

## **GREEN CITIES -- GREEN VILLAGES REVIEW**

### **Connecticut Green Energy News & Events ∞ October 2009**

#### **Seminar on Green Job Creation in Stamford**

Joseph Carbone, President and CEO *The Workplace Inc.* and William Leahy, Chief Executive Director for Operations at the *Institute for Sustainable Energy* at *Eastern Connecticut State University* discussed initiatives to create green jobs in Connecticut and the resources available to do so. The two-hour seminar was organized by *SoundWaters*, a Stamford environmental education organization, and held at University of Connecticut in Stamford on Wednesday, September 30. For information on current and future seminars, email [soundbusiness@soundwaters.org](mailto:soundbusiness@soundwaters.org) or call 203-406-3335.

#### **Green Energy Incubator in Bridgeport**

Joseph Carbone, President and CEO of *The Workplace*, a green jobs development organization in Bridgeport, announced at the seminar on September 30, that a green energy (conservation and renewables) incubator was being developed for the city of Bridgeport and that already 16 start-up businesses had joined. For more information,

contact [jcarbone@workplace.org](mailto:jcarbone@workplace.org).

#### **Connecticut Solar Tour**

The *National Solar Tour*, sponsored by the *American Solar Energy Society*, was held on Saturday, October 3. This event gave participants the opportunity to tour buildings and residences that use solar technology and to learn more about how to use solar to save money and reduce pollution. The Tour took place all over the U.S. -- over 5,000 buildings in 3,000 communities participating.

This free event provided the public with an opportunity to experience solar electric and solar thermal (hot-water) power, day lighting, and other green and renewable technologies. Property owners who own or lease solar systems were on hand along with solar installers and designers to describe how solar technology works, what it costs, and why it makes sense.

To participate or volunteer for next year's *Connecticut Solar Tour*, contact Richard Burns, Manager, *ASES National Solar Tour*, *American Solar Energy Society*:  
Email: [rburns@ases.org](mailto:rburns@ases.org). Phone: (303) 443.3130 x 101. Visit [www.ases.org](http://www.ases.org).

#### **No CT Colleges in Solar Decathlon**

The *Solar Decathlon*, a national solar design competition between universities, will place on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Sponsored by the *U.S. Department of Energy* and the *Solar Energy Industries Association* this event challenges 20 colleges and university teams to build energy efficient single-family homes using solar technologies. The houses will be constructed on the

National Mall, and will be open to the public. While participating colleges include Cornell, Penn State, a German and a Spanish college (Spain), no teams from Connecticut are participating in the solar design competition this year. To participate in next year's *Solar Decathlon*, please visit [www.solardecathlon.org](http://www.solardecathlon.org).

#### **Forum in Hartford**

Green energy workshops will be presented at the annual fall forum organized by the *Interreligious Eco-Justice Network (IREJN)* which links close to 600 houses of worship in Connecticut. The event will be held on Thursday, October 15 from 4 to 9 pm and is co-sponsored by the *Hartford Seminary*. Michael Schut, Economic and Environmental Affairs Officer of Episcopal churches in the U.S., will give the keynote address. Sharon and Richard Vocke, owners of *Evergreen Energy*, a renewable energy company in Southington, will present a workshop on "*Harvesting Local Energy*." Doug Cahill, co-owner of *Competitive Resources Inc.*, an energy services company in Wallingford, will speak on "*Energy Efficiency Options for Homes and Businesses*." If attending the Forum, you must register by October 13. \$20 fee for students includes dinner.

Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Kiener has been the Executive Director of the Hartford based IREJN for more than a decade. The Network provides education, support and product information to houses of worship of many denominations that wish to adopt cost-saving energy-efficient practices. It includes Christian churches, synagogues, a mosque, and Buddhist temples in Connecticut. For info, go to [www.irejn.org](http://www.irejn.org).

## Green Market and Expo

This event will take place at the **Barnum Museum in Bridgeport** on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 and will begin at 10 am. There will be seminars on green jobs, green job training resources, green technology and sustainable energy; displays of eco-friendly products with live demonstrations. One of the organizers of The Green Market and Expo is Remy Chevalier, publisher of *The Electrifying Times*, a monthly publication about electric cars. For info, see [www.greenmarketexposition.org](http://www.greenmarketexposition.org).

## Courses in Renewables

**Eastern Connecticut State University** located in Willimantic, offers eight courses in conservation and renewable energy. They also provide a "Sustainable Energy Science Track." For more info: [www.easternct.edu/energyscience](http://www.easternct.edu/energyscience)

**Gateway Community College** in New Haven, offers seven courses in energy efficiency and renewable energy. It is the only college in the state to offer courses in fuel cell car repair. It also offers a course in alternative fuel transportation. For info, see [www.gwcc.commnet.edu](http://www.gwcc.commnet.edu)

## Grant writing Course for Obtaining Large Federal Stimulus Grants rescheduled

This Grant Proposal Writing Course for Workforce and Economic Development (CRN 4127) offered at **Gateway Community College** was to have started on September 18.

It was rescheduled to start on October 16, part of a total of six three-hour sessions. The course will meet in room 113B on the North Haven campus from 12 - 3 pm. The fee is \$195. Contact Wanda Edwards at **Gateway** at (203) 285-2426 or email David Cooper at [dcooper@gwcc.commnet.edu](mailto:dcooper@gwcc.commnet.edu).

## Green Energy Seminars in New Haven

**Green Cities-Green Villages**, a non-profit organization that links issues of renewable energy, sustainability and global economic recovery, offers Educational and Networking seminars for the New Haven and Yale community on the following topics:

Green energy, economic recovery and jobs; green career development; latest technologies; potential of hydrogen energy and fuel cells; fuel cells for residential buildings; getting to know green energy practitioners in New Haven and Connecticut; funding and financing sources for green energy businesses and non-profits. For info, contact [yaniquej@yahoo.com](mailto:yaniquej@yahoo.com).

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## Memorial Service for Thomas Berry in NYC pioneer of ecological thinking

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 26, at the **Cathedral of St. John the Divine** for Thomas Berry, pioneer of ecological thinking and author of books such as *Dream of the Earth (1988)* and *The Great Work: Our Way into the Future (1999)*. This event was organized by Professors Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, Directors of **the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology** who also head **The Thomas Berry Foundation, initiated in 1998**. Paul Winter, saxophonist and composer, performed at the Memorial. Author Brian Swimme and others spoke at the event.

The **Thomas Berry Award**, also initiated in 1998, was given this year to Martin Kaplan who helped set up the **Thomas Berry Foundation** and is a leader in the field of environmental grant making, having assisted environmental programs at Harvard, Columbia, MIT and Yale.

Thomas Berry, Eco-theologian and Catholic priest, was born in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1914 and passed away on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. From his academic beginnings as a historian of world cultures and religions, Berry developed into a historian of the Earth and its evolutionary processes. He described himself as a "geologist." Berry received his Ph.D. in European Intellectual History from the Catholic University of America. For two decades, he directed the Riverdale Center of Religious Research along the Hudson River.