

Fall 2005

TURTLE TIMES

Choosing the slow lane, living close to the earth, heading for sustainability at the end of the race.



WHAT'S AHEAD

- **Sept 16**, Turtle Talk (3rd Friday) 7-9pm at downtown YMCA. Affluenza video & discussion. Bring a recycled or reused item. Door prize for most creative entry.
- **Sept 16, 17, & 18** Hyde Park Street Fair, Come visit IEI booth (See details)
- **Oct 1**, IEI Annual Yard Sale, 12th & Eastman. 9am to 3pm. (See details)
- **Oct 8**, "Unplug Your Yard" garden seminar (includes lunch) & on-site tour followed by plant sale. MK Nature Center, 9am to 1pm. Plant sale 2 to 4pm.
- **Oct 21**, Turtle Talk (3rd Friday) 7-9pm at downtown YMCA. Take Back Your Time (See details)
- **Oct 24**, "Take Back Your Time" Day
- **Oct: All month**, Employer Fundraising Drives for Choices in Giving, United Way (See details)
- **Nov 18**, Turtle Talk, 7-9 pm
- **Nov: TBA date**, Mentor training
- **Dec 1**, "Unplug the Christmas Machine", Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 7-9pm
- **Dec 16**, Turtle Talk, 7-9 pm
- **Dec 21**, Winter Solstice Celebration & Candlelight River Walk, 6:30 - 9:30pm
- **Feb 4&5**, Sustainable Agriculture/ Local Foods Conference & Rural Roots Annual Meeting. Tentative title: Local Flavors
- **Mar 3&4**, Idaho Environmental Education Association Summit in Boise. Theme: "Esto Perpetua" Learn how to sustain Idaho.

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Our Tenth Year

Spring 2005 marked the beginning of the tenth year of Earth Institute activity in Idaho.

In spring 1996, Clareene Wharry contacted Dick Roy of NWEI and by fall the first discussion group formed to read Voluntary Simplicity. The group called itself "Simple People," took several courses together, and became the nucleus for the Idaho Chapter of NWEI.

In 1997, the original steering committee formed out of this nucleus group. Seven years later, the Idaho Chapter re-organized to become the Idaho Earth Institute, one of more than twenty such Sister Earth Institutes throughout the country.

To date, there have been approximately 200 NWEI classes in Idaho. A salute of appreciation to the many people who have served in various volunteer roles over the years and onward to a successful tenth year! ■

Announcements

- Welcome aboard to new IEI treasurer, Anne Barker.
- Thanks to Jane Huebner for a year of treasurer duty. She now "relaxes" as an at-large board member.
- Adieu and thanks to Mike McClenahan for over a year as board member. He moves on to coordinate new course starts at the YMCA.
- Immense gratitude to Kathy Woodbury for countless hours of revamping, updating and maintaining our membership & volunteer database. She passes the torch to ____? (yes, a volunteer opportunity waiting just for you!)
- This issue of Turtle Times available at : Boise Public Library, Kulture Klatsch, Boise Co-op, Flipside Café, Flying M, office of Gail Eberharter, M.D., and downtown YMCA.

Want Ads

- Do you have a personal or career passion or interest that could be the topic for a future Turtle Talk? We're looking for volunteer presenters for fall and winter. Call us at 378-7033.
 - Would you like to help coordinate Turtle Talks or come up with ideas for future programs? Contact the Program Committee! 378-7033
 - Interested in updating Deep Ecology course?
- NWEI is looking for people to serve on national update committee. Duties: Submit and evaluate reading selections; help determine the new content of the course. Desired Experience: Preferably have taken more than one NWEI course, including Deep Ecology; must like to read; helps to have a good sense of what people will respond to and to have an interest in concept rather than action-oriented content.

What's Ahead Details

IEI Yard Sale: A "don't, miss it" shopping experience. Refreshments, entertainment, and "stuff" from 9am to 3pm. Half-price items start at 1pm.

To donate items: take to Dan Walters at 1006 E. Strawberry Lane, phone 424-0409.

To arrange pick-up: Call 378-7033.

To volunteer for pricing, pick up duty, staffing the sale or providing refreshments: Call 378-7033.

Hyde Park Street Fair: IEI will have a booth during ALL of the hours of the Street Fair--5-10 pm on Friday 9/16, 10 am-10 pm on Saturday 9/17, 10 am-6 pm on Sunday 9/18. To staff it or otherwise help plan, set-up, clean up, etc., contact Sue Zollinger at zretreat@juno.com or 585-3804.

Take Back Your Time Day: The cost of overwork takes a toll on body, mind, and all aspects of one's life and relationships. Compare shorter and shorter US vacation times to the average European's healthy 4 to 6 weeks. Join the campaign to Take Back Your Time. www.timeday.org

Fundraising Drives:

October is the month when employers raise funds for United Way and Choices in Giving. You can designate a payroll deduction amount to a 501(c)3 organization of your choice. *Choose IEI.* ■

Places to Visit

The Second Chance Building Materials Center at 15th and Grove in Boise

Have you ever pined for those cool Portland and Seattle salvage yards featured in various magazines? Thankfully, Boise now has a "gently used building materials" store. From light fixtures to bathtubs and even framed doors, *Second Chance* offers a plethora of construction items for remodeling, building new, or simply replacing a single item in your home. It's open seven days a week from 10 am to 6 pm. They gladly take donations too. Tell everyone you know, especially folks in the construction industry. It's a wonderful alternative to landfills.

Second Chance is a 501(c)3 project of *Supportive Housing and Innovative Partnerships (SHIP)*. While there, check out a sample of Paperstone countertops, a less toxic recycled option made of paper and cashew nut shell liquid.

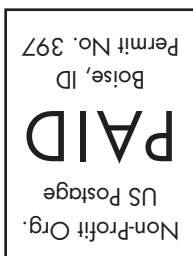
Duane Elgin's Website

www.simpleliving.net/awakeningearth

You may remember Duane from his book *Voluntary Simplicity* or from his article in the V.S. course. He is also an activist, speaker and "farm boy from Idaho." Maybe you heard him speak last April at BSU about "The World at the Tipping Point." Veronica Daley Zaleha describes his talk as a conversation in which Elgin invited the audience to participate. It began with his intriguing impressions of the development of the human family. Go to the website to explore questions Elgin raised and the themes of his message. ■

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