

Saturday, April 17

Community Clean-Up & Celebration of Earth

Earth Day is a time when people celebrate and renew their personal commitment to environmental stewardship. Join the Academic Service-Learning Center in a community clean up in downtown Grand Rapids. Students, faculty, staff, community members, and guests will meet to learn a little more about the triple bottom line of sustainability and how our clean-up will affect our planet for future generations. Groups of 10 will meet and be assigned downtown areas to clean-up. We will then reconvene for a meal courtesy of Guiding Light Mission.

Do a little something for something we can't do without-our Earth.

Contact Lizz Kelly at (616) 234-3459 or by e-mail at ekelly@gbcc.edu for details and to sign-up for the event.

This series of events is sponsored by the GRCC Sustainability Council, The School of Workforce Development, Student Life, and the School of Arts and Sciences.

Friday, April 23

Celebration of Earth & Sky

1:00 p.m. • Meijer Theater, Grand Rapids Public Museum

Join GRCC and the Grand Rapids Public Museum for a "Celebration of Earth & Sky," a performance of student work featuring "A Quilt of Words" spoken-word event, live music, and visual art created to promote sustainability, create community, and celebrate our sense of place.



Mission

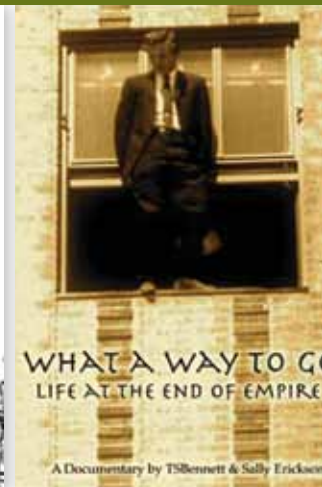
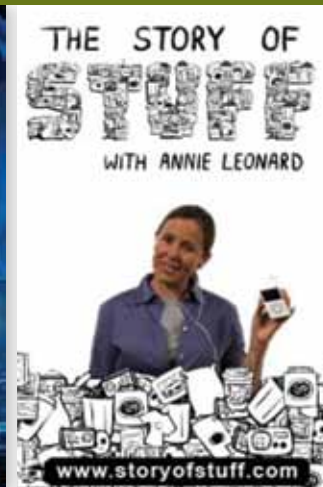
It is the mission of Grand Rapids Community College to provide the community with learning opportunities that enable people to achieve their goals.

Vision

Grand Rapids Community College is a vibrant institution of higher education dedicated to enriching people's lives and contributing to the vitality of the community.

Grand Rapids Community College is an equal opportunity institution. GRCC is a tobacco free campus. 152456 3/10

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Spring Sustainability Series Visioning the Change

March 24-April 23, 2010

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GRCC Spring Sustainability Series

Visioning the Change

Sustainability is more than environmentalism, more than a new way to do business. Creating a sustainable future calls for sweeping changes in the way we live and interact on a planet of finite resources – and changing our light bulbs is not enough. This series of events presents the converging factors that challenge us to change, then encourages participants to think about community, creativity, and creating a vision for the future that sustains and drives change.

All events are free and open to the public.

Wednesday, March 24

What A Way To Go Life At The End Of Empire

6:15 p.m. • ATC Auditorium

One movie that brings it all together: the converging factors of peak oil, climate change, mass extinction, population overshoot, consumerism and failing economies, and yes – our place in these problems. Featuring interviews with Daniel Quinn, Derrick Jensen, Jerry Mander, Chellis Glendinning, Richard Heinberg, Thomas Berry, and many others, *What a Way to Go* looks at the current global situation and asks: How did we get here? Why do we keep destroying the planet? What do we truly want? And perhaps, most importantly: Can we find a vision that will empower us to do what is necessary to survive, and even thrive, in the coming decades?

Thursday, April 1

Food, Inc. with Panel Discussion

6:15 p.m. • ATC Auditorium

Food, Inc. exposes the highly mechanized underbelly of food production that has been hidden from the American consumer with the consent of our government's regulatory agencies, USDA and FDA. Our nation's food supply is now controlled by a handful of corporations that often put profit ahead of consumer health, the livelihood of the American farmer, the safety of workers, and our environment. Featuring interviews with experts Eric Schlosser (*Fast Food Nation*), Michael Pollan (*The Omnivore's Dilemma*) along with forward thinking social entrepreneurs like Stonyfield's Gary Hirshberg and Polyface Farms' Joel Salatin, *Food, Inc.* reveals surprising—and often shocking truths—about what we eat.

Following the film, panelists active in the local food movement will discuss the film and their visions for re-building a healthy, local food supply.

Tuesday, April 6

The Story of Stuff and Wall-E Consumerism, Waste, and Resistance?

6:15 p.m. • ATC Auditorium

In the twenty-minute dash documentary "The Story of Stuff," Annie Leonard presents a picture of consumerism that depends on a firm collusion between corporations and governments. With this "Story" as backdrop, GRCC Associate Professor Maryann Lesert will give a brief lecture that illustrates our love of stories of resistance – as long as resistance remains on the screen. The evening's main feature, the animated film *Wall-E*, is a sci-fi love story featuring one solution to our out-of-control garbage problem. Viewers will take note of the consumerism, waste, and magical thinking that sent these future humans into space – and the overarching message to resist isolation.

Wednesday, April 14

"Together for Earth: Positive Personal and Community Responses to Climate Change and Peak Oil"

Megan Quinn Bachman

6:15 p.m. • ATC Auditorium

On a finite and increasingly full planet, the choices we make greatly impact the natural world and all people. Megan Bachman will discuss the state of our climate and energy emergency and how our response to these challenges will shape the world to come. She'll share hopeful stories from individuals around the world making major lifestyle changes and powerful examples from Cuba's oil crisis in the early 1990s. Finally, she'll explore how in the face of global disaster, communities and their local economies can become more strong, sustainable and resilient.



Megan has been writing and lecturing on peak oil, climate change, sustainable living and community for the last seven years. As Outreach Director of the non-profit Community Solutions she organized six national conferences on peak oil and climate change, spoke before nearly 100 groups, published articles in *Permaculture Activist*, *Communities Magazine*, *WellBeing* and *Kindred* and appeared in *Harper's Magazine* and on MSNBC. In addition, Megan co-wrote and co-produced the award-winning documentary film, *The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil* (2006), which has sold more than 13,000 copies and been translated into seven foreign languages. She received a Bachelor of Arts from Miami University in Oxford Ohio and a Master of Science in Environmental Education from Wright State University in Dayton. She is currently a columnist for the Ohio environmental newspaper *Ecowatch Journal*.

See Earth Day events: April 17: Clean-Up & April 23: Celebration of Earth & Sky, on the reverse side.