

Crystal Spring Center for Earth Learning

2010 Calendar of Events

Cooking Classes

Classes focus on cooking as a conscious act of planetary healing. Pre-registration required. For more information, visit: www.crystalspring.org/html/programscooking.html

Winter Soups and Sides

Saturday, Feb. 6, 9:30 am – 1 pm

Chef and author, **Cathy Walthers**, presents new recipes for hearty soups and sides that can warm winter nights. Comfort food with a twist! Dishes preview her new book, *Soups and Sides*. Samples, recipes, and dessert are included. Cost: \$50

Spring Breads

Saturday, March 27, 9 am – 12:30 pm

The night is molting; light takes on new wings. Come join us in making breads to celebrate food as the right of a community. Learn to negotiate twists and knots and braids, the promise of a festive up-rising. Cost: \$35

Bread Baking for Teens

Saturday, November 6, 9 am – 12:30 pm

A great way to spend a Saturday morning is with the hidden energy of bread rising. Let your hands guide your intuition as you measure, combine, knead and shape the loaf. Time and heat do the rest to produce bread so tempting that it may not make it home! Cost: \$35 for one teen; \$60 for a duo

Earth Festivals

Festivals are our conversations with the Earth's seasonal cycles. Join with us and partners Spirit in Nature and Heirloom Harvest Farm to celebrate. Pre-registration required. For more information, visit: www.crystalspring.org/html/eventsearthfestivals.html

Festival Schedule for 2010

Spring Equinox: Saturday, March 20, 2 pm - 4 pm
Summer Solstice: Saturday, June 19, 2 pm - 4 pm
Autumn Equinox: Saturday, Sept 25, 1 pm - 4 pm
Winter Solstice: Sunday, December 19, 6:30 pm

Children's Events

Pre-registration required. For more information contact Barb Harrington at barbarahop@comcast.net or visit: www.crystalspring.org/html/programschildadventure.html

For Home Schooled Students

January – February Module

Learn from our forest friends the sweetness that only freezing weather can bring. Tracking, tapping, hunkering down (...and, shhh! Organizing for the "great TV rebellion" of 2010.) *Ask the Planet CD Cost: \$35

Summer Children's Adventures

July 26 – July 30

Summer bursts with the creative joy of the living world. Children delight in Earth's on-going adventure. We welcome 5-8 year olds into the play of the natural world. We invite 9-11 year olds into their own adventure to learn from the ancient inventions of life. Cost: \$90

Entering the Ecological Age

Pre-registration required. For more information, visit: www.crystalspring.org/html/programsnewcosmology.html

A Day of Music and Reflection

with Carolyn McDade

Saturday, Jan 30, 9:30 am – 3 pm

We come with song and reflection. We sing to blow upon the embers of a vast and emerging creation within and around us, stirring the powers of imagination and courage essential to recreating ourselves as new and wiser humanity. Cost: \$55 (includes lunch)

Winter Evening Series

4 Wednesday Eves: Feb 17, 24, Mar 3, 10

7 - 8:30 pm

Using Pema Chodron's book, *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times*, we will use discussion and silent meditation to explore ways to meet the present moment with "curiosity and friendliness." An opportunity to explore techniques and tools for cultivating compassionate, energetic social action. Cost: \$35 includes copy of Chodron's book

Earth's Passion

5 pm, Thurs, Apr 1 – 11 am Sun, Apr 4

As Earth moves from dormancy into awakening, seeds are planted, fields tilled, fertility celebrated. The traditional holy days preceding Easter give a time to reflect, ponder and participate in the exodus experience to bring us toward a human-earth healed relationship. Focus is on our transformative moment. Cost: \$200 (commuter rates available)

Green Reel

Films for Sustainable Living

Sunday evenings, January – March, 7 pm

The films depict challenges to sustainable living and some real-life green solutions. Discussion with local experts after each film. For more information, phone 508-695-2389 or visit our website (above).

Dates: January 10 & 24, Feb 7 & 21, Mar 7.

