



free family event!

Saturday, April 16

9am-6pm Plano Centre

2000 E. SPRING CREEK PARKWAY

Celebrating its fifth year as the largest green event in Texas!



### Bring your bike to the Expo

The Parks Department has designated a bike route for cyclists riding to the Expo from Collin College. All cyclists riding or bringing bikes to the Expo may drop off their bicycles at the free bike valet for safe guarding while enjoying the Expo. ~~Bike DFW and Richardson Bike Mart~~ will provide a children's bike safety rodeo course for kids to ride through, along with bicycle safety checks and identification engraving. Team Eisenberg Stunt Cyclists will perform incredible bike tricks at 11:30 am and 3:30 pm!

### GREEN PRESENTATIONS AT THE EXPO

Education is one of the most important parts of the Live Green Expo and there's lots to learn about in 2011!

#### YARD & GARDEN TENT (WEST LOT)

- > Square Foot Gardening with Julie Whitis
- > Sustainable Landscaping with Carrie Dubberley of Dubberley Landscapes
- > Vermiculture & Worm Bins with Elbert Lui of TXWorms
- > Water Gardening with Michael O'Keefe of Creative by Designs
- > Growing & Using Organic Herbs with Kay Nelson
- > Container Gardening with Collin County Master Gardeners
- > Aquaculture with Ione von Herbing of University of North Texas

#### INFO ON THE GO (NORTHBROOK 3)

- > Living Green With Your Pet with Shawn Messonnier
- > Natural Beauty - Cosmetics Without Harmful Chemicals with Plano Spa Habitat
- > Urban Wildlife - Living together peacefully
- > Lighting: CFLs vs. LEDs with Elliott's Hardware
- > Electric Vehicles - What's Available Now with Electric Vehicle Club members
- > Care and Pruning of Roses with Collin County Rose Society
- > Organic Products - What's New with Bobby Spence of Harvest Supply Company
- > Running Your Car on Biofuel with Dave Pennington

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (WINDHAVEN ROOM)

- > Eco-fashion Show
- > Problems with Plastics - Jeb Berrier, Bag It film star
- > Panel: Got A House? Get It Green!
- > Sustainable Landscaping - Organic vegetables and edible landscaping - Howard Garrett
- > Common-sense Sustainability - Anna Clark



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## Fair Trade Market

Make a note to stop by the Fair Trade Market at the 2011 Live Green Expo. Ten Thousand Villages, a founding member of the World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) will provide Expo attendees with their sustainable products and detailed information about the importance of fair trade. Inside the market, attendees can purchase handmade gifts, jewelry, home décor, art and sculpture. Product sales help contribute to the welfare of struggling artisans in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.



## Bon Appétit! Local Foods Café

Come and sample local foods prepared by the Collin College Culinary Arts Institute. The café will feature delicious foods provided by North Texas producers including fresh ground beef, pork loin, chicken, pasta, vegetables, cheese, breads and dessert. You can also sample local wines from area wineries. The cost is \$10 and you must pre-register for the event. Enhance your *Live Green Expo* experience and join us from 5 - 6pm in the Windhaven Room at the Plano Centre! Visit our website to make your reservation at the Expo Café!

## Mission Possible: North Texas Nature Challenge 2011

Your mission ... should you choose to accept it: Explore the nature of North Central Texas this summer with your family! Join the mission that will connect your family with our local environment. Registration is now open!

Visit our website for more details and to register.

Once registered, you have 17 weeks to visit as many participating parks and nature areas in North Central Texas as you can! You will view native wildlife, dip your feet in creeks, rivers, and draw and write about your observations while learning more about nature and science in your neighborhood! At each site you will complete activities designed for family fun and nature exploration provided in English and Spanish.

One of the Nature Challenges takes place at the Live Green Expo on April 16th! Be sure to register your family online at the link above before coming to the *Live Green Expo* so you can participate!





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### West Parking Lot Activities

- > Visit the Kid's Zone where you'll find a number of activities designed to engage you in learning and investigating what air, water, land, waste and energy have to do with living green!
- > Sign up in advance to participate in the solar carraces at scheduled times, or show up to watch this fun in the sun activity!
- > Bring your used plastic bags and help us create a unique sculpture to draw attention to the problem of plastic in our communities.
- > Play at Kids Town, the ideal green community designed JUST FOR KIDS!
- > Don't miss the chance to sit in the driver's seat of a real recycling truck!

