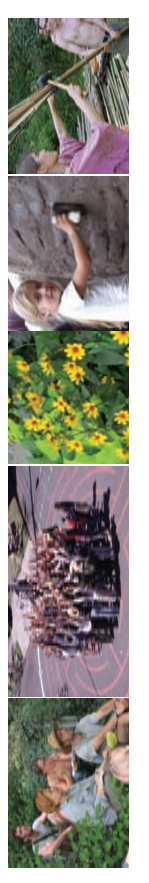


ASHEVILLE BUILDING CONVERGENCE

FIRST ANNUAL

Celebrating Sustainability
June 19-21, 2008



THREE DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 19

ASHEVILLE BUILDING CONVERGENCE OPENING CELEBRATION & BENEFIT!

No pre-registration required, but RSVP is appreciated at www.asheville.org/RSVP All are welcome.

WHAT: Not-to-be missed presentation by City Repair's Mark Lakeman, Spiral Dance with Starhawk, Sage Sansone & other local musicians, hundreds of local sustainability pioneers plus delicious finger food!

WHEN: 6 - 11pm **WHERE:** Jubilee, 46 Wall St, 28801 **DONATION:** \$10-\$25 sliding scale

JUNE 20

ASHEVILLE TOWN MEETING: FROM VISION TO ACTION!

No pre-registration required, but RSVP is appreciated at www.asheville.org/RSVP All are welcome.

WITH: Julia Butterfly Hill, Starhawk, City Repair's Mark Lakeman, hundreds local sustainability practitioners & citizens

WHAT: Inspiring presentations & round table "Community Conversations" about moving a sustainable Asheville from vision to action.

WHEN: 9am - 4pm **WHERE:** Jubilee, 46 Wall St, 28801 **DONATION:** \$5-\$10 suggested sliding scale

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION & COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Arrive early. Space is limited. Attendance will be capped.

WHEN: 6:30 - 8:30 pm **FREE!**

WHERE: The Botanical Gardens at Asheville, 28801

BRING: A potluck dish, plate, utensils, something to sit on.

ASHEVILLE BENEFIT AT BOBO GALLERY

WHAT: Johnson's Crossroad, David Earl and the Plowshares, Molly Rose Reed of Barrel House Mamas, and more!

WHEN: 9pm - 2am **DOOR:** \$5 **WHERE:** Bobo Gallery, 22 Lexington Ave, 28801

FOR MORE INFORMATION!
www.asheville.org
 email us: ABC@asheville.org



WHERE: Carrier Park by the river on Amboy Rd, 28806 **WHEN:** 6 - 7pm **FREE!**

after with friends, family for a picnic...there are tables & grills. **WHAT:** Celebrate the ABC and our community accomplishments, giving thanks and indulging in donated desserts! Stay

ASHEVILLE CLOSING CEREMONY

WHEN: 11:30am - 1pm & 2:30 - 4pm **ADVANCE TICKETS:** \$20, www.lazoomtours.com

WHERE: Meet in front of the French Broad Food Coop, 28801 Asheville's outrageous rolling theatre company... LaZoom!

WHAT: Take a fun-filled tour of Asheville sites in action with limited space... Buy your ticket in advance!

ASHEVILLE ROLLING THEATRE FUN-DRAISER WITH LAZOOM

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SPEAKERS BIOS

JULIA BUTTERFLY HILL lived in a 1,000 year-old redwood tree for two years with-out touching the ground, as part of a successful call worldwide attention to the destruction of California's ancient red-woods. She has addressed the U.N., Congress, and ongoing environmental and social justice issues around the world. Julia is the author of *The Legacy of Luna: The Story of a Tree, a Woman and the Struggle to Save the Redwoods and One Makes the Difference: Inspiring Actions That Change Our World*. Visit www.circleoflife.org.

