



# Community Energy Expo



## Saving Energy & Saving Money ...Go Hand-in-Hand

Through the combined sponsorship of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Association of Professional Energy Consultants, the Town of Normal, and the Ecology Action Center, the **Community Energy Expo** will take place **Friday, January 30 from 8:30am - 5:30pm at The Chateau** in Bloomington.

This one-day Energy Expo will focus on illustrating the financial benefits of energy efficiency, as well as demonstrating how to evaluate and reduce energy use. A series of seminars will be offered to educate business owners and residents about how to become more energy efficient. Vendor displays will offer information about energy-efficient products and services for businesses and residences. Competitive matching grant applications will be available at the Expo for Town of Normal businesses that want to perform energy upgrades.

The cost for attendance is \$5 per person with an option to purchase lunch for an additional \$5. **Pre-registered participants will receive a 5000K compact fluorescent light bulb at the door. Residents of the Town of Normal will receive an energy efficiency kit for attending.** The kit is valued at \$50 and contains compact fluorescent light bulbs, a low-flow showerhead, and weatherization material.

To register for the Community Energy Expo call Julie Elzanati at 454-3169.

## Be an Earth Day Raffle Early Bird

Get your Earth Day Energy Fair Raffle tickets — our only fundraiser for the year. Prizes are still being donated. We have a Swifty Kayak from Wild Country worth \$369, Zhumell binoculars \$90, a \$45 soil analysis by Eco-Lawn, a \$35 family cruise on the Spirit of Peoria riverboat, one \$27 medium order of organic fruits and vegetables delivered to your house, and free appetizers at Ned Kelly's Steakhouse. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or \$25 for a pack of six. Good for Christmas presents, they'll soon be available at The Ecology Action Center. Call us at 454-3169 to see when they're ready for you to buy.



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# America Recycles Day Winners

## Art Contest

The EAC is happy to announce the winners of our annual America Recycles Day children's art contests. Our theme this year for grades K-6 was "Paint a Path to a World With Less Waste," while the theme for grades 7-12 was "Design a World With Less Waste." Winners received prizes ranging from Beanie Babies to food and music certificates.



### 7th grade

1st: Kate Schavey  
2nd: Michelle Goodyear  
3rd: Garrick McIntyre

### 3rd grade

1st: Tiffany Lam  
2nd: Katie Rongey  
3rd: Anna

### 6th grade

1st: Brooke Hofer  
2nd: Sam Barlow  
3rd: Trevor Newber

### 2nd grade

1st: Mimi Dong  
2nd: Kayla Oliver  
3rd: Harley Newberry-Stevens

### 5th grade

1st: Yuko Akiyama  
2nd: Zach Stolbom  
3rd: Amon-Re Sharriet

### 1st grade

1st: Allison Baldwin  
2nd: TJ Chirtesen  
3rd: Rachel Thomas

### 4th grade

1st: Kwang Min Do  
2nd: Jasmine Wilkes  
3rd: Kassi Schroeder  
4th: Ye-Rin Kim

### Kindergarten

1st: Caroline Page



## School Recycling Contests

Parkside Junior High won our Junior High Recycling Contest, collecting a total of 4,648 pounds of paper, cardboard, and containers. Y Team, who collected the most pounds per person, brought in a whopping 1757.7 pounds of recyclables! Members of the team were recognized by the EAC on Saturday, November 15 at the Eastland Mall, as part of our America Recycles Day activities. As a reward, the Y Team will receive a pizza party from the EAC, compliments of Pizza Hut.

The winning school in our High School Used Battery Drive Contest was Bloomington High School. Bloomington High's Environment Club students even went the extra mile and planned activities of their own to celebrate America Recycles Day. Additionally, the students plan on continuing to collect used batteries throughout the school year. In recognition of their hard work, the members of the BHS Environmental Club will also receive a pizza party from the EAC.

**Thanks to all who participated!**

## Member Appreciation Picnic

What a beautiful setting! Great teamwork by the entire EAC staff and volunteers made September 28's event a huge success. Thanks to an anonymous donor, Ewing Manor to be made available to our members, and thanks to many commercial donors, there was ample food.

