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SALES

30% OFF All Gift Items While Supplies Last

We have seen such a growth of sales on the construction/renovation side of INDIGO that we need more room! You can find 30% off all the items in our green gift room until they be no more, so hurry because it is our biggest sale ever. As for the Klean Kanteens, they will probably come back in the spring or at Wild Birds Unlimited. If you need biocompostables and Bio Bags, we are creating a co-operative buying group that will purchase in bulk bi-monthly. If you are interested please e-mail: purchasing@indigogreenstore.com

All Bioshield Paints 30% OFF

30% off all Bioshield paints. Bioshield's waterborne wall finishes and paints are solvent-free and chalk-based that uses an extensive collection of 50 pigments, based on earth and ultramarine hues. Bioshield also produces natural oils; interior and exterior wood stains, and waxes and finishes for floors and furniture. Click [here](#) to learn more about our paints at INDIGO.

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

Noritz On Demand Hot Water Heaters

Tankless hot water technology can provide you with endless hot water, heating just the water you need, at the time you need it. Traditional tank-type water heaters take up space that could be used for storage, consistently use more energy thus has higher operating costs and generally last half as long as a tankless water heater. According to the US Department of Energy tankless water heaters are expected to achieve a 30% reduction in energy use and save a consumer approximately \$108 in annual energy costs compared to a typical gas storage water heater.

Noritz, a leader in design for natural gas-fired hot water heaters can be installed indoors or outdoors and has a capacity of up to 9.8 gallons per minute. Ideal for mid-sized homes, the 751 series which we have displayed at the store will cost about \$1300 plus installation. Over a short time, this energy savings plus a \$350 rebate from GRU for a tankless system it could pay for itself.

SolarCart Is Retrofitted In Gainesville

Why wouldn't you want to use the sun to power your golfcart? Well, tell us because we are interested in carrying this product but want to know if you are too. Here's the skinny:

The SolarCart SG-18 is a retrofit for existing golf carts from Gainesville's own SunGo Power Systems. The SolarCart uses a Sharp 187 Watt High Power panel, and has a solar charging kit comprised of three primary components: the photovoltaic panel with an integrated visor, the charge controller and the mounting hardware. Here's a pic:



Here's some spec's.

Panel:

Sharp Solar high power 187 Watt photovoltaic (PV) module
Black anodized extruded aluminum frame

Controller:

Active Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) for high efficiency and power output of PV panel in all conditions
Multi-stage battery charging and temperature compensation for charging efficiency and longest battery life
LED status indicators for faults and charging status
Built-in overload and reverse polarity protection

System:

Integrated battery voltage gauge for battery charge status
Powder coated aluminum visors and mounting brackets
Stainless steel hardware
Over-rated corrosion-resistant wiring with sealed contacts.
Universal mounting system for a wide variety of golf carts permits easy switching to other models.
Charge controller and other optional electronics integrated into the roof assembly for protection and ease of installation.

GREEN TIP

Drinking Wine? Don't Get Cork Screwed.

According to Environmental News Service, "Mediterranean cork-oak forests provide 15 billion cork stoppers a year to the wine industry- a sustainable enterprise, as cork bark is harvested from live, 500-year old trees rather than dead ones but plastic and screw-top closures are growing in popularity." If the trend for plastic closures continues to rise, that might mean a drop in the cork market which could put cork forests at risk of desertification and forest fires. What is more, the cork flooring industry is reliant on the cork wine industry's leftovers using post-industrial waste to create a healthy and environmentally friendly alternative to other flooring. Buying cork floors could save these forests and the wildlife that live in them like the Iberian lynx, Barbary deer, and Iberian eagle as well as the tens of thousands of jobs that harvest the bark. The World Wildlife Fund is urging the wine industry to stick with cork, warning that three-quarters of the forests could be lost within 10 years.

NEWS

Local: Sustain Ourselves SAC Community Stakeholder Meeting

Are you wondering how to create sustainable change in our community? Do you want to be engaged with improving environmental, social, and economic conditions around you?

Sustainable Alachua County Hosts Community Stakeholder Meeting, February 12, 2009

Sustainable Alachua County (SAC) is a non-profit organization founded in 1996 to promote discussion and action on issues of sustainability. The mission of Sustainable Alachua County is to provide education and civic participation opportunities that enhance the sustainability and healthy functioning of our environmental, social/cultural, and economic systems.