### Courtyard Stage Collin College Music Showcase

- 9 am** New Music Ensemble featuring Jay Wiley on the "Pulsato," a 10-foot DIY koto instrument
- 10 am** Collin Songwriters
- 11 am** David Siu and Friends Jazz Combo  
Noon Drum Circle (open to all)  
Kid's Percussion Petting Zoo and DIY "Shaker Maker" Project
- 1 pm** Electronic Music Duo Featuring DIY Electronics (Randy Biart and Eric Wafford)
- 2 pm** Collin Classical Guitarists
- 3 pm** Recording Ensemble (Jimmy Wallace)
- 4 - 6 pm** Rock Ensemble (Susan Hanlon)

### Register Now for Expo Workshops!

Reserve your spot for the Live Green Expo workshops. Registration for composting and rain barrel workshops is open to Plano residents only. Please only register for ONE of the composting workshops.

**RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP:** Experts from Texas Agri-Life will teach attendees all about rain water harvesting and will provide participants a 55-gallon rain barrel as well as discuss installing an efficient irrigation system. The rain barrel is yours to take home! **Cost: \$40**

**FOOD COMPOSTING:** Learn the basics of indoor & outdoor food composting with worms from Texas Master Composters. Cost: FREE - Registered residents will receive a ready-to-use-plastic bio-digester or plastic worm bin with live worms to take home!

<b>12:30 - 1 pm</b>	Bio-Digester Class	<b>2:30 - 3 pm</b>	Bio-Digester Class
<b>1 - 2 pm</b>	Worm Bin Class	<b>3 - 4 pm</b>	Worm Bin Class

**COMPOST FAIR:** Attend the Compost Fair to rotate through the learning stations to find out how to compost yard trimmings in your own backyard! Registered Plano residents will receive a ready-to-use wire compost bin. **Cost: FREE**

**Sessions at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm**

**GREEN-ART WORKSHOP:** Green-Art Workshops throughout the day feature eco-projects that include robots, soft sculptures, jewelry, book art, fabric pouches, and more. Local artists will be on hand to help inspire your creative spirit. Pre-registration for workshops is highly encouraged. All ages welcome! Participants must purchase supplies/eco-kit at the beginning of each session.

**Cost: Eco-kit prices range \$5-\$10/each.** Payment will be taken on-site. **Sessions at 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm**

The workshops are some of our most popular attractions at the Expo and spaces go quickly! Reserve your spot early! Registration is open to Plano residents only. Please only register for ONE of the composting workshops. [Click here to register.](#)

The Courtyard Stage features Exeltech solar panels to power up and amp up. Several DIY components include students demonstrating and performing on acoustic and electronic instruments they've designed and constructed themselves. The Collin College Department of Music offers scholarships and accepts donations to its scholarship fund. To make a donation to the scholarship fund or for more information, please visit [collin.edu/music](http://collin.edu/music).



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Let Us Entertain You!

The Live Green Expo has some great shows scheduled this year! Be sure not to miss any of these...

The Incredible Bubble Show

Linda Berman knows how to entertain, educate, inspire and motivate using soap and water and an incredible variety of household objects to create mind-boggling bubbles! Her Incredible Bubble Zone will be set up and staffed all day for kids from 1 to 101 to try their hand in making bubbles and a special take-home bubble wand with recipe for at-home fun.

PERFORMANCE TIMES

9:30 am • 10:30 am • 11:30 am
12:30 pm • 4:00 pm • 5:00 pm

Jeb Berrier: Bag It Film Star

10:30 am at the West Parking Lot Stage



Blackland Prairie Raptor Center - Predators from the Sky - Gotcha Covered!

12:30 pm at the West Parking Lot Stage

Day and night the raptors are on patrol. Their mission ... in search of a meal. How do they do it? Discover their unique adaptations to hunt in woodland, wetlands and prairies. Two raptors, one diurnal and one nocturnal will be used to demonstrate their capabilities.

Green Biz Quiz

1:30 pm at the West Parking Lot Stage

Critterman

2:30 pm at the West Parking Lot Stage

Discover the incredibly valuable services native animals perform as natural pest controllers and waste removers. Learn about the way these animals are adapted for their habitat and why those adaptations are important. You'll see, learn and interact with seven different creatures you may know nothing about!

Classical Guitarist

4:30pm at the West Parking Lot Stage

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DIY Room activities include:

- > Weather stripping demos
> Water conservation tips
> All-natural cleaners for glass, mirrors and eyeglasses
> Exfoliating beauty products, deodorant
> Air fresheners, hand warmers, and fire starters
> Food preservation & reusable snack holders
> Repurposed arts & crafts
> Solar screens, low emissivity and double-paned window demos

Special Demonstrations Corner:

9:30 & 2:30 How-to Build An Adirondack Chair

10:30 & 4:30 How-to Grow An Indoor Herb Garden

11:30 & 3:30 How-to Build A Birdhouse and Attract Birds

12:30 & 5:30 How-to Plan A Stay-cation in DFW

1:30 How-to Make Repurposed Art

Don't forget to bring an old 100% cotton T-shirt or pair of jeans! Sewing volunteers will help you repurpose your old clothes into a reusable shopping bag, laptop case or purse!