



A non-profit organization which encourages households and businesses to practice waste reduction, energy conservation and pollution prevention.

Interior Alaska Green Star Spring 2010

Hello everyone, and Happy Spring! I just wanted to say a quick hello and introduce myself. I was previously a board member for Interior Alaska Green Star (IAGS); I took over the position of Executive Director from the extremely capable Darcie Warden in October of last year. Darcie is still going strong with IAGS as our board Vice President, and we are lucky to have her expertise and energy as part of our organization. I absolutely love my new role and could not think of a better job than this one! I truly enjoy helping



members of our community find ways to live more sustainably. I'm also excited by the new recycling developments that have come along for us here in the Interior over the past 6 months or so - including the opening of the Fairbanks Rescue Mission Recycling Center and the reinstatement of the FNSB Recycling Commission. I am looking forward to seeing what these groups have in store for us, and I think our recycling options will only continue to grow in the future! ----Andrea Miller IAGS Executive Director

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Garden Bazaar a Growing Success

Interior Alaska Green Star was invited to participate in Randy Smith Middle School's first annual Garden Bazaar and Earth Day Fair this year; the fundraiser event for the school's garden was held on Saturday, April 24th. The organizers put in a lot of work to make this a fun and family-oriented event. IAGS used this opportunity to kick-off our spring sale of Earth Machine backyard compost bins. These easy-to-use compost corrals are made of 50% post-consumer recycled plastic, and are an excellent way to get into composting if you are just starting out. We will be selling the bins again at our Recycling Round-Up and Compost Fair event (see page 2) - so if you missed the first sale you'll have another chance! In addition to the bin sale, we had an educational booth inside, where gardening experts answered questions about composting. All in all it was a great day, and we are looking forward to this event again next year. Thank you to Randy Smith Middle School for including us, and good luck with your school garden!

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Earth Day Fair

IAGS was also one of many organizations invited to participate in the first Earth Day Fair held for staff at the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. This event was coordinated by the FMH Green Team - which has been working hard to educate staff and visitors about how to be more environmentally-friendly. At this event, we were able to share information with many FMH staff about our upcoming events - in addition to general information about waste reduction and recycling. We were thrilled to be a part of this event and strongly support the efforts of the FMH Green Team. The Green Team has already worked to put in place a cardboard recycling program through the Fairbanks Rescue Mission Recycling Center. One of their next projects will be to begin other recycling projects throughout the facility, with bins for collecting aluminum and plastic containers. Great job, FMH Green Team!

Interior Alaska Green Star Looking For a New Board Member!

We at Interior Alaska Green Star would like to give a big 'thank-you' to Kristen Thomas! Kristen has sat on the Green Star board for a number of years and is leaving the board to pursue other projects. We are thankful for her commitment to making interior Alaska a better place! Kristen will still be maintaining the Interior Alaska Greenstar webpage (iagreenstar.org) and volunteering at events.

At this time we have a board position open. If you or anyone you know is interested in being a part of the Green Star team, please call 452-4152 or e-mail pam@iagreenstar.org.

LEFT: Kristen Thomas removing a harddrive at a Green Star event.



Upcoming Events!

Bike to Work Week - May 17-21

May 17th through 21st is Bike to Work Week in Fairbanks! IAGS is collaborating with several other local organizations to coordinate fun activities for this event. Prize Drawing: Earn ONE CHANCE to win prizes FOR EACH ROUND TRIP bicycle commute during BIKE TO WORK WEEK. Entry is simple: Record your level of participation using the online form. Prizes will be awarded the following week thanks to our generous sponsors.

Bike Swap and Expo - Saturday, May 15th Tanana Valley Fairgrounds, Borealis Bldg

8:30-10:00 Equipment Drop Off, 10:30 Sale begins

10:00-2:00 Kids Bike Rodeo

11:15-12:00 Bike Repair Clinics

Bike to Work Week Kick-Off - Monday, May 17th

Honk, wave or join Mayor Terry Strle and Mayor Doug Isaacson as they kick-off Bike to Work Week.

Bike Tune-Up Stations - Tuesday, May 18th

Goldstream Sports can help you gear-up for your bike commute at one of three FREE tune-up stations in Fairbanks. Bicycle technicians will be available from 7-10am to ensure that your bike is up to speed and safe. Come early, beat the rush!

Breakfast Day - Wednesday, May 19th

Fuel your morning bike commute at a participating local breakfast establishment. Participants must show a Bike to Work registration email to be eligible for discounts and give-aways.

Bicycle Commuters Ice Cream Social - Friday, May 21st

For more information, visit: www.biketoworkfairbanks.com

2nd Annual Recycling Round-Up

May 22nd - 10am-4pm - Tanana Valley Fairgrounds Parking Lot

Are you a frustrated recycler? On May 22nd you can get rid of all those frustrations and recycle newspaper, mixed paper, cardboard, food cans, aluminum cans, glass, plastic (#1 & #2), building materials, scrap metal, clothing, food, and hazardous wastes! Electronics recycling is also available for a small fee.

Don't throw away that old television, computer, or cell phone! Interior Alaska Green Star will be collecting old, broken or obsolete electronic items at the Second Annual Recycling Round-Up 10am-4pm on Friday, May 21st and Saturday, May 22nd. Households are welcome to bring items on both days and we are encouraging businesses to bring them on Friday! Fees will be collected to cover the costs of recycling fees and hazardous waste disposal.

Compost Fair - May 22nd - 10am-4pm - Tanana Valley Fairgrounds Parking Lot

This will be the location for our 2nd compost bin sale – also compost-related vendor booths:

- Ø Alaska Feed Company
- Ø Alaska Organic Fertilizer Company (vermi-composting)
- Ø Cooperative Extension Service
- Ø Calypso Farm & Ecology Center
- Ø Fairbanks Community Co-Operative Market
- Ø Risse Greenhouse

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LEFT: Tim Erickson of Wal-Mart gives thumbs up while collecting mixed paper at the first Recycling Round-Up Event. BELOW: Glass bottle collection at the Recycling Round-Up.