Sustainable Alachua County is currently reassessing and realigning their mission and goals to best meet the needs of the community. SAC will host a stakeholder meeting on February 12, 2009, 7-9pm in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 100 N.E. 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to sustainableac@gmail.com.

State: Florida Forever Program Sees Another Day

The Florida Wildlife Federation is thanking Governor Charlie Crist for his wisdom and forethought in vetoing cuts to the Florida Forever program. The Governor used his veto pen to restore full funding to the program that sets aside water recharge areas and other lands of unique and environmental importance to the state and its people.

"I want to personally thank Governor Crist for taking this action," said Federation President, Manley Fuller. "The Governor knows that our state's land conservation effort is a critical part of Florida's future and is a great return on the investment. We must continue to let our legislators hear how important this program is and what a wise investment they are making by continuing to fund it in the next session."

National: Coal Ash Spill Still Not Cleaned Up

One month after the tragic coal ash spill at Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Kingston facility, TVA is yet to present a detailed plan for clean-up efforts or a response to the potential health effects of the disaster. Since the Dec. 22 spill, SACE worked round-the-clock to ensure TVA is held accountable for their actions and to raise awareness of the need for federal regulation of coal ash to prevent similar disasters in the future.



SACE's testimony before the U.S. Senate on January 8 directly led to positive policy change that will improve the management of coal ash throughout the Nation. This environmental disaster is a direct result of the absence of national standards for coal ash – and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimated that there are at least 300 similar unregulated waste ponds nationwide.

SACE sponsored five citizens who were impacted by the coal ash disaster to travel to Washington D.C. and meet personally with U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer and other elected officials including Reps. Zach Wamp (TN), Lincoln Davis (TN) and Heath Shuler (NC, co-chair of the TVA caucus), as well as Sens. Bob Corker (TN) and Lamar Alexander (TN, co-chair of the TVA caucus). After the hearing, Sen. Boxer pledged to require EPA to begin regulating coal ash.

FAVORITE LINKS OF THE MONTH

Mad About The Bailout? Break Up With Your Bank

<http://www.greenamericatoday.org/programs/responsible shopper/industry/banking.cfm>

50 New Green Gadgets

<http://www.greenergadgets.com/index.php/design-competition/>

Make your own soymilk:

http://planetgreen.discovery.com/food-health/homemade-soymilk.html?campaign=th_weekly_nl

Help us petition the EPA for formaldehyde regulation

http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Formaldehyde_Comments

http://www.treehugger.com/files/2009/01/industry-enviros-epa-regulate-formaldehyde-save-billions-dollars-taxpayers.php?dcitc=daily_nl

Big old Jet Airliner Filled with Scientists Go Lurking for Greenhouse Gasses

<http://www.dailyclimate.org/tdc-newsroom/global-ghg/first-glimpse-of-global-greenhouse-gases-comes/>

this lawn is your lawn

<http://www.treehugger.com/files/2009/01/some-people-want-a-victory-garden-on-white-house-lawn.php>

<http://www.thewhofarm.org/blog/>

Not all insulation is made equally w/o formaldehyde

<http://www.healthybuilding.net/healthcare/Fiberglass-insulation-formaldehyde-emissions-090116.pdf>

Green Website for Gainesville

www.gogreenalternatives.com

EVENTS

INDIGO is now partnering with Santa Fe College to bring Sustainable Living workshops to a wider audience and with more loveable frequency! If you thought getting up to go green at 10AM on Saturday was already fun, now you can do it EVERY Saturday. All registration will be available online through Santa Fe's Community Education course registrar while even more information will soon be available on INDIGO's online calendar.

Water, Wetlands and Watersheds Seminar

Wednesdays 11:45-12:30pm Phelps Seminar Room UF Campus

Public is welcome and some students may register for credit- see link for details and topics.

http://www.cfw.ufl.edu/seminar_schedule_sp09.shtml

The exhibit ON THE PRAIRIE

Opens Friday February 6 at Warphaus Gallery in Gainesville Florida, 6-8 pm.

