



Stubnitz
Environmental
Education
Center
in Heritage Park

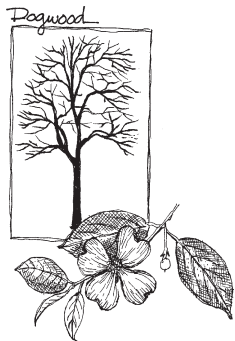
Environmental Explorations

Stubnitz environmental education programs are offered as a service of the Lenawee Intermediate School District

Creating a Schoolyard Habitat

The vision: students, teachers, and parent volunteers—all working together to create a wildlife habitat on school grounds. A schoolyard habitat, used effectively by students and their teachers, produces incredible opportunities for learning across the curriculum. It can be a place in which students learn to make a difference and improve the quality of the environment in which they live. It becomes a place where environmental education can be taught throughout the year.

Stubnitz Environmental Education Center will offer a professional development workshop for teachers and administrators on “Creating a Schoolyard Habitat for Wildlife,” Wednesday, February 13, 2002 from 8:30-3:00. Presented by SEEC Coordinator Pam Bunch, Blissfield Service Learning Teacher Kevin Grasely, and Ray Rustem, DNR Director of the Natural Heritage program, this workshop will lead teachers through the process of planning and funding a habitat development project for their school. In addition, they will take home ideas for using the habitat in a variety of lessons and subjects.



Any schoolground can become an outdoor classroom for use by teachers in all disciplines, in direct connection to the curriculum. When this happens, there are important benefits for all involved.

For students,

- ◆ Interest in school subjects is sparked by the opportunity to apply knowledge and do something real.
- ◆ Basic skills are reinforced by applying concepts in the real world.
- ◆ Science literacy, social skills, and cooperative learning are brought to focus through the process of designing, implementing, and utilizing habitat development projects.
- ◆ The outdoor classroom provides a site for hands-on activities with a real world connection, while developing respect and awareness of nature.
- ◆ It facilitates content area learning, emphasizing the concepts of connection, interaction, and diversity.



For teachers,

- ◆ It brings an opportunity to incorporate a variety of strategies, topics, and experiences to the curriculum.
- ◆ Teaching out-of doors brings novelty and freshness to learning.
- ◆ Student achievement is enhanced by the opportunity to apply and reinforce learning in the real world.
- ◆ The outdoor classroom is accessible at any time, providing a setting for ongoing study throughout the school year.



Winter 2002



SEEC Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 26, 2002 - 1:00-2:30 pm
"Snakes Alive!" Community Education program with naturalist Beth Duman. Meet and learn about some of Michigan's most slithery creatures! Fee \$4 per person, \$3 for SEEC members

Wednesday, February 13, 2002 - 8:30-3:00 pm
"Creating a Schoolyard Habitat for Wildlife", a teacher and administrator professional development workshop presented by SEEC coordinator Pam Bunch, Blissfield Service Learning Teacher Kevin Grasely, and Ray Rustem of the Michigan DNR's Natural Heritage Program. This workshop will prepare school staff to work with students and parent volunteers to create an outdoor classroom on their school site. Registration through Joanna Cubberly at the Hillsdale Lenawee Monroe Math Science Center 265-1667.

Thursday, February 28, 2002 - High School Student Nature Art Gallery and Reception
6:00-8:00 p.m. - Open to the community--come for a relaxing evening of wonderful student nature art!

Saturday, May 4, 2002 - 10:00-11:30 am. Spring Wildflower and Songbird Trail Hike" guided by Dr. Carl Kaster of Siena Heights. Fee of \$3 per person, free to SEEC members.



Saturday, May 4, 2002 -
Wacker Silicones' Household Hazardous Waste Day Open House at SEEC 8:30-12:00.

*****Please note: All SEEC community education programs listed require preregistration through the City of Adrian's Department of Community Services. Call 263-2161 ext. 272 to register.***

*****Wacker Silicones will have a drawing for a free SEEC Family/Friends membership to be awarded to one participant at each Community Education Program.***

Thanks to our Field Trip Program Volunteers!

Charleen Buncic
Charleen Church
Gail Dunaway
Robert Gentry
Mandi Graham
Judy Holcomb
Lois McCormack
Cheryl Nenn
Stacy Palik

Howard Pennington
Bernie Potts
Josh Richie
Melissa Salenbien
Pat Sanders
John Skinner
Kathy Spacht
Dody Wyman



Message to Potential Field Trip Program Volunteers!

If you enjoy working with students ages K-6, 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, leading small groups through program activities and on a trail hike. Please call Pam Bunch at 265-6691 for more information.

Fantastic Fundraising!

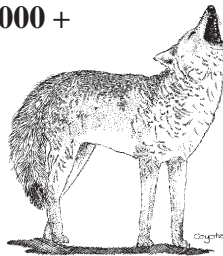
The **Dinner Auction to Benefit Stubnitz Environmental Education Center** was a huge success, making over \$21,000 to help provide environmental education programming for Lenawee County. Thanks to Anderson Development Company, the Lenawee Education Foundation, and all of the Dinner Auction Committee members and volunteers for their efforts.

It was a delightful event, with lively bidding, friendly rivalries, and generous hearts all contributing to the fun. Included in the live and silent auctions were original paintings by local artists Tom Theiry and Judith Holcomb, landscaping trees, jewelry, outdoor gear, and a beautiful canoe. Thanks to each of the sixty-two donors who provided a wonderful selection of items.

SEEC Corporate Members and Sponsors of 2001 Dinner Auction Benefit

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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.