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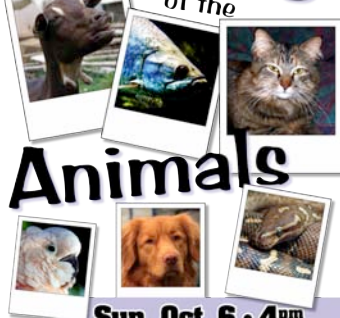
A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



Professor Lane photographs students from Bard College on their recent *Thinking Like A River* trip down the Hudson.

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Blessing of the



Animals

Sun. Oct. 6 • 4pm

Goodall Environmental Studies Center Amphitheater at Glendale

Light refreshments provided • Goodall Center will be open. And for those who wish to participate, Holy Communion to follow with our first wine from the Glendale Vineyard.

—Music by Rachel Chalmers—



Susan Fox Rogers from Bard College sporting her TLAR hat on the Hudson River.

Thinking Like A River Symposium II by John Lane

This week we embark on the second Thinking Like a River symposium. The events have both taken the same shape: we invite three or four folks in to talk publicly about our TLAR metaphor and experience our local Pacolet river on an overnight float trip.

At last year's symposium, writers Susan Fox Rogers, Mike Freeman, Alison Hedge-Coke, and hydrologist David Furbish visited. This year it's scientist Margo Farnsworth, writer and teacher Hal Crimmel, and river restorer Jon Calabria.

After last year's symposium Susan Fox Rogers hauled the idea north, and last week she inaugurated "TLAR North" at Bard College. I traveled to the Hudson, read river poetry, sat on a panel of river activists, writers, and scientists, and floated down the river with Bard students and faculty. We camped on an island too.

Come on out to our symposium events if you can. Learn to think like a river. We are especially fortunate that the Thinking Like a River symposium coincides with a week-long residency of Tibetan monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery, during which they have been constructing a sand mandala

at the Chapman Center. They have chosen to distribute the sand from the mandala in the Lawson's Fork Creek behind the Goodall Center for Environmental Studies.

Public events:

"Undiscovered Tributaries I"

Thursday, October 3, 2013 – 2:30pm-5:00pm - Anna Todd Wofford Center
Panel discussion with Margo Farnsworth, a consultant in strategic sustainability development, an adjunct faculty at Lipscomb University's Institute of Sustainability, and a Fellow for Biomimicry 3.8; and Jon Calabria, professor of landscape architecture at the University of Georgia.

Mandala Sand distribution

Friday, October 4, 2013 – 1:00 p.m. behind the Goodall Center for Environmental Studies at Glendale Shoals.

"Undiscovered Tributaries II"

Friday, October 4, 2013 – 7:00pm – Gray-Jones Room, Burwell Building
Part two of our panel discussion will feature Hal Crimmel, professor of writing and literature at Weber State University; and our two guests from Thursday, Margo Farnsworth and Jon Calabria.

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Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- October 3rd **Thinking Like A River Symposium:** “*Undiscovered Tributaries I*” with guest speakers Margo Farnsworth and Jon Calabria. 2:30pm-5:00pm in Anna Todd Wofford Room.
- October 4th **Thinking Like A River Symposium:** “*Undiscovered Tributaries II*” with guest speakers Hal Crimmel, Margo Farnsworth, and Jon Calabria. 7:00pm in Gray-Jones Room, Burwell Building.
- October 6th **Blessing of the Animals:** 4:00pm at the Goodall Center Amphitheater. For those that wish to participate, Holy Communion will follow. Light refreshments; music by Rachel Chalmers.
- October 7th **Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** Next meeting in BSA 1 at 8:30pm.
- October 9th **Campus B-Challenge Ends:** Wofford and Converse are competing for bragging rights and a BIG blue ribbon! The bike station that has the most trips taken wins! Check out a bike today and help us win!
- October 9th **Special Topics Advising Hour:** The first of four meeting this year hosted by ENVS. Sophomores and juniors are invited to learn more about this month’s topic, *Internships*. 2:30pm-3:30pm in BSA.
- October 10th **“Trashed”:** A docu-feature film presented by Jeremy Irons. 7:00pm in the Barrett Room, Downtown Library. Panel discussion will follow.
- October 19th **Drum Circle:** Goodall Environmental Studies Center amphitheater, 7:00pm-9:00pm.
- October 23rd **Author Talk and Book Signing:** Author Eric Rutkow will be at the Barrett Room, Downtown Library, 5:15pm-6:45pm. His first book, “*American Canopy: Trees, Forests and the Making of a Nation*” tells the extraordinary story of the relationship between Americans and trees across the entire span of the nation’s history.
- October 26th **National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day:** 10:00am-2:00pm. Drop off any old medication at the Sheriff’s office or Spartanburg City Hall. Check www.ariverremedy.org for more information. Also look for Spartanburg Citizens for Recycling on Facebook.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Bard College – Bard Center for Environmental Policy

Bard College, a private liberal arts college, is located on the shore of the Hudson River, which is just north of New York City. The Bard Center for Environmental Policy (Bard CEP) was founded in 1999 and the graduate program was launched in 2001.

Today, Bard CEP offers a MS in Environmental Policy and a MS in Climate Science and Policy.

The Peace Corps Master’s International Program also provides the opportunity to incorporate the Peace Corps service with a master’s degree.

A joint program with Pace Law School, one of

the nation’s top five environmental law programs, provides a MS degree, in environmental policy or climate science and policy, and a JD with a certificate in environmental law. Two other dual degrees are offered. The MS/MAT is for students seeking advanced knowledge in environmental policy and certification in secondary education and the MS/MBA is for students developing careers that combine the skills needed in both policy and business. For more information, visit <http://www.bard.edu/cep/>.