

June – September: Calling All Earth Huggers!

Greetings fellow alumni! My name is Janna Caywood and I am a Sociology alum from 2004. I am looking for a small group of eco-minded alums who would like to form an alumni sub-committee of Augsburg's Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC). Presently I serve on the ESC as the alumni representative and have been asked to get an alumni group started that would work on projects to help the ESC in its mission to Green Augsburg. The first project for this newly formed ESaC would take place this summer and would involve three, in-person meetings on campus, once a month - June, July, August, plus various email communications throughout the summer. If you can't make the meetings, no problem, you can still participate via email. And there's no long-term commitment required.

Starting in late June, we will plan and coordinate a Fall 2007 Auggie Artisan Bazaar, the proceeds of which will go to support Augsburg's Community Garden. Via A-mail, the NOW, the ECHO, posters around campus, and any other venues we can think of – we will solicit donations of small, handmade, craft items (knitting, beading, woodworking, pottery, stained glass, traditional or cultural art, etc.) from “crafters” within the Augsburg Community (students, alumni, faculty, staff) for us to sell at the Community Garden Harvest Party in late September. We will make a card for each item listing the crafter's name, materials used, time spent making it, and any other info they'd like mentioned.

We will also research and summarize online resources for crafters to find sustainable and/or eco-friendly materials for their crafting hobbies. And at the Bazaar itself, we will display an information booth with info (that we research and put together over the summer) about the importance of supporting markets for sustainable products and how to find such items on the web.

Hopefully this will be a way for the Augsburg Community to engage with the work of the ESC and feel invested in its goals. If this sounds like a worthy cause you'd like to get involved in, please contact me ASAP at jcaywood@goldengate.net