818 NW 1st Avenue in Gainesville, FL.

The Warphaus Gallery will be hosting the exhibition, "On the Prairie", from February 6th through 27th. Originally conceived as homage to the regional Payne's Prairie in Northern Florida, the work in this exhibition generally seeks to understand and present ideas about this and other prairies. The exhibition has been curated by Summer Zickefoose, with assistance from Kelly Cobb. Artists in the exhibition include Daniel Blochwitz, Kelly Cobb, Sarah Detweiler, Joe D'Uva, Jamie Kotewa Niess, Rob Millard-Mendez, Nancy Raen-Mendez, Danica Oudeans-Coale, Margaret Ross Tolbert, Merijn Van Der Heijden, Bill van Werden, and Summer Zickefoose, with media ranging from photography, drawing, printmaking, painting, sound, and sculpture.

Finally, Someone Is Taking On Green Drinks!

First Wednesday of each month at the New Deal Café 5-7pm.

Gainesville Green Drinks will provide a meeting place for those interested in or involved with environmental issues to learn about one another's programs and how they might work together. Come share news about your green project, or something like you'd like to see here in the Greater Gainesville area. The meeting is open to anyone interested in environmental issues – bring your friends!

Contact: rileysteele@gogreenalternatives.com

Energy Improvements To Your Home and Small Business Made Easy

Saturday, February 14th from 10AM-12PM

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Cost: Free through INDIGO; \$10 through Santa Fe: <http://dept.sfcc.edu/ce/>

This presentation covers the basics of water and energy conservation for your home or small business. With utility rates continuing to rise rapidly, there has never been a better time to invest in efficiency! Presenters Jason Fults and Eduardo Vargas of Drops and Watts have found that through simple behavioral changes alone (i.e., no monetary

investment), the average consumer can reduce their utility bills by 5-10%. With minor investments, another 10-25% is possible. Class is unlimited and free but please RSVPS to: educationdept@indigogreenstore.com

Rain Barrel Making and Water Collection Systems

Saturday, February 21st from 10AM-12PM

INDIGO 322 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville 378.2285

Cost: \$75 through INDIGO; \$85 through Santa Fe: <http://dept.sfcc.edu/ce/>

Rain barrels, one of the first and easiest ways to baby- step into green, can save you money on your utility bill and save homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months. 55 gallon food-grade barrels and fittings will be made available as UF's Office Of Sustainability Anna Prizzia and takes us step by step in constructing a custom rain barrel that you take home with you. An exploration led by German Rosi of Abundant Edible Landscapes, of more extensive cistern collection systems and solar/electric/gravity-fed pumping and soaker systems will also be discussed. Class is limited and cost is \$75 so please reserve your space by RSVP to: educationdept@indigogreenstore.com

American Clay Plastering Workshop

Saturday, February 28th from 10AM-12PM

INDIGO 322 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville 378.2285

Cost: \$50 through INDIGO; \$60 through Santa Fe: <http://dept.sfcc.edu/ce/>

Join us for hands on workshop with American Clay- natural plastering clay made with recycled and reclaimed aggregates and available in vibrant natural pigments. The world-renown clay plastering geniuses at Croydon Finishing, Inc. from Montgomery, AL will take us from the basics of plastering clear through the whole process of applying this amazing natural earth plaster - and give you a chance to try it out yourself. Class is limited and cost is \$50 so please reserve your space by RSVP to: educationdept@indigogreenstore.com

Local Edible and Medicinal Plants

Saturday, March 7 from 10AM-12PM

INDIGO 322 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville 378.2285

Cost: Free

Have you wondered which plants in your backyard are edible or medicinal?

Who would have thought that we are walking over food and medicine every day? Led by Susan Marynowski who holds an M.S. in ecology, but has been a student and practitioner of herbal medicine for nearly 20 years, this class will include a stroll to see some edible and medicinal weeds in downtown Gainesville. Late winter and early spring are particularly bountiful times for edible greens in Florida, so come on out and see nature's smorgasbord. Tastings will demonstrate that these flavorful, mineral-rich plants can take an important part in your everyday diet! Handouts will be provided. Class is unlimited and free but please RSVPS to: educationdept@indigogreenstore.com

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