



MCPHERSON MURAL COMPLETED!

After a year and a half of excited conversations and comprehensive planning, the mural on McPherson has been completed thanks to the contributions of community supporters and friendly neighbors.

Written in the hands of the mural's image illustrate 8 of our community's values including Connection, Peace, Creativity, Ecology, Courage, Joy, Community, and Love.

The words around the lotus flower in the image read, "Live Simply. I receive as much as I am willing to give. Have gratitude. Be gentle with yourself. Keep peace in your soul. I am connected to all beings. Love Earth. Be the change you wish to see in the world. There is power in community. Live with an open heart. We are all working hand in hand side by side creating a beautiful world."

This project would not have been made possible without the support and collaboration of these amazing participants: G&J Market, The Fraizer + Brown Family, Jim and Eileen Schenk, Kate Lassiter, The Phirman Family, David + Amanda Dennewitz, Tammy and Namaste Norris, Billy Poff, Katie Burnside, Josie, Max and Luke, The Zalot Family, Kathy Owens, Chase and Evan, Michelle Edwards, Bob and Mart Tabor, Cincinnati Color Company, and The Enright Ridge Urban Eco Village.

New Arrivals

JOSIE WATSON, 749 MCPHERSON

>>> *Where did you hear about the eco-village?* I was an undergraduate at Xavier University and a group of us came out and help build a raingarden in the eco-village.

>>> *What brought you to live in the eco-village?* I just enrolled at Mount St. Joseph College and wanted somewhere close, where I could have chickens, where there was a sense of community and people had similar lifestyles and interest.

>>> *What has your experience been so far?* It has been really good. The first week I attended the Eco-Jam and help paint the mural. I have wonderful, awesome neighbors.

MARK CARPER, 753 MCPHERSON

>>> *Where did you hear about the eco-village?* Through the internet. I searched for Cincinnati Permaculture and found a link there to the eco-village.

>>> *What brought you to live in the eco-village?* Several reasons. I was interested in be part of a transformation project that was working to transform an urban area. Also, the apartment was available.

>>> *What has your experience been so far?* It has been very positive. People are welcoming and supportive. There is also a great mix of people. The environment is different, a lot of people and traffic. I am from a more rural area, so I am getting use to the urban setting.

LIVING IN NATURE

This morning, having nothing to write for this column, I shake loose the cobwebs of reading and thinking and walk into the back yard. My senses are flooded with humid breezes, buzzing insects and lush green of the growing world. The biggest of our three silver maple trees, which is probably several decades or more older than my 68 years, looms overhead. Two years ago in a storm, a huge section of trunk and its limbs snapped about 60 feet up, crushing our border fence and part of Jonathan's pine tree next door. Neighbors Nate and Ken sawed and hauled the tree away for firewood.

If anyone had been in the wrong spot they surely would have been killed. The rest of the maple still hovers high above me now and could crush our shed, or one of us, due to heavy wind or to roots giving way. Should I have it cut and hauled away to make things safer? Maybe everyone with large mature trees, and there are quite a few on this street, should do this.

Or does a life of intimacy with nature involve gratefully living among old trees that grace us with their beauty as they shade, cool and shelter us and other creatures, but which may also some day destroy us or our structures? So far I'm going with the last option and will live, or not, with the consequences.

— BILL CAHALAN

URBAN FARMING IS A BUSINESS? YES!

In July, Ecovillagers interested in making our urban farm more successful met with leaders of Flywheel Cincinnati to learn ways to pursue our social mission in a business-like fashion. Flywheel Cincinnati is a non-profit organization that helps non-profits find ways to earn income to support their mission.

The ERUEV CSA is a real, small, local enterprise with specific goals. Behind the scenes the Enright Ecovillage board and Farm Project Committee spend many hours performing the administrative, accounting and sales tasks required to run any small business.

The money brought in from CSA share sales, farm market sales and fund raisers like the EcoJam pay the operating expenses (seeds, tools, utilities, etc.) and farmers' salaries. For the most part donations and grants are generally applied to capital expenses such as upkeep on the greenhouse.

In this, the fifth season of operation, the ERUEV leadership thinks it's time to step up our game. Bill Tucker and Gayle Hyleman of Flywheel spent about two hours relating the history of the organization, citing examples of other non-profits, large and small that have improved their performance by learning how to assess organizational strengths, and the feasibility of potential funding ventures.

By continuing to work with Flywheel we hope to boost our venture into providing food locally. Through ongoing conversations over the next few weeks, we will work out the details, and take the next steps toward success.