STARHAWK is one of the most respected voices in modern Earth-based spirituality, and a global justice activist and organizer, whose work and writings have inspired many to action. She is the author of ten books, including *The Fifth Sacred Thing*, *The Spiral Dance*, and the award-winning *Webs of Power*. Her latest is *Earth Path: Grounding Your Spirit in the Rhythms of Nature*. Starhawk is also a Permaculture teacher and co-founder of a film company, Belli! Productions, www.belli.org. Visit www.starhawk.org.

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ABOUT ABC

Get involved in the first annual Asheville Building Convergence (ABC), June 19-21, 2008. ABC is a citywide collaboration and celebration of sustainability for the city, the land, and the people of Asheville. ABC features:

Asheville in Action with 14 hands-on sustainability projects throughout the city; **Asheville Town Meeting** with presentations by nationally renowned & local pioneers and action-oriented strategic planning; Opening, Closing & Solstice Celebrations, community potlucks, local music, a benefit party & more!

ABC includes:

- 30+ local organizations & project hosts
- 14 participatory sustainability projects
- 100s of local citizen participants
- Internationally renowned guests: Julia Butterfly, Starhawk, and City Repair's Mark Lakeman and Lydia Dolman

Local citizens, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, projects & practitioners will come together to create inspiring, on-the-ground examples of what's beautiful, practical, and life-affirming about sustainability... Join in!!!





ASHEVILLAGE IN ACTION: 14 HANDS-ON SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS

FREE! PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED. FOR FULL SITE MAP GO TO: www.ashevillage.org/projects.html

SATURDAY JUNE 21

Ashevillage In Action highlights a spectrum of local sustainability projects that are already on-the-ground in Asheville. Each project has an important role in a sustainable community. Come find your own place within Asheville, and help create our vibrant and long-lasting community.

Project basics: Everyone is welcome!!!

Pre-registration is not required but RSVP is appreciated at www.ashevillage.org/RSVP

- All ages, skill-levels, families & friends.
- Join any project for any or all of the time. Some projects will be roaming, so if you're late call the listed contact #.
- Kids are welcome -and- need to be with a guardian.
- All projects are rain or shine: bring rain gear if needed.
- All projects are from 10am – 5pm, unless otherwise noted.
- Lunch will be from 1 – 2pm. Bring a bagged lunch.
- Bicycling & carpooling are encouraged.

For more info: ABC@ashevillage.org, 828.225.8820

BRING: Appropriate clothing and footwear, sun hat, water, bagged lunch, friends, camera and a fun attitude!

NOTE: Asheville in Action is a free community-wide event! If you are able to make a contribution toward ABC, it is greatly appreciated and will help cover expenses. Your donation can be in cash or checks made out to: "Ashevillage Building Convergence." Thank you!

Water

Scarcity Into Abundance: Harvesting rainwater

We'll mix sand, clay, and straw to construct a water catchment system, which will hold two rain barrels and a sink with counter top.

WHERE: Isaac Dickson Elementary School, 125 Hill Street, 28801

DIRECTIONS: From I-240 West, take exit 4C for Montford Ave. Turn right onto Montford Ave. and then take an immediate left onto Hill St. Go approximately 1/4 mile. The school and garden are on your right.

FOR MORE INFO: Dickson Community Garden, Patti Evans, patti.evans@asheville.k12.nc.us, <http://www.asheville.k12.nc.us/sites/dic/default.aspx>

Our Beloved River: French Broad River Clean-up

Let's clean up our beautiful French Broad River, one of our town's greatest assets, and one of the three oldest river on the planet!

WHERE: French Broad River Park, near Amboy Rd, meet at the bathrooms

DIRECTIONS: From downtown, take I-240 west to the Amboy Rd exit, and follow Amboy until just before it crosses the French Broad River. Make a left before the bridge and a quick right into the parking lot. If you hit Lyman Rd, you've gone too far.

FOR MORE INFO: RiverLink, Rachel Doebber, volunteer@riverlink.org, 828.252.8474 x118, www.riverlink.org

NOTE: This project is in the morning only; 10am – 1pm. Call 908-432-4007 if you join late. No open toed shoes.

