

## **Imago's Labyrinth Dedication and Blessing**

The Imago community has been working on building a Labyrinth for the past few months. As we neared completion the board and staff of Imago chose to dedicate the Labyrinth to the memory of Joyce Quinlan. Joyce was a founding member and staff of the organization. She was the person who originally promoted this spiritual practice to us and to many others. Joyce died this past March. The dedication took place on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> prior to the Mulberry Fest..

## **Mulberry Fest**

Spring brings many edible delights! Imago celebrated the arrival of spring, the wonderful edible Mulberry as well as the need to deal with its more invasive and annoying plants.

On June 8<sup>th</sup> Imago held its first Mulberry Fest. Along with having Homemade treats of Mulberries and other spring berries it looked at ways of dealing with invasive plants:

- Culinary – a competition by local cooks to create tasty foods using Spring invasive plants such as Garlic Mustard and Honeysuckle. Dennis Coskie, Emma Cotter and Deborah Jordan were just three of the people who offered a tasty sample of foods using invasive species.
- Devin Schenk presented a workshop called “the attack of the invaders”; how to deal with invasive plants.
- Children and adults engaged in developing clever crafts using honeysuckle art.

## **June Eco-village Monthly Tour**

The June eco-village tour will be on Saturday, June 22, 2013 from 9:00 to 11:00 am, the Fourth Saturday of the Month. The tour is \$10 a person, free for Eco-village members (regular or associate) and people they specifically refer. If you or someone you know would like to get to know more about the Enright or McPherson Eco-villages, it's a nice way to spend a morning. Reservations Required: 513-921-1932 or e-mail [jschenk@imagoearth.org](mailto:jschenk@imagoearth.org). Check the eco-village website for more information.

([www.enrightecovillage.org](http://www.enrightecovillage.org))

## **New Residents in the Eco-village – Jessie and Evie Dyer recently moved to 732 Enright**

### **Where did you hear about the Eco-village?**

Jessie: In 2005 or a2006 I was looking for an alternative community and came across Enright Ridge Urban Eco-village.

### **What brought here to live in the eco-village?**

Jessie: I was looking for a place to settle. I didn't know a lot about the eco-village but was interested in educating children with an emphasis on permaculture and environmental responsibility and this looked like a good place to do this.

### **What has been your experience so far?**

Jessie: It has been really good. People have been overwhelmingly positive, supportive and there is a sense of community I have not had before. This has led me to start a home daycare business called “Enright Eco-Care”. My tag line is: Conscious child led learning in a loving Waldorf home. Monday through Friday child care. Incorporating a healthy rhythm that includes nature, movement and imagination:

## It's a boy!



Coming home! Dennis and Sharon welcomed their sixth grandchild in April. Sharon accompanied their oldest daughter, Dr. Tracy Coskie, to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to welcome Tesfa into the family. The Ethiopian people were so generous, warm and caring. Tesfa is a darling and has stolen all hearts. He joins his older brother, Ashenafi, who also came from Addis.

## Creating a Bio-Swale

With a significant grant from the Sierra Club, Matt Trokan has done a lot of work at Imago and held a number of classes related to water. The latest is the most ambitious- a large bioswale installation at the end of Terry Street! It isn't quite finished and many of the plants are in the "sleep" stage, so they need to creep and then leap!

Ultimately the bioswale will clean storm water run off from the street and neighboring hillsides and channel it into the existing raingarden farther down, with the water infiltrating the soil. We've incorporated all native species, so there was already bird and other activity exploring the site.

Two fawns came crashing through, one knocked over a wheelbarrow!

Check it out when you are walking through Imago, but don't forget your mosquito repellent.

Nancy Sullivan



Before Bioswale Work.  
Notice the runoff!



Matt Trokan and Billy Poff with  
planted bioswale

## CSA Report

The first 2013 season of the CSA's pickup on May 18th consisted of arugula, Asian greens or broccoli rapini, beet greens or spinach, Chinese cabbage, chives, cilantro, green onion, and lettuce grown locally in the neighborhood. May 25th's pick up contained arugula, chard, chives, collards, green onion, kale, lettuce, spinach, and turnips. This past Saturday's pickup share included Chinese cabbage, greens mix, head lettuce, kohlrabi or turnips, loose leaf lettuce, and green onions.