EcoJam2

ECOJAM2 was held on Sunday, July 7 at Reidel's Urban Farm (660 Enright). This is the second musical fundraising event to benefit the efforts of ERUEV to be held at this site and I don't think it will be the last. More than 100 people came to enjoy the break in the rain, hear some great music, visit with neighbors and friends, enjoy craft beer tasting, great food and family oriented fun. Talk about a perfect afternoon! The original ECOJAM came about to raise funds for the EcoVillage's Farm Project and surpassed the goal of \$1000. The goal of ECOJAM2 was to raise at least \$1000 toward the purchase of a chipper attachment for the Farm Project's walk behind tractor that could be used throughout the ecovillage. The cost of this chipper is \$1500, Thanks to the support of all who attended, donated items for the silent auction, enjoyed craft beer tasting and bought food items, THE TOTAL RAISED WAS \$1411! A quilt raffle is being planned to raise the remaining \$100. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the cause should contact Ken Reidel at kwisatz49@yahoo.com. Events such as this one set our neighborhood apart from any other neighborhood. Everyone enjoyed themselves and many newcomers got to see a positive aspect of the neighborhood they hadn't expected. ECOJAM2 couldn't have even happened without the cooperation, dedication and hard work of many individuals. Thank you to Nathan Reidel for coordinating the event and making two delicious craft beers, Harv (Angela Harvey) for the use of sound equipment, posters and most importantly coordinating the bands and Ken Reidel for use of his property once again and for food and baked goods. Thanks to members of Magnolia Mountain, Kelly McCracken (of the Kellys), The Perfect Children and Jake Logan and the Midnight Riders for donating their time and talents to the success of the event. Many others donated items, baked, cooked, set up and took down, manned the ticket booth, coordinated the silent auction, emceed, printed and distributed posters. Thanks to everyone for your support and willingness to help. Looks like this may become an annual event!

PRODUCE FOR SALE

SATURDAYS 12-2PM

824 ENRIGHT AVENUE (GREENHOUSE)

MOST ITEMS \$2-3 (CASH ONLY)

The Enright Ridge Urban EcoVillage has run a very successful CSA for several years, it's currently in its fifth season. The CSA is experimenting with selling our excess produce that is not enough to spread evenly amongst the members. The Enright Ridge CSA Farms uses organic growing methods. No synthetic pesticides or herbicides. All items for sale are grown right here in the neighborhood of Price Hill. The produce varies according to the season and harvest availability.

This year we are growing basil, beets, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, chives, cilantro, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, greens, green beans, green onions, herbs, kohlrabi, lettuce, melons, peas, peppers, raddichio, squash (summer and winter), sweet corn, tomatoes, turnips, and zucchini. We invite you to stop by and share the bounty!

NEW GROWTH ON THE RIDGE

Several residents and associate members of ERUEV, including Dan Divilbiss, Nate Reidel, Megan Ogle and Badger Johnson, have been developing an agroforestry project. What the heck is this? Agroforestry is an integrated approach of using the interactive benefits from combining trees and shrubs with crops and/or livestock. It combines agricultural and forestry technologies to create more diverse, productive, profitable, healthy, and sustainable land-use systems.

This is exactly the system that Europeans encountered when they first came to the Americas: native peoples encouraged certain trees and shrubs, managed forests with fire and other techniques, in order to derive the greatest benefits in terms of food, medicine and fiber.

However, this approach looks nothing like a traditional European garden or farm with neat rows of annual plants, so the settlers believed they had landed in a great primeval forest, untouched by the hand of other humans. In fact, so productive were these managed forests that pre-Columbian peoples of our temperate zone enjoyed the greatest amount of leisure time in proportion to work of any cultures before or since.

How can we recreate some of this in the woods and forests surrounding us? Badger has proposed several goals: "To develop the patch as both a production orchard and as a scion-wood nursery, for improved cultivars of the crops we will be planting. To supply additional food security to the eco-villagers and wildlife of the Ridge. To create and sustain a demonstration plot/laboratory for this kind of work in the future".

Now you may be wondering, what is a scion? What difference does a cultivar make? Read on and discover more new words, like "swale" and "coppice"! If you are inquiring, there is an easy way to learn more! The agroforestry team

invites you to a potluck dinner at the Reidels' at 6 PM on August 24 to rejoice and plan. The following day work will begin bright and early at 7:30 am, (let's beat the heat). The team has already marked out swales with orange flags and planned possible location of catchment ponds and other features.

Are you keen on firewood? Maybe you need to learn more about coppicing in place of cutting down a tree. What are the fruit and nut trees which once abounded in these woods and how can we nurture the latest varieties which are disease and pest-resistant and produce abundantly?

If any of this piques your curiosity, check out the orange flags and come to the potluck!

