



La Vista Ecological Learning Center

A ministry of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
September 6, 2016
E-Newsletter

Upcoming Programs At a Glance

- 9/19 Exploring Green Burial
- 9/24 Autumn Equinox Celebration and Night Visions Nature Photography
- 10/1 Authentic Indian Cooking Workshop
- 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15 Laudato Si' Study Sessions with OMI Novices
- 10/19 - 10/23 Autumn Weekend Earth Literacy Program (visit www.lavistaelc.org)
- 11/19 One-woman Performance: Rooted in Love - the Life and Death of Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN

Exploring Green Burial Monday, September 19, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

When it comes to funerals, we usually think of two options: burial or cremation. If you are curious about an alternative that is sustainable, involves family and friends in the process, and is energy efficient, join us as we explore the green burial option. Green or natural burial embraces death as a natural part of the life cycle in theory and in practice.

This evening program includes viewing an informative and engaging movie followed by input from a green cemetery staff person. There will also be time for a question and answer period.

Suggested donation: \$5.00. Register by calling 618-466-5004 or by e-mailing info@lavistaelc.org

Autumn Equinox Celebration: Night Visions Nature Photography

Saturday, September 24, 2016,
7:00 - 9:00 pm



Join us for this year's celebration of the equinox and become immersed in amazing photography showing unique visions of the night sky as well as morning equinox sunrises at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site.

Our presenter, Dan Zarlenga is an amateur astronomy enthusiast, photographer, and media specialist for the Missouri Department of Conservation. He enjoys blending both elements of the night sky and land in his photos which are a collection of twilight scenes, starscapes, star trails, and moonlit landscapes, all revealed by the magic of long exposures.

If you are a photographer, astronomer or nature lover, you will be delighted by Dan's presentation.

Suggested donation: \$10 per person. (Registration is requested and can be done by



Authentic Indian Cooking Workshop

Sat., October 1,
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Bring your appetite and enthusiasm for a fun-filled culinary experience. The class includes an introduction to Indian ingredients, a hands-on participation style workshop on delicious Indian cooking, and the enjoyment of eating the prepared dishes.

Menu: Indian chickpea curry, aromatic spiced rice pilaf, and Kulcha, (leavened Indian flatbread).

Both classes will be led by our friend and experienced cook, Anu Trzaska.

Cost: \$15.00 per person.

Registration: Send your payment to La Vista Ecological Learning Center, 4300 Levis Lane, Godfrey, IL 62035. Deadline is September 28. Please include your email address; confirmation will be sent via e-mail.

Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home Study and Action Sessions on Pope Francis' Encyclical

Tuesdays, October 11, 18, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Oblate Novitiate, 4300 Levis Lane, Godfrey, IL

You are invited to join the priests and novices at the Oblate Novitiate for study sessions focused on the papal encyclical in which Pope Francis asks, *"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?"* (#160)

These sessions are for people of faith and people of conscience who are interested in studying the words of Pope Francis and taking action. Sessions will include prayer, discussion and action planning so you can take steps in order to care for our common home. As Pope Francis says, *"All it takes is one good person to restore hope!"* (#71)

Registration is necessary and can be done by calling Sister Maxine at 618-466-5004. Please register by Tues., Sept. 27. You can purchase a copy online, download it to your computer or order one when you register.

Sat., November 19, 2016
Showtime: 1:30 pm



Sister Dorothy was a modern martyr and passionate advocate for the Amazon Rainforest and its indigenous peoples, plant and animal species, and fresh water reserves. Please join us for an inspiring one-woman performance of Sister Dorothy's life featuring Sister Nancy Murray, OP, as Dorothy Stang.

Location: Maria Center 336 East Ripa Avenue St. Louis, MO 63125

Cost: \$15 (Individual), \$50 (Four tickets group rate)

Registration: Thank you for using the registration form on our web

site: http://www.lavisiacelc.org/pdf/DorothyStang_flyer.pdf

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For information: Call 618-466-5004

