



Environmental Explorations

We're All Connected!



A fascinating ecology lesson demonstrates how forest species are inter-related, depending upon one another for food or shelter. The relationship is symbolized by ropes connecting those species, which ultimately forms a web, in an activity called, "We're All Connected."

Looking at the complex community of Stubnitz Environmental Education Center (SEEC), one can see a similar web of connections. Without these relationships supporting its operation, the Center would not flourish, and would perhaps cease to exist. At the heart of this web are those who volunteer their time, talents, and resources for the benefit of SEEC.

Much hard work, with support from the Lenawee Intermediate School District (LISD), has gone into designing the SEEC School Field Trip Program to align with the Michigan Curriculum Framework. A dedicated and caring group of volunteer interpretive guides delivers the program in accordance with that Framework. Without them, the program would not be the same.

The Stubnitz Environmental Education Partnership Advisory Board (SEEPAB) brings together caring leaders from the community who focus on the nuts and bolts realities of operating an environmental center. At the forefront, the original partnership between the LISD and the City of Adrian works smoothly to ensure both inside and outside functioning of the facility.

Combining the efforts of the SEEPAB Marketing and Funding Committee with a huge boost of



energy, leadership, and resources from the business community, the Dinner Auction to Benefit Stubnitz Environmental Education Center raises over \$20,000 each year. These funds support environmental programs and outreach, fulfilling the SEEC mission to "provide all people with a living laboratory for lifelong learning, instilling stewardship for the natural environment."

In 1993, the Stubnitz Foundation, by matching funds with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, brought the dream of a community environmental center to reality in a beautiful timberframe building in Heritage Park. Through the years, the Foundation has continued to support SEEC with funding dedicated to curriculum improvement, volunteer appreciation, Nature Art, building signage, exhibits, and "green design." Woven throughout the web, the Stubnitz Foundation symbolizes the interrelationships of many. Indeed, "We're All Connected!"

Spring Celebration



On Saturday, April 30th, from 8:30 until 12:00, celebrate the season at the SEEC Spring Open House. Programs will include a guided trail hike at 9:00 and two live animal presentations: "Michigan Raptors, Hunters of the Sky," at 10:00 a.m. and "Michigan's Valuable Wetlands," at 11:00 a.m. In addition, the Wacker Habitat team will host a walk-in clinic on "Maintaining Bluebird Habitat." Programs are presented free of charge, sponsored by Wacker Chemical Corporation, the Stubnitz Foundation, and the Friends of SEEC donor group.



Lenawee Intermediate School District

Spring 2005

2004 Dinner Auction to Benefit Stubnitz Environmental Education Center

The 2004 Dinner Auction raised over \$21,000, in October, to support environmental programs and outreach at SEEC. Funds were generated through raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction held throughout the evening, making for a fast paced, fun, and exciting evening. Special thanks go to the Dinner Auction Planning Committee, as well as to these corporate sponsors and auction donors:



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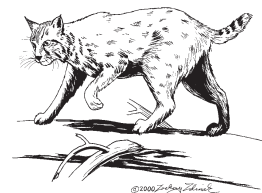
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Stubnitz Environmental Education Center and the
Lenawee Intermediate School District present:

SEEC Spring Open House

Saturday, April 30, 2005

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

at

Stubnitz Environmental Education Center
in Adrian's Heritage Park

Programs



9:00 - 10:00 - **"Searching for Springtime Wildflowers"** guided trail hike by Robert Gentry, Superintendents of Parks and Forestry, City of Adrian



10:00-11:00 - **"Michigan Raptors: Hunters of the Sky,"** a live animal presentation by the River Raisin Raptor Center, sponsored by the Stubnitz Foundation.



11:00-12:00 - **"Michigan's Valuable Wetlands,"** live animal presentation by the Michigan United Conservation Club, sponsored by Wacker Chemical Corporation



8:30-12:00 - **"Backyard Habitat for Wildlife and Bluebird House Monitoring"** walk-in program, presented by the Wacker Chemical Corporation Bluebird Team, and a display booth on **"Recycling and Living Green,"** presented by Lenawee County Solid Waste Department.



