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## **BURLCO EARTH FAIR RETURNS TO SMITHVILLE SUN., JUNE 24**

### **Environmental Fun for the Whole Family, 10:30 am to 4 pm**

Sponsored by the Burlington County Freeholders, the Burlington County Earth Fair is an all-day celebration featuring exhibits, entertainment and tips for protecting the environment. It will be held rain or shine, with free admission on Sunday, June 24 from 10:30 am to 4 pm.

The annual Recycling Stop and Drop for confidential paper shredding and TV and computer recycling will be held from 10 am to 4 pm in the parking lot at Smith's Woods, Smithville Road and East Railroad Avenue. (For more info about the recycling event, call 609-499-1001)

The Earth Fair celebration draws thousands of visitors to the park each year. New for 2012 will be an appearance by celebrity Mike McGrath, host of the nationally-syndicated public radio show *You Bet Your Garden* who will share tips about how to "Get your Lawn Off Drugs" at noon, and offer "Organic Answers to Your Toughest Garden Questions" at 2 pm.

Also new this year will be the "Make Your Own Rain Barrel" workshop at 11 am for \$45 per person, including all supplies. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Email: [Haberland@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:Haberland@njaes.rutgers.edu) or call: 856-216-7130, ext. 3.

The Sustainable Living Tent will showcase Earth-friendly solutions for the home, including urban gardening, homesteading, green home renovations, solar panels, resource-saving appliances, and energy-saving light bulbs. Visitors are encouraged to recycle their gently-used shoes at the fair's Shoebox Recycling exhibit. For more information, go to [www.shoeboxrecycling.com](http://www.shoeboxrecycling.com)

A selection of hybrid cars will be at the Fair. The R U Green displays will explain about beneficial bugs and butterfly gardens, conserving water and energy, recycling "dos and don'ts," backyard composting, rain barrels and rain gardens, and more. Two mini-workshops will offer tips about going green; *Learn How To Lead A More Sustainable Lifestyle* at 11 am and 1 pm, and *Learn How To Make Your Home More Energy Efficient* at noon and 2 pm. Other attractions will include eco-friendly vendors selling their wares and environmental displays.

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Children will enjoy a variety of activities with an environmental twist, including “trash” sculpting, papermaking, games and storytelling. The “Bash the Trash Musical Playground” will allow youngsters to have fun with “instruments” made from recycled materials. Kids will also be invited to crawl through the STARLAB traveling planetarium to see stars and constellations during a 30-minute program that will be presented at 10:30 and 11:30 am, and 12:30 and 1:30 pm.

The Grand Falloons will present Professor Winklebottom’s Earth Science Circus on the children’s stage at 11:30 am and 1:30 pm, and magician Bill Kerwood will present his interactive comedy and magic show in the courtyard at noon and 2 pm. Commotion in the Ocean with “Mother Nature” will be presented at 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm on the children’s stage.

Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy canoeing the Rancocas Creek (\$15 per canoe) and exploring the park’s nature trails, while history buffs can tour the Historic Smithville Mansion (\$4 per person), the industrial village, and the Historic Smithville Workers’ House and Gallery to view the current exhibit, “Six Generations of Burlington County Quilters.”

Visitors will also be invited to stop by the Smithville Mansion Annex Art Gallery to see paintings of the Pinelands by local artists, as well as select pieces from the Teen Arts Program, including sculptures made from aluminum cans.

Live entertainment on the park’s main stage will include: Mark Rust’s Tunes for Spoons at 11 am; the Spook Handy Trio at noon; the Paisley Pickles Band at 1 and 3 pm; and a fun, interactive “Bash the Trash Festival Show” featuring rockin’ tunes performed by a quintet of musicians playing “recycled” instruments at 2 pm. The strolling Rice & Beans Jug Band will entertain the crowds throughout the park with old-timey classics, pre-war jazz and blues.

Historic Smithville Park is located on Smithville Road in Eastampton, just three-quarters of a mile off Route 38. For more information, call the Burlington County Division of Parks at (609) 265-5858, or go to [www.co.burlington.nj.us](http://www.co.burlington.nj.us).

