



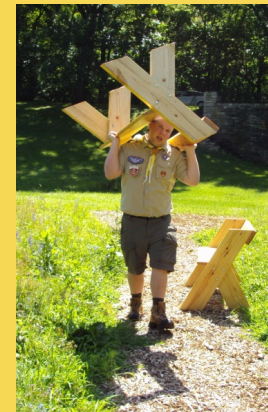
La Vista

Ecological Learning Center

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E-Newsletter

What's New At La Vista? Benches and Bees!

The growing Pollinator Garden received a gift from an Eagle Scout troop: four Leopold benches (For excellent directions on making this very popular bench Google "How to Build a Leopold Bench with Spike Carlsen".) Come for a visit, have a seat, and enjoy the amazing butterflies and bees populating the garden. (Thanks to Jeremy Counts, his troop, and their parents.)



Thanks to local beekeepers Pat and Jerry Veicht, 36 beehives have been installed at La Vista. Since native bees are the most important group of pollinators, we are pleased to be in contact with beekeepers who are so enthused about their craft. They will help educate all of us about bees' importance to ecosystems.

What else is new?
These upcoming programs. . .

Exploring the Green Burial Option

Monday, September 19, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Green burial is an environmentally friendly burial option that aims to have as little impact on Earth as possible. It is a way to embrace death as a natural part of our life cycle, and it involves family and friends in the process. The evening includes an informative and engaging movie followed by a presentation from Gracie McDonnell who is on the staff of the Bellefontaine Cemetery Association.

Suggested Donation: \$5.00

Registration: Call 618-466-5004 or email us at info@lavistaelc.org

**Autumn Equinox Celebration:
t Visions Nature Photography
Saturday, September 24 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Dan Zarlenga is the Missouri Department of Conservation's Media Specialist for the St. Louis Region and has been an amateur astronomy enthusiast most of his life. When he took up an interest in photography 6 years ago it seemed only natural to turn his camera to the stars. He especially enjoys the challenge of blending both elements of the night sky and land in his photos. Dan's photographs are a collection of twilight scenes, starscapes, star trails and moonlit landscapes, all revealed by the magic of long exposures.



Join us as Dan presents a collection of his images and reveals some of the techniques he uses to create them. In addition, Dan will include photographs he has made from the last several years of the Equinox sunrise at Woodhenge at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site.

Suggested donation: \$10 per person

Registration is important and can be done by calling 618-466-5004 or by e-mailing info@lavistaelc.org.

