



# Environmental Explorations

## Environmental Workshops for Schools

At its best, environmental education is a daily part of an integrated curriculum at school. By taking students outdoors to experience real-world applications of science, math, language arts, and social studies curriculum objectives, teachers can enhance student comprehension and performance.

*Using the schoolgrounds as an integrating context for learning, educators are able to teach across subject areas in the living laboratory outside their classroom doors. Schoolyard Habitats sites help educators meet the needs of students with varied learning styles. Students who have difficulty learning within the classroom often thrive in these hands-on, fully engaging outdoor laboratories." - National Wildlife Federation Schoolyard Habitats How-To Guide.*



Stubnitz Environmental Education Center will conduct two workshops in 2004 to assist teachers and schools in creating and utilizing their schoolyard as an outdoor classroom for student learning.

To register through the LISD's Professional Development Department, call Kathy Campbell at 265-1619. There will be a .5 SB-CEU credit available for each workshop.

**Tuesday, February 17, 2004 Creating Schoolyard Habitats** - National Wildlife Federation how-to workshop for teachers, administrators, and leaders of school volunteer groups. Participants will learn how to create a schoolyard habitat, to be used in alignment with state objectives for all grade levels, and in integrated lessons across the curriculum.



*Don't miss this opportunity to share the expertise of Carey Rogers, U.S. Education Programs Manager for National Wildlife Federation, and Jessica Lagalo, educator and schoolyard habitat coordinator for NWF's Great Lakes Office!*

**Thursday, April 22, 2004 - Teaching in the Outdoors: Environmental Education Curricula Sampler**

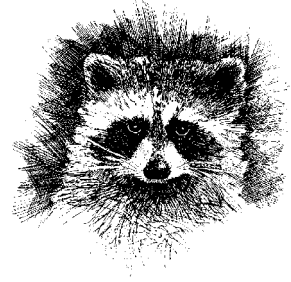
Participants will learn methods, tips and techniques for teaching in the outdoor classroom. Teachers will experience sample lessons from a variety of environmental education curricula, aligning them with State Curriculum Framework Objectives. Elementary and Middle School Teachers will receive training and the Project Wild K-12 Curriculum Guide. High School teachers will receive training and guide for the new Project Wild "Science and Civics" Curriculum Guide for grades 9-12.



Winter 2004



# SEEC Volunteers



## SEEC Field Trip Program Volunteers

SEEC School Field Trip Programs provide a unique opportunity to take students away from their school site 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:

Charlene Church	Melissa Salenbien
Gail Dunaway	Pat Sanders
Annette Gidner	John Skinner
Judy Holcomb	Kathy Spacht
Lois McCormack	Ben Thomas
Bernadine Potts	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.

## SEEC Facility Volunteers

We also thank these volunteers who have given their time and talents to SEEC:

Mary Stubli - SEEC logo redesign  
Master Gardener volunteers who have adopted our native plant landscape-

- Annette Gidner
- Howard Pennington
- Judy Avery
- Chris Slusser
- Mike & Elizabeth Maertens
- Moose Haney
- Ann Black
- Nancy Norman

## SEEC Family/Friends New and Renewing Members

Thank you to our members, who lend their support to SEEC environmental education with their membership contribution!

- Alison & Janelle Carpenter
- Gerald Coulter
- Mark & Lee Ann Gasche
- Robert & Karen Gentry
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- Robert Sullivan
- Wendy Woerner
- Dody Wyman

### Lifetime members:

- Allison MacArthur-Ruesink
- Paul Ruesink

# 2003 SEEC Dinner Auction a Huge Success!

It had all the elements of a great fundraising event: warmth, laughter, anticipation, drama, and generosity. The Dinner Auction to Benefit Stubnitz Environmental Education Center was sponsored by the Lenawee County Education Foundation and was produced by a team of committee members from business organizations, city government, the Lenawee Intermediate School District, and the community.

New activities for this year's event included the Jewel in the Sand raffle, with a \$1500 diamond prize, two Blitz raffles featuring Red Wing hockey tickets and a ladies' titanium watch, and a "Friends of SEEC" pledge drive at the end of the evening.