POTLUCK AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

You are invited to our Sharing Circle--a Veggie Potluck & Roundtable Discussion-- hosted by Mike & Birdie, on the First Sunday each month, 2pm, at our home, 3631 West 8th St., Cincinnati. OH. Talk may range widely, but tends to focus on what a satisfying, sustainable society might look like. For example, we like the "intentional community" model, an ancient & durable but flexible tribal form.

We welcome like-minded people we can have some conversations with [on-line, or in person], about values & purpose.... Some shared wonderings about what our purpose is in life, on this earth, in this cosmos. And then of course make some decisions about how to go about "walkin' that talk."

So far, we've been thinking we need to transition from a domination-style empire society, to a voluntary cooperation-based democratic economy.

Maybe, at some point, we'll buy some property together, and put it in a community land-trust [for stewardship]. Or start a business as a co-op [for democratic management]. We don't mind trying out other ideas that seem sensible. And if we find we've made a mistake, we say, "Oops!" and back down, admitting our mistake. Changing our minds together actually helps us be stronger & more resilient. Certainly, we need to make our ways of living more sustainable, ways that may change as our understandings change.

We've joined a local CSA [Community Supported Agriculture] group. And tho we've been vegetarian for decades, we've allowed some fish oil into our diet from time to time. We try to follow peaceful conflict resolution practices. We also see there are other entities on earth, rarely seen by us humans at our present level of evolution. Like the nature spirits seen at Findhorn Community, Perelandra Gardens, Lily Hill Farm, & Sirius Community.

We're ready to explore "alternatives to legal tender," as recommended by Tom Greco. Or the New Economics Institute. As gardeners, we like no-till; sheet composting; lasagna-beds; hugel-kulturs; permaculture; aquaponics [Note: We need not eat the fish, to benefit from growing vegetables

& fish together]; bio-char; & pit greenhouses. In building, we like earth-bags or super-adobe; cob; & geodesic domes. BTW, making Russell-Finch-style pit greenhouses, w/ heat exchangers, could be a sustainable business.

We see meditation as part of a sustainable life-style, important in our on-going evolution.

Come to one of our Sharing Circle potlucks & discussions. Bring a dish, or a donation. M & B, 513-828-8551.

HAPPENINGS IN THE ECO-VILLAGE

Some members of Enright have long been policing our block for trash, but several residents have really stepped it up. Ralph Mooney should be crowned the Rajah of Rubbish for his relentless scouring of the street all the way to Warsaw Avenue- early risers will often see him out collecting the prior day's litter. Julie Heekin is his able accomplice, adding trash detail to her daily four mile walk. Deborah Jordan, Jeanne Staas have been walking and de-trashing the streets for years, as have many other people as they walk the streets of the eco-village and Price Hill. Thanks you all, you have made the eco-village litter free!

Kate Lassiter, who is now on the tenure track at the Mount and is buying a house, sadly left us – but Josie Watson has take her place!.

Nancy Sullivan will be serving as a VISTA volunteer for the next year, working with our Hispanic neighbors in Price Hill.

NEW FREE HEALTH CLINIC

The Good Samaritan Free Health Clinic has moved from Santa Maria to beautiful new facility on St. Lawrence, across from Price Hill Will.

Serving the whole region, this unique clinic is specifically for low income uninsured adults. They offer services from OB/gyn to physical therapy to neurology and also have a full suite of dental facilities.

Please stop in to register as a patient if you are looking for a medical “home”.

CSA TEAMS UP WITH CLINIC

The Good Sam Clinic's Community Outreach Health Worker Kathy Rafales teamed up with the CSA to provide healthy local food and nutrition education to clinic patients. Med student Viona Zhang developed educational material and recipes for each vegetable, packages each week's CSA share into smaller portions and then spends time on Mondays educating patients about the importance of fresh produce.

She reports that many patients now come in on Mondays just to get their veggies! They are excited to try new

vegetables like chard and also learn new and healthy ways to prepare more familiar vegetables.

Viona also includes a map to the greenhouse, so we hope that more local people come in for the Saturday 11:30-12:30 sale of produce.

This is a wonderful outreach into the neighborhood for our CSA and shows the importance of collaboration.

PIPELINE RESISTENCE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Want to do more to stop the Keystone XL? You can become a Pledge of Resistance action leader in your community – CREDO, Rainforest Action Network and the Other 98% have spent the past few months putting together the resources to train you. They are holding a training at the Imago Earth Center on August 3 and 4. See more at: <http://nokxl.org/building-the-new-wave-of-resistance-to-keystone-xl/#sthash.C9jUOFtf.dpuf>

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)

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Address _____

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

Amount attached: \$ _____

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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

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