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**EARTH FAIR SCHEDULE** (Subject to change)

**Fun for the Whole Family**

- **10:30 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm** – Burlington County College’s STARLAB traveling planetarium. Crawl through a darkened tunnel to see stars and constellations during this 30-minute program.
- **11:30 am & 1:30 pm** – **The Grand Falloons – Professor Winklebottom’s Earth Science Circus on the children’s stage.** Live music, juggling, magic, classic vaudeville and slapstick illustrate themes such as: “How well are we taking care of our planet;” “Nothing is limitless;” and “What do we do with all this garbage?” [www.grandfalloons.com](http://www.grandfalloons.com)
- **Noon & 2 pm** – **The Magic of Recycling with Magician Bill Kerwood in the courtyard.** Interactive comedy and magic show with audience participation teaching the magic of recycling.
- **12:30 pm & 2:30 pm** – **Commotion in the Ocean with “Mother Nature” on the children’s stage.** Welcome Mother Nature to Earth Fair with an interactive play for young children based on simple riddles about sea creatures. [www.After3theatre.org](http://www.After3theatre.org)

**Live Entertainment**

- **11 am** – **Mark Rust Show on the main stage.** Environmental show featuring Tunes for Spoons. A fun and interactive show for the whole family featuring songs about the Earth, animals, and the environment. Learn to play recycled spoons. [www.markrust.com](http://www.markrust.com)
- **Noon** – **Spook Handy Trio on the main stage.** Children and families love this fun, interactive and educational concert that addresses some of the simple steps we can take to reduce waste, save energy, and become better stewards of the forests, air, water and open spaces we all share. [www.spokhandy.com](http://www.spokhandy.com)
- **1 pm and 3 pm** – **Paisley Pickles Band on the main stage.** Rock out to the musical fun of three dads who call themselves the Paisley Pickles. Enjoy musical food for the whole family – punk to jazz. [www.thepaisleypickles.com](http://www.thepaisleypickles.com)
- **2 pm** – **Bash the Trash on the main stage.** All about science, the environment and the arts. Enjoy a rockin’ performance of instruments made from trash. [www.bashthetrash.com](http://www.bashthetrash.com)
- **Throughout the day** – **Rice & Beans Jug Band strolling through the park.** This all-acoustic group of musicians playing banjo, accordion, fiddle, washboard, kazoo, jug, and washtub bass performs old-timey jug band classics, pre-war jazz and blues. [www.zydecoagogo.com](http://www.zydecoagogo.com)

**Workshops and Presentations**

- **11 am and 1 pm** – **Learn How to Live a Sustainable Lifestyle**
- **Noon and 2 pm** – **Energy Retrofits**
- **Noon** – **Mike McGrath presents “Get Your Lawn off Drugs.”**
- **2 pm** – **Mike McGrath offers “Organic Answers to Your Toughest Garden Questions”**
- **11 am** – **Make Your Own Rain Barrel** (Space is limited and pre-registration is required [Haberland@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:Haberland@njaes.rutgers.edu) or (856) 216-7130, ext. 3)

**Tour and Explore**

- **Historic Smithville Mansion** (\$4 per person)
- **Smithville Industrial Village & the Nature Trails**
- **Smithville Mansion Art Gallery**
- **Smithville Worker’s House and Gallery**
- **Canoeing** (\$15 a canoe)
- **The Sustainability Tent & R U Green Stations**

**Stop and Drop Recycling Event For Burlington County Residents Only**

(Smith’s Woods Parking Lot, Smithville Rd. and East Railroad Ave., 10 am to 4 pm)

- **Recycle** - old computers, televisions, laptops, monitors, computer keyboards, cables, printers, desktop copiers, scanners, fax machines, VCR/DVD/MP3 players, cell phones, game consoles and rechargeable batteries.
- **Shred** – confidential files and documents, such as bank and credit card statements, tax returns, papers with account numbers, social security numbers, etc.