



Blue Bin News

St. Louis City Residential Recycling Newsletter

Paving The Way For The Future

Many women have dedicated their lives to protecting our environment. As a tribute to Women's History Month in March, we salute the following women for their environmental accomplishments.

Mary Appelhof, known worldwide as the "Worm Woman," advocated the use of worms to recycle food waste into nutrient-rich fertilizer. She introduced thousands of schoolchildren and home gardeners to the fascinating, environmentally-significant activity of vermicomposting. Her expertise and accomplishments in worm composting earned her a photo above a worm exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution. Her work with worms continues to inspire others to let *Worms Eat My Garbage*.



Many products we use on a daily basis are made from trees. While reducing, reusing, and recycling can help conserve trees, living in one is perhaps the most extreme way to go about protecting our forests. In 1997, then a 23-year-old woman, Julia Hill climbed into a 180 foot tall, 1,500 year old California Redwood to prevent loggers from cutting it down. She lived there for 2 years to save the old forest. In 1999, the lumber company agreed to preserve Julia's tree and all trees within a 3-acre radius. She continues to advocate for environmental education and protection.

Rachel Carson, one of the most well known women in environmental history, pioneered research and writings that brought worldwide attention to the dangers of DDT and other pesticides. Her warnings about the detrimental effects these chemicals can have on humans and animals were very controversial at first, but her ideas have now become the foundation of the modern environmental movement.



These women, and many others, have helped protect our environment while challenging the status quo and breaking social barriers. Their achievements inspired generations of women and men to continue the pursuit of environmental sustainability. This month we honor all women who have made contributions to our history and look forward to the accomplishments to be made by women of the future.

March 2010 Upcoming Events

Details available at

<http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/recycle/calendar.html>

Tuesday, March 9

- Indoor Composting: Worm Bins, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 11

- Native Plant School - Native Plant Propagation from Seed, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Indoor Composting: Making Bokashi Buckets, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23

- The Waste Diet class, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24

- Indoor Composting: Worm Bins, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25

- Composting Tumbler, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30

- Home Composting Class, 6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.
- Landscaping & Gardening with Native Plants Class, 7:00 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.



