

## **Green-To-Go Public Talks – 2024**

Presented by “Green Jean” Ponzi

EarthWays Center of Missouri Botanical Garden

### **Homegrown National Park**

What if we could feel as Nature-rich in our yards and community spaces as in our great public parks? By growing a relationship with Native Plants, we can! Birds and pollinators will join your circle of friends, as Nature experience transforms stress, right outside your door. Illustrated by St. Louis examples, this talk invites all ages to join this person-powered conservation movement. If your space is a patio pot or a business campus, backyard or schoolyard, Homegrown National Park will welcome you!

### **My Week in Plastic**

Missouri Botanical Garden's Green Jean Ponzi saved her household fossil flotsam for seven days, to analyze the flood of this material waste, how much it's possible to turn the plastic tide - and where we must deal with and forgive our limits to recycling action.

### **Recycle Responsibly!**

What happens to all that stuff in our bins? And why do some materials contaminate recycling? Learning how recycling systems work will help us keep recycling working for all. Recycling awareness can help us paddle the tide of plastic pollution too.

### **Biophilia: Nature Spaces for our Human Places**

In the fields of Biology, Psychology and Design, Nature connections are proving to grow health benefits for us in many ways. From this overview of Biophilic Design principles, you'll start seeing Nature in surprising places - and ways to bring Nature's benefits into your environments.

### **Invasive? Native? Exotic? *an Eco-Logical view of plants***

The EarthWays Center of Missouri Botanical Garden invites you to meet some WILD-ly wonderful options for home and community lands. Learn how plant choices matter to birds, bugs, and people - and why some good- looking plants go bad.

### **A brief (quirky) hiSTORY of Ecology**

Ecology is all about Relationships! How did this very recent science evolve after generations of understanding life from "specimen collections"? How can we benefit from eco-logically relating to many kinds of fellow Earthlings?

## **Climate Change – Culture Change**

Facts, myths, and opportunities related to Earth's climate and our species include key concepts of weather and climate, greenhouse gases, carbon footprints and policy options. Perspective on human patterns of environmental and social impacts can show paths to just, responsible action. Many local examples offer courage to engage and persist in change-making. Discussion is welcome!

## **Monarchs and Mosquitos**

Control the pests, protect the pollinators, enjoy more of Nature – and educate your neighbors! What are the most effective ways to safeguard your health and outdoor enjoyment? Insect ecology – and your mobile phone – will show the way to maintain healthy habitat for us and the “*little things that things that run the world.*”

## **The Dirt on Compost**

Nature turns dead stuff into healthy soil - and we can join this amazing organic process. Learn how simple home composting can reduce your household and garden waste, in partnership with one of Earth's most powerful, productive cycles.

## **Stick a Fork in Food Waste!**

Food waste makes up nearly 22% of the waste we send to landfills. What are options, from field to fridge, to change this situation? Facts plus encouraging, practical and money-saving actions. *Presenter: Maggie McCoy, EarthWays Center Sustainability Education Coordinator; request this topic directly with [mmccoy@mobot.org](mailto:mmccoy@mobot.org), subject to availability.*

## **Available for Earth Day 2024**

**How Does Nature Do It?** *Zero Waste, Permaculture, Keystone Species, Biomimicry and more.*

## **Green-To-Go Talks - *General Information***

- Topics are geared for adult audiences, possible for young adult.
- Virtual and in-person booking options.
- Please inquire about additional resources for school and youth groups.
- Scheduling is subject to staff availability; minimum two weeks' notice is advised.
- An honorarium is requested, though not required. Suggested: \$100 for 30 or fewer attendees, \$200 for groups larger than 30.

## **To schedule or with questions contact:**

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