Food

Growing Abundance: Tending Asheville's urban gardens

A festival of interactive urban gardening skills, from bees to backyard compost...Digging in the dirt is what we're all about.

WHERE: Pearson Garden, 408 Pearson Drive, 28801

DIRECTIONS: From downtown, head north on Montford Avenue, then turn left on Waneta St. Continue straight on Pearson Drive. Keep following Pearson Drive and the garden will be on your left.

FOR MORE INFO: Bountiful Cities Project, 828.257.4000, www.bountifulcities.org

Shelter

Natural Building: Construction with earth, sand & straw

Help construct a cob (earthen) shed in our school's garden by building walls with a mix of sand, clay, and straw.

WHERE: Vance Elementary School of Human Diversity and Ecology, 98 Sulphur Springs Rd, 28806

DIRECTIONS: From Patton Avenue in West Asheville, turn left (east) onto Haywood Rd, turn right on Clinton, turn left on Sulphur Springs Rd – You will be looking right at the back of the school and driving towards the front. The garden is in the front. Plenty of Parking is available in the front lot.

FOR MORE INFO: Vance Peace Garden, Bridget O'Hara, 828.275.7802, bohara@unca.edu, www.vancepeacegarden.ning.com

Muddin' It Up: Exterior earthen plaster & more

Come get down n' dirty with us...Help make and apply earthen plaster using local clay, sand and straw to finish the exterior walls at the Asheville Institute + other natural building projects.

WHERE: Asheville Institute, 82 Buchanan Ave, 28801

DIRECTIONS: Take Biltmore Ave south of downtown. Make left at corner of Citgo onto McCormick and an immediate right onto Buchanan Ave. Come around curve, staying to the right side. AVI will be the first drive on your left at the top of hill, between #72 and #80. **PARKING:** Do not park on the street. When you get to the top of the hill make a LEFT and park in the lot by McCormick Field. Then walk back over.

FOR MORE INFO: Asheville Institute, Kim Tolomei, 828.225.8820, AVI@ashevillage.org, www.ashevillage.org

Green Roof: Install a living roof

Green roofs are a way to improve air quality, reduce rainwater run-off, restore bird habitat, grow food...Come install a living roof over our earthen oven, using donated plants.

WHERE: Isaac Dickson Elementary School, 125 Hill St, 28801

FOR MORE INFO: Dickson Community Garden, Patti Evans, patti.evans@asheville.k12.nc.us, <http://www.asheville.k12.nc.us/sites/dic/default.aspx>

Living Willow Structures: Trellis construction

Come help construct a garden trellis using living willow, and while you're here, we could use some help in the garden.

WHERE: YWCA of Asheville, 185 S. French Broad Ave, 28801

DIRECTIONS: From downtown, get on Patton Ave. going west. Turn Left on South French Broad. Continue past Hilliard Rd. YWCA will be on the right.

FOR MORE INFO: YWCA of Asheville, Summer Zachary, 602.373.8185, petitetigra6@yahoo.com, www.ywcaofasheville.org

Energy

Stick-it to Conservation: Energy education

Volunteers will help spread the good word of energy conservation by poster, sticker, and spreading conservation education materials through city buildings.

WHERE: Meet at the Public Works Building, 161 S. Charlotte St, 28801

DIRECTIONS: Take College East to Charlotte St. Turn Right at the light. Follow S. Charlotte until S. Beaumont St, Turn Right. Turn right into the gated parking lot after the Public Works Building. Back door entrance will be locked, but Project Site Coordinator will meet volunteers at back door with key.

FOR MORE INFO: City of Asheville, Maggie Ullman, 828.271.6141 office, 828.713.9488 cell, Mullman@ashevillenc.gov, www.Ashevillenc.gov/green

NOTE: Be sure to be prompt. This group will be on the move. Call 828.713.9488 if you join late.