SEEC Volunteers

SEEC School Field Trip Programs provide a unique opportunity for students to spend the day learning outdoors in the natural environment. Our fine quality programs, tailored for each grade level, could not be presented without a very special group of people--our SEEC volunteers. We extend a heartfelt thanks to our dedicated and talented group of field trip volunteers:



Annette Gidner
 Cecelia Gourik
 Judy Holcomb
 Laurie Howarth
 Sarah Hemsteger
 Herb Mills
 Lois McCormack
 Bernadine Potts

Melissa Salenbien
 Pat Sanders
 John Skinner
 Kathy Spacht
 Ben Thomas
 Dinah Wakeford
 Dody Wyman

If you enjoy working with students ages K-6, and/or with students at the secondary level, sharing environmental information and your love of nature, we need YOU! Volunteer interpretive guides are an integral part of SEEC's high quality school field trip program. Volunteers help from 9:30-1:30 on the day of a field trip. Please call Pam Bunch at 265-6691 for more information.



Stubnitz Environmental Education Center is owned and operated by the Lenawee Intermediate School District.

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SEEC Nature Art Competition

The sixth annual Stubnitz Environmental Education Center Nature Art Competition drew fifty-four entries from high school students at Adrian, Morenci, Onsted, Sand Creek, Tecumseh, and the Vo-Tech graphic design class. Entries were made through high school art teachers, who chose up to twenty of the best entries from among their classes. The artwork was on display during the month of February, with a panel of twenty-seven judges determining the top two First Place Winners, as well as twelve Honor Award Winners.

Congratulations go to the two selected First Prize winners, whose pieces have been purchased for permanent display at Stubnitz Center:

Leah Peters is a senior from Sue Prange's class at Onsted High School. Her piece, entitled "Mr. Painter," is a realistic scratchboard and oil pastel rendering of a painted turtle.

Leeann Brooks, a senior, is also from Sue Prange's class at Onsted High School. Her entry was a realistic scratchboard and oil pastel portrayal of the life stages of Monarch butterflies, called "Chrysalis."



The following twelve students were given Honor Awards by the judges:

Kim Allen	Adrian High School
Donny Lambright	Morenci High School
Erica Colley	Onsted High School
Kari Dechert	Onsted High School
Ashley Dixon	Onsted High School
Autumn Wetli	Onsted High School
Christa Creger	Sand Creek HS
Jill Palms	Sand Creek HS
Emily La Rocque	Tecumseh High School
Nell OLeary	Tecumseh High School
Amanda Putt	Tecumseh High School
Shannon Worker	Tecumseh High School

A public Gallery and Reception was held at Stubnitz Environmental Education Center, in Heritage Park, on Thursday, February 24th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Members of the community, students and their families attended the artist awards ceremony.

The High School Nature Art Competition and Gallery at SEEC is funded by an endowment from the Maurice and Dorothy Stubnitz Foundation.

Hillsdale Lenawee Monroe Math Science and Technology Center Finds A Home at SEEC

SEEC welcomes the Hillsdale/Lenawee/Monroe Mathematics and Science Center, one of 33 regional centers across Michigan. Administered by the Lenawee Intermediate School District and serving the tri-county region, the HLM Math Science Center has been housed at the LISD VoTech Center for the past eleven years.

SEEC Coordinator Pam Bunch has taken the position of Director of the HLM Math Science Center, half-time, while maintaining direction of Stubnitz Environmental Education Center, half-time. The new blended position and common location will offer many opportunities for the two programs to complement and enhance one another.

The SEEC Environmental Education program is truly interdisciplinary, putting math and science content learning into real world experience. In addition, the school program brings together language arts and social studies thinking skills to create understanding of the natural environment.

Math and Science Centers of Michigan provide support to school districts as they identify ways to improve their math and science curricula, and professional development for teachers, as well as offering unique programs for students in K-12. Watch as all of the interconnections between the two programs grow and thrive!

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Stubnitz
Environmental
Education
Center
in Heritage Park

4107 N. Adrian Hwy.
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Stubnitz Environmental Education Center

In 1989, a unique partnership was formed to create Stubnitz Environmental Education Center (SEEC) in Heritage Park. The Stubnitz Environmental Education Partnership members are:

Lenawee Intermediate School District
City of Adrian
Adrian College
Siena Heights University
MSU Extension Service
Lenawee County Education Foundation
Public and Private Schools of Lenawee County

Dedicated in October of 1993, the mission of SEEC is "to provide all people with a living laboratory for lifelong learning, instilling stewardship for the natural environment." In keeping with that mission, environmental education programs such as school field trips, weekend community education programs, and summer outdoor education day camps are offered throughout the year.