Brunch for eight at Evans Street Station, college football and basketball tickets, a bike, and a 14kt. jeweled bracelet were a few of the many attractive items donated for our Silent Auction. Live Auction items of art, golf clubs, a hand-knit jacket, and special entertainment packages for a day at Northville Downs, a Detroit Lions game, a Piston dinner and game, and a Nascar Weekend, rounded out the evening. All totaled, this fabulous event raised \$23,569 for Stubnitz Environmental Education Center.



A rare and newly discovered Dorothy Stubnitz watercolor auctioned at the end of the evening was purchased by Greg Holmes of GEOdynamics, and then donated to Stubnitz Environmental Education Center. The lovely barn in an autumn landscape, framed in barn wood, now graces the display room wall at our environmental center that bears the artist's name. Thank you so much, Mr. Holmes!



Many thanks to the Dinner Auction Planning Committee Members who worked so hard to make the 2003 Dinner Auction our best-ever:

Dave Riggs, chair  
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## Thanks to our 2003-2004 Corporate Sponsors:

### Platinum Sponsors \$1500

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# 2003-2004 Calendar of Events

**Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 8:30-12:00**

**Stubnitz Environmental Education Center Fall Open House**



**Saturday, October 25, 2003 - Dinner Auction to Benefit Stubnitz Environmental Education Center 5:30-10:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, January 24, 2004 - "Michigan's Wild Woodlands," 1:00-2:00 p.m.** In this presentation by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, a variety of live Michigan woodland mammals, birds, and reptiles help to demonstrate the significant role that forests play in maintaining biodiversity and as a renewable resource. Program fee: \$3.00 per person, \$10 per family, \$2.00 per person for SEEC Family/Friends Members.

**Tuesday, February 17, 2004 - 8:30- 3:00 — Professional Development workshop for Teachers, Principals, and School Volunteer Leaders: "Creating Schoolyard Habitats" A National Wildlife Federation how-to workshop on planning, funding, building and maintaining a wildlife habitat and outdoor classroom in your schoolyard. Register through the LISD Professional Development department at 265-1619 or [www.solutionwhere.com./lisd](http://www.solutionwhere.com./lisd).**

**High School Nature Art Competition:**

**Throughout the month of February 2004 - High School Nature Art on display**



**Monday, February 2 through Friday, February 13th, Judging of artwork**

**Thursday, February 26, 2004 - 6:00- 8:00 p.m. Nature Art Gallery and Reception - We invite parents and the community to this reception at SEEC to enjoy the excellent talents of Lenawee County high school artists.**



**Thursday, April 22, 2004 - 9:00— 3:00 Professional Development Workshop for Teachers and Principals: "Teaching in the Outdoors: Environmental Education Curricula Sampler."** Methods and tips for teaching in the outdoor classroom, using your class lesson plans as well as sample lessons from the best environmental education curricula available. Participants will also receive training and a manual in Project Wild. Register through the LISD Professional Development department at 265-1619 or [www.solutionwhere.com./lisd](http://www.solutionwhere.com./lisd).

**Saturday, May 1, 2004 - Enjoy Spring at SEEC!**



**8:30-12:00 Spring Open House, sponsored by Wacker Chemical Corporation as part of the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off**

**10:00-11:30 "Spring Wildflowers and Songbirds" guided trail hike for adults by Dr. Carl Kaster, Siena Heights University**

**\*\*Make a note on your calendar:**



**Saturday, October 23, 2004 - Dinner Auction to Benefit Stubnitz Environmental Education Center, Lenawee Country Club, 5:30-10:30 p.m.**



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

# "Michigan's Wild Woodlands"



Live Animal Presentation  
by the Michigan United Conservation Club

**Saturday, January 24, 2004**  
**1:00 - 2:30 p.m.**

at

**Stubnitz Environmental Education Center**  
**in Adrian's Heritage Park**



Look, listen, and learn as this skilled presenter from the MUCC brings a variety of live Michigan woodland mammals, birds, and reptiles to Stubnitz Center. Watch as she demonstrates the significant role that forests play in maintaining biodiversity and as a renewable resource.

**Program fee \$3 per person, \$2 for SEEC members**  
**\$10 per family, payable at the door**



For more information, call Stubnitz Environmental Ed. Center at 265-6691  
or the City of Adrian Dept. of Parks and Recreation at 264-4872



City of Adrian

Stubnitz Environmental Education Center in Heritage Park  
4132 N. Adrian Hwy., Adrian, MI 49221



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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.