

Ndihendaagwaz The Eco-Learning Center

Community Networking: the Wise, Seasoned Farmers/Artisans/Homesteaders

If interested in specific events, send your email & phone number to info@ecolearningcenter.org or call Jayne at (231) 620-4775.

Dates - TBA, will be seasonally appropriate to weather conditions.

Cost: No charge. Community ethics suggest a volunteer work exchange (No time to volunteer? Donate Bay Bucks.)

March

Maple Syruping - Tap Instruction - Kirk Waterstripe

Maple Syruping - Sugarbush - Jim Moses & Linda Grigg

April

Plant Starts - Linda Grigg

Grafting Heirloom Fruit Trees - Bruce Holland Morritz, The Green Man

May

Mushroom inoculation and Culture - Jim Moses & Curtis Cluckey

The Bee Garden & Insectaries - Eco-Learning Center

June

Root Cellar Design - With advice from John Biernbaum, MSU Horticulture

Herbs, Teas and Brews - Eco-Learning Center

July

Build a Root Cellar - Eco-Learning Center

Place - How to choose land for homestead and alternative technology living

August

Beers & Brews - David Moehle & friends

Canning - Pam Schmidt

Seed Saving - Travis Childs, Eco-Learning Center

September

Putting Food By - Eco-Learning Center

Canning - Julie Nuce, Eco-Learning Center

October

Mushroom Hunt - Jim Moses, Bruce Holland Morritz & friends, at State Hospital Grounds

Fermentation - Healthful Food Preservation - Bernie Ware

November

Cider Making - Nikki Rothwell & Dan Young, Tandem Ciders



Workshops in Conjunction with NMC

Natural Building: Working with Earthen Plasters

Earth plasters provide a beautiful, natural, breathable wall surface in your home. Discover how these plasters are made and applied in this practical course. Part classroom, part hands-on at the Eco-Learning Center, you will learn to prepare surfaces, mix plasters, and apply them to the wall.

Wed., April 29, 6-9 p.m.

Aero Park Campus, M-TEC Rm. 101

and meet **2 Sat., May 2 & 9, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Eco-Learning Center in Southern Leelanau County

Instructor: Larry Kinney

Cost: \$125

Code: 10184

Go to

<http://www.nmc.edu/ees/enrichment/hometime.html> to register.

Diggin? Your Dirt: Down-to-Earth Soil Testing

Break new ground with a thought-provoking, unconventional approach to garden soil testing just in time for the growing season. Bring a sample of soil from your garden and gain practical testing experience in a biology lab. Then take a field trip to visit to local farm as you apply results-based measures to improve the soil. Discover practical techniques vital to maintaining the health of your soil and plants. Start the growing season with a bucketful of truly useful knowledge!

2 Thurs., May 21 & 28, 6-9 p.m.

Health & Science Bldg. Rm. 113

Instructor: Kirk Waterstripe

Cost: \$59

Code: 10191

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