

Happy Holidays from SustainVU!

Looking for ways to have a sustainable holiday season? Look no more! Check out our new Holiday Greening Guide on the SustainVU website at www.vanderbilt.edu/SustainVU . The guide includes great ideas for green gift giving, decorating, entertaining, and travel! Also, since you are already on the website, feel free to take a look at our Departmental Greening Guide and Event Greening Guide for more information on different ways you can be more environmentally-friendly while working and planning events at Vanderbilt www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu/greeningguides.php.

If our Holiday Greening Guide inspires you to seek out green gifts this season, be sure to visit Vanderbilt's 1st Annual Alternative Gift Fair at St. Augustine's Chapel on Friday, December 5 from 3 – 6 PM. Honor someone by supporting a charity in their name or purchase a local, fair-trade, or handmade item to give as a gift this year. The event is hosted by Manna Project, Presbyterian Student Fellowship, and Wesley/Canterbury Fellowship, and will feature gifts and sponsorships from organizations such as Heifer International, Book 'Em, Thistle Farms of Magdalene House, and many more. For more details please visit: <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu/calendar/2008/12/05/vanderbilts-1st-annual-alternative-gift-fair.67284>.

Another green gift-buying opportunity is available on December 6. ASK Apparel, a naturally-dyed organic clothing company, will host the Connect with a Cause holiday open house (5001 Indiana Avenue) on Saturday, December 6 from 2 – 6 PM. The event will feature environmentally-friendly clothing and gifts from local artists, natural dye demonstrations, and speakers from community groups. Proceeds will go to St. Luke's Community House, Nashville Urban Harvest, Magdalene House and Downtown Presbyterian Church. For more details please visit: www.askapparel.com/connect-with-a-cause/.

The undergraduate Net Impact chapter is hosting a holiday networking event with the OGSM NetImpact chapter and the professional NetImpact chapter on Thursday, December 4 from 7 – 9 PM in the Multipurpose room (237) of the Commons Center.

Join the Vanderbilt Food Politics working group at their next meeting on Monday, December 15 at 5 PM in the Robert Penn Warren Center for a discussion about urban agriculture movements. For more information, contact Amanda Hagood at charlotte.a.hagood@vanderbilt.edu.

The ThinkOne Energy Conservation educational initiative continues on main campus! This fall, many of you received energy conservation information concerning temperature control, lighting efficiency, efficient use of computers and office equipment, and other great energy-saving ideas. Our goal is to reduce energy consumption by Vanderbilt University by 15% or more, so Think of One thing you can do each day to help our community achieve that goal! For more ways to save energy on campus, information on the ThinkOne research project, or interesting FAQs and facts about energy production and consumption at Vanderbilt, check out our website: www.vanderbilt.edu/SustainVU/ThinkOne.

Have a great, green holiday season!

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