If you like different types of lettuce, greens, and herbs, you are still able to sign up for the 2013 CSA. Contact [urbanfarmproject@enright-csa.org](mailto:urbanfarmproject@enright-csa.org). Also take a look at the CSA's website: [www.enright-CSA.org](http://www.enright-CSA.org). If

you are on facebook, go ahead and  us at: [www.facebook.com/enrightcsa](http://www.facebook.com/enrightcsa).



Chives

Spring Crops

Chinese Cabbage

## LIVING IN NATURE

I'm fascinated by the variety of yard-keeping styles in our neighborhood. And by all the different aesthetics or senses of beauty that these styles reflect. Some of us like a clean-cut, managed, golf course style lawn with maybe some flowers and trees. I can see a sort of picture-like beauty there.

But I enjoy much more the sort of landscape that shows signs of what I understand as land health. It's a health that nurtures us as well as our non-human kin. It involves a wide variety of the plants, insects, birds, snakes, toads, mammals, and soil creatures that originally evolved in this region. And this diversity of creatures within the cycling elements has evolved many interdependent connections among them, in a web which includes us humans. This web which keeps us alive, renewing the air's oxygen, withdrawing its carbon, holding and slowly releasing rainwater, holding and making soil, and more-- is being bulldozed, mined, logged, over-plowed, over-grazed and polluted out of existence every day here and around the Earth.

So I love seeing all these yards with native flowers, shrubs, herbs and trees that feed insects, birds and mammals, and that die into a rich soil. This means minimal mowed lawn, with less sweat and gasoline fumes. I also notice more neighbors growing vegetables and fruits, not only in back but in side and front yards. Some are also raising chickens, ducks and bees. This cultivation of domestic plants and animals-- combined with the wild, native diversity-- is inviting and enriching to me in a way that I admit is shaped by my ecological understanding of how the real world works, supporting us and everything we've made.

Once we connect the dots to see how the living world holds us in existence, every breath and heart beat, we seem to wake up to this different kind of beauty and be motivated keep it and add to it as we tend and care for a healthy, life-supporting landscape.

Bill Cahalan



## THINKING OF GOING SOLAR, BUT UNSURE WHERE TO START?

### Solar Community Project of the *Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village*

The goal of the ERUEV's *Solar Communities Project* is to **empower** Price Hill homeowners to recognize and utilize our abundant **solar** resource by providing affordable and professional solar assessment services.

A trained solar assessor will visit your home or site to determine solar irradiance potential considering shading and obstructions.

This service is designed to inform decisions on:

- renewable energy installations
- home improvement projects such as greenhouses or solariums
- garden placement

The assessor will:

- deliver an easy to read and understandable report to the client with of site specific solar exposure and projected performance of solar energy systems.
- use industry standard assessment tools to deliver reports which will empower you to make decisions regarding your project.

#### Fee structure

##### *Solar site assessment:*

\$50 solar site assessment and site specific report (\$40 Enright Ridge Urban Ecovillage member price)

add \$5 for each additional site on one property (an individual report is provided for each site)

If interested contact...[Solar@enrightecovillage.org](mailto:Solar@enrightecovillage.org)

#### ***Communications Committee***

*Our purpose is to promote the Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village (ERUEV), invigorate the sense of community and increase the knowledge and practice of sustainable living within the eco-village. We also promote the concept of an urban eco-village to the Greater Cincinnati Community and beyond. Members of the committee are: Jim Schenk, chair, Sharon Wilson, Eileen Schenk, Michelle Savoti, Jessie Dyer and Nancy Sullivan.*

ENRIGHT RIDGE URBAN ECO-VILLAGE MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Membership year: January 1 - December 31)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Associate \$10    Single \$15    Household \$25    Sustaining \$500

Amount attached: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Mail dues to P.O. Box 5206, 45205 or drop off at the Imago Earth Center. Thank you from the Membership Committee.

Questions? [kpreidel@aol.com](mailto:kpreidel@aol.com)