Shrink that Energy Bill: Weatherizing the neighborhood

Come work alongside high school students who have been trained in energy conservation, as they increase the energy efficiency and lower the power bills of homes and churches in the Burton Street neighborhood.

WHERE: Meet at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 26 Mardell Cir, 28806

DIRECTIONS: From downtown, take I-240 W to the West Asheville exit (exit 2) and turn right. Briefly head west on Haywood Road then turn right on Burton St., right after the Shell station. The community center will be on your left, near the intersection with Buffalo Street.

FOR MORE INFO: Clean Air Community Trust, Dan Leroy, www.dan@airtrust.org, www.airtrust.org

NOTE: Please, no kids under 14. Bring gloves if you have them.

Ecology & Land

Protecting Our Natives: Invasive plant removal

Help protect our native plants by removing invasive exotics that are encroaching on their habitat.

WHERE: French Broad River Park, by the river, Amboy Rd, 28806

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FOR MORE INFO: Western North Carolina Alliance, Ryan Griffith, 828.258.8737, ryan@wnca.org, www.wnca.org

NOTE: This project is in the afternoon only; 2 – 5 pm. Call 717-215-7541 if you join late. No open toed shoes.

Neighborhood Beautification: Tree planting & garden installation

Help make Asheville even more beautiful by planting trees, shrubs and flowers in the neighborhood around the Reid Community Center.

WHERE: W.C. Reid Community Center, 133 Livingston Street, 28801

DIRECTIONS: From Patton Ave. downtown, turn left on French Broad Ave and go to the bottom of the hill (end of the street) – there is a Fire Station on the corner of French Broad and Livingston. Turn left on Livingston and go one block east to Reid Community Center.

FOR MORE INFO: Quality Forward, Susan Roderick, susan@qualityforward.org, 828.254.1776, www.qualityforward.org

NOTE: Afternoon only; 2 – 5 pm. Bring garden tools if you're able.

Art & Culture

Art, Beauty & Community: Asheville Mural Project

A fantastic opportunity to be part of Asheville history...

come help us create a mosaic as part of the long awaited Lexington Gateway Mural.

WHERE: Under the I-240 overpass on Lexington Avenue, just past Rosetta's Kitchen.

DIRECTIONS: From Patton Avenue in downtown Asheville, head north on Lexington Avenue to the I-240 overpass, just past Rosetta's.

FOR MORE INFO: Arts2People, Molly Must, molly@arts2people.org, www.arts2people.org

Health & Well-Being

Our Green Friends: Urban plant walks

In our vacant lots, city streets, parks, and gardens grow hundreds of medicinal and edible plants... Come explore and learn in nature's pharmacy at Asheville's own 'Edible Park.'

WHERE: The Edible Park, Next to Stephens Lee Recreation Center, 30 George Washington Carver St, 28801

FOR MORE INFO: Healing Savvy, Sandi Ford, healingsavvy@hotmail.com, 828.299.1479

NOTE: Morning walk: 10am. Afternoon walk: 2pm. Bring a notebook.

Plus... Special Site Tours!

LaZoom: Asheville Rolling Theatre Tour & ABC Fun-draiser

Limited space; buy your ticket in advance!

Take a fun-filled 90 minute narrated tour, visiting all the Asheville projects in action! Ride on the big purple biodiesel bus with entertaining and costumed tour guides...It's an ABC Fun-draiser!

WHERE: Tours start & end at the French Broad Food Coop, 28801

WHEN: 11:30am–1pm and 2:30–4pm

TICKETS: \$20, All proceeds go to support the Asheville Building Convergence

FOR MORE INFO & TICKET PURCHASES: LaZoom Tour, Jen Lauzon, jen@lazoombus.com, 828.225.6932, www.lazoombus.com, http://www.lazoombus.com/special_events/index/15

NOTE: This is a fun-draiser and the only 'project' that requires payment.

