzig – Slow Food in West Virginia; Don Garvin – Sustainability & Our Government (panel discussion); Chad Cross – Green Earth Solutions - Non-petroleum oil (demonstration) and, a Master Gardener leading children’s environmental awareness activities.

The event keynote speaker is Jeff Barrie, director/producer of the award winning documentary film “Kilowatt Ours: The Energy Conservation Solution”. Barrie will show the film and discuss the importance of conservation.

Throughout the day, curator Jane Birdsong will present “Sustenance for the Soul”, an exhibit of environmental artwork by local artists. The exhibit will be located in the lodge lobby.

Additionally, guests can visit 40 different exhibit booths featuring information on environmental organizations, sustainable businesses, artisans, renewable energy, green building and a host of other topics.

Saturday evening festivities kick-off with a 5:00 p.m. wine and cheese reception and will be followed by “A Sustainable Feast” benefit dinner beginning at 6:30 pm. Chef Dale Hawkins will prepare a gourmet meal featuring local ingredients. This epicurious menu includes: Salmon with Poached Leeks and Spring Peas, Roast Leg of Lamb Stuffed with Spinach, Rosemary, Garlic, and Feta, Spinach and Mushroom Lasagna, Artichoke Leek and Potato Gratin, Chicken and Wild Leek Fricassee, Farm Style Wild Leek Soup, Wild Leek and Caramelized

Onion Scones, along with creative salads and Rhubarb Ginger Crumble and Hollis Chocolates for desert.

Guests may attend all event functions or participate a la carte. The cost for the Friday evening Taste Around is \$25 and includes dinner and entertainment. The cost for the Saturday evening meal is \$40. A donation of \$5 is requested to attend event activities on Saturday.

Reservations for the dinner events are requested and can be made by contacting Denise Poole at deniseap@earthlink.net or by calling (304) 617-7073.

Guests interested in lodging at Stonewall Resort can take advantage of a special \$99 per night room rate. Room reservations can be made by calling Stonewall Resort at 888-278-8150.

The Sustainable Fair is sponsored by Sustainable Living for West Virginia, Davis & Elkins College and Stonewall Resort State Park. More information is available online at www.sustainablelivingforwv.com.

**West Virginia Sustainable Fair 2009 ~ "Green
Makes \$en\$e" Stonewall Resort, Roanoke WV ~
April 17th - 18th**

Directions: From I 79, take exit 91. Follow signs to Stonewall Resort and WV Sustainable Fair, approximately 2 miles.

Friday Schedule of Events:

Sustainable Art Exhibit, "Sustenance for the Soul" opens at 9 AM, located in the lobby.

**"Taste of West Virginia - Earth to Table:
Farmers and Their Chefs" Kicks off our
weekend - 6 ~ 8 PM!**

Local farmers provide seasonal food, prepared by area chefs serving their signature dishes. A delight for the senses! **Cost: \$25 includes dinner, live music.** Recommend tickets purchased in advance (see details below). Purchase at the door as available.

Join us after dinner as we gather around the fire pit on the patio - located just outside Musky's Bar & Grill. Bring your own instruments! Live music scheduled both Friday & Saturday night at Musky's.

Saturday Schedule of Events: 9:00 AM ~ 8:30 PM

Admission: \$5 per person suggested donation at the door. Welcome / Information / Registration area is centrally located. Fair staff and volunteers on hand throughout the day to help.

Booth Exhibits: 40 juried booths will be open all day featuring: Environmental organizations, Sustainable Businesses, Artisans, Health, Renewable Energy, Transportation, Organic Food, Farming & Agriculture, Arts & Culture, Green Building / Shelter, Education, Public Policy, Recycling and more.

Art Exhibit "Sustenance for the Soul": In the lobby of Stonewall Resort.

9 AM: Panel Discussion, "Sustainability and Our Government" Panelists: To Be Announced

Concurrent Seminars: Please choose one.
Approximate time - 45 minutes

10:00 AM: 1) Green Building, "Saving Energy in Your Home", with Ken Auvil 2) TDM Fuel Cell Demonstration, with Charles Tanzola

11:00 AM: WV Solar Demonstration, with Dan Bowes, WV Solar (located outside patio) Green Building, "West Virginia's Future Now", with Mike McKechnie of Mountain View Builders Slow Food West Virginia, with Hall Hitzig, The Crazy Baker

1:00 PM: Collaborative for the 21st Century with Dale Hawkins, executive chef of Stonewall Resort
2) Children's Environmental Awareness Activity: "A Child Takes a Gardener". Children bring their favorite adult to work together! Master Gardener on hand to lead this activity.

2:30 p.m.: Keynote Address, "Kilowatt Ours: The Energy Conservation Solution", with Jeff Barrie. Showing of Barrie's film "Kilowatt Ours", with a question & answer period to follow.

Art Exhibit Wine & Cheese Reception will be held from 5 ~ 7 PM

6:30-8:30 PM: "Living in Concert, A Sustainable Feast" benefit dinner featuring Chef Dale Hawkins of Stonewall Resort. **Location: Ball Room.** Gourmet menu features seasonal delights. **Cost: \$40.**

A live auction, with auctioneer Bob Stewart will be featured to support the "Sustainable Living for WV" org. and the Sustainable Fair at 7:30 p.m. during dinner.

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Stay tuned for more details and complete agenda as we draw closer to the event.

Hosts and Co-Sponsors: Sustainable Living for West Virginia organization, Davis & Elkins College, Stonewall Jackson State Resort Park.

To become a supporter, contact [Eve Von Deck](#), Fundraising Chair or [Denise Poole](#), Co-Director or [Russ McClain](#), Co-Director.

Additional information, booth requests, contact: [Denise Poole](#), Co-Director or call: (304) 617-7073

Volunteer opportunities, contact: [Russ McClain](#), Co-Director.

Details on entering your artwork, contact [Jane Birdsong](#), curator.

For dinner reservations for "Taste of West Virginia" (\$25) and/or "A Sustainable Feast" (\$40),

contact: [Denise Poole](#), call (304) 617-7073, or simply mail to P.O. Box 2206, Huntington WV 25722 prior to April 10, 2009.

Sustainable Living for WV website, www.sustainablelivingforwv.com will be launched soon. All updates for the fair, and links to other sustainable efforts, news and more can be found there.

Sustainable Living for WV - P.O. Box 2206, Huntington WV 25722 A non-profit organization registered with the WV Secretary of State office