Films include: Food, Inc ~ The Price of Sugar ~ Flow ~ Division Street ~ A Sense of Wonder

Location: Agundas Achim, 901 N. Main St, Attleboro
Cost: Free and open to the public

Thursday Evening Meditation

Guided mindfulness meditation offered on 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month from 7 pm - 8 pm in the Oratory.

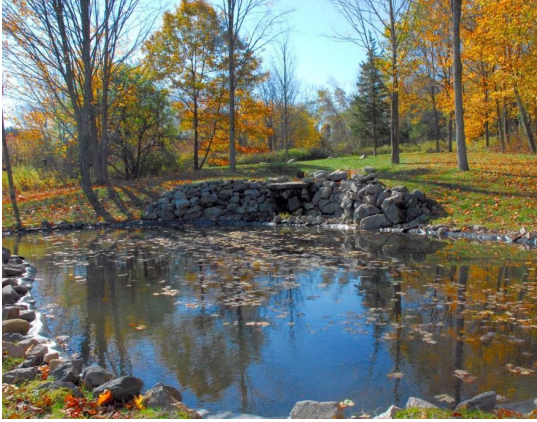
Booknook Event

Open House ~ Holiday Event

Sunday Dec 5, 1 – 4 pm

You are always welcome to browse in our bookstore, offering a selection of adult and children's books compatible with our mission – natural science, new scientific story, gardening, cooking, ecology, spirituality and more. Open every day. The annual holiday event with special items for gift-giving is always the first Sunday of December... Dec. 5 in 2010.

About Crystal Spring Center for Earth Learning



We are here in southern New England where the glacial hills give way to the coastal lowlands. In Spring the melting snow and rains flow down our hills and stream toward brooks and lakes on the way to the Taunton River and out into Narragansett Bay. In the first half of the last century a thriving farm with apple orchards and lush gardens defined Crystal Spring. Today we are an “earth learning center” as together with other groups and organizations we find the way forward to a healed human-earth relationship.

Crystal Spring is a project of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. In 1949, the Toner family gifted the Sisters with 63 acres of farm and woodland. Over the years the buildings and land have gone through many transformations, but each change produced a center of learning compatible with the times. In the 21st century we recognize we are at a profound moment in Earth and human history. As we reconnect with the ancient wisdom that Earth is

the primary revelation of the divine, we begin to rethink the human venture within the sacred Earth story.

Programs in cooking and gardening, observing Earth festivals, children’s summer adventures and supporting local farming instill the sense of living locally. Retreats and workshops focused on ecology, spirituality and the arts give shape to what is emerging from within toward a new human culture. For more information about our programs and events, please visit our website at: www.crystalspring.org.

Religious Lands Conservancy

Over the past twenty years, many religious orders have explored the insights of the “new universe story” to reassess their missions. This reflection has opened up new insights to re-think traditional ways of relating to commonly held lands. The Religious Lands Conservancy project is an innovative work of Crystal Spring in partnership with the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition. We seek to develop new tools to preserve common and complimentary values toward land conservation. For more information, and to see some of the wonderful lands preserved in Massachusetts, go to: www.crystalspring.org/html/religlands.html

Community Supported Agriculture

We support the small scale local agriculture on which rural New England was historically based, as well as steps toward an ecologically sustainable and socially just food supply. Our relationship with **Heirloom Harvest Farm** (CSA) in Westborough has been a great success. Every Tuesday produce shares are dropped off at our distribution shed for shareholders to pick up.

To learn more about community supported agriculture or Heirloom Harvest, or to purchase a share, see their web site at www.heirloomharvest.com.



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a center for learning our place
in the universe story

2010 Programs

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Directions

From the North, take I-95S to I-495N (Exit 6B). Go north to next exit (14B), Rte 1 South. Travel 1.5 miles on Rte 1, turn right onto George St which becomes Everett Skinner Rd.

From the South, take I-95N to I-495N (Exit 6B). Follow above.
From the West or East, take I-495 to exit 14B). Follow above.