A heroic band of cooks gathered at the end of Bloomington's Farmer's Market, and collected donated produce. They then spent Saturday afternoon, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning chopping, slicing, saucing, and arranging all of the food on platters. Additional thanks go to Linda Fuller, who brought the equipment, and the volunteers who helped her spread autumn decorations throughout the rooms and set such attractive tables.

A special "thank you" also goes out to Charlotte Schaeffer for giving an interesting talk about Jens Jensen, the individual who designed the Manor grounds and Sunset Place.

# Holiday Crafts and Stocking Stuffers

## Sweet Smelling Cinnamon Ornaments

From Good Earth Art by Mary Ann F. Kohl and Cindy Gainer

### Materials:

1 cut of cinnamon  
¼ cup of white glue  
¼ to ½ cup of water  
rolling pin  
oven, pre-heated to 200 degrees

cookie cutters  
straw or pencil  
ornament hooks  
ribbon



### Process:

1. Mix together all ingredients.
2. Roll out mixture onto flat surface and cut with cookie cutters to make ornaments
3. Poke a hole through each ornament with a straw or pencil for the ribbon.
4. Place cinnamon ornaments in a warm oven.
5. Turn ornaments every 5 or 10 minutes until firm
6. Place a ribbon through the cooled ornaments and tie the ribbon into a bow or knot
7. Attach finished ornament on an ornament hook and hang on a tree branch or plant.

### Variations:

Add pinches of nutmeg and cloves to cinnamon.

## Christmas Paper Angels

Draw the outline of an angel on wrapping paper, and cut it out. Find a billfold-size school picture. Draw a circle around the face and cut it out. Glue the school picture face on the angels head. The angel can be hung on a Christmas tree or glued to card stock.



## Wrapping Paper

### Globe Ornament 1

Cut scraps of used wrapping paper into ribbons. Place the colored ribbons on the inside of a clear glass globe ornament. Add glitter and sparkles.



### Globe Pendant

You've got the world on a string . . . to wear around your neck, with one of Mikki's Earth Pendants — a marble-size globe on a handsome adjustable cord, for just \$10, available at the EAC.

## Wrapping Paper

### Globe Ornament 2

Cut scraps of used wrapping paper into ribbons and various shapes. Paste the wrapping paper on the outside of an old globe ornament to make a new Christmas decoration. Use glitter or sparkles for accents. Paint the outside of the globe with clear modge-podge.

## Edible Snowmen

Make edible snowmen! Use marshmallows held together by a toothpick, licorice strip for the scarf, pretzels for the arms, raisins for buttons, candy corn for nose.

## Pine Branch Wreath

Bend an old metal coat hanger into a circle, leaving the hook at the top. Twist pine branches around the wire. Decorate with ribbon, beads, stars, etc.

Recycle Ecology Action Center Newsletter by passing it on to someone else after you have read it.



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## 'Tis the Season

This being the holiday season, the Ecology Action Center wishes to extend its thanks to the people who help make our work possible. While the Ecology Action Center has an amazing and hard-working staff, without valuable VOLUNTEER POWER we couldn't accomplish half as much as we do.

THANKS to our Board of Directors, who meet once a month for a general meeting, and then again in a committee meeting to work on a more focused issue. They are Nancy Armstrong, Linda Fuller, Carolyn Thompson, Janet Beach Davis, Mike Hall, Rick Clem, George & Myra Gordon, Adam Apsbury, Tom Bierma, Charles Bristow, Charlotte Brown, Deanna Hunt, David Kennell, Carol Koos, Jo Porter, and Mary Pasek Williams.

Some other volunteers who help out on a regular basis: Alice Walton, Monica Van Steenberg, Sasha Gorbach (from his college in Iowa via internet and e-mail), Don Gore, and Clyde Kang. Their expertise is invaluable to us.

Others help out on an ad hoc basis to spread our message to the community at fairs and to chip in willingly at other events. Thanks to Pat Arbuckle, Paula Monroe, Ben Chandler, Barb Bowman, Lenny Clapp, Michelle Apsbury, George & Kris Byrns, J.K. & Savita Patel, Deb Aukerman, Beth Herzog, Jim McGowan, Kathryn Kerr, Diana Behnke, Ralph & Louise Bellas, Jennifer Perdue, and Lois Young.