

Going green with Belleville Public Library

Sunday, April 22 is Earth Day 2012 and a chance to join forces worldwide to promote a greener way of life.

If you are looking for "green" ideas, look no further than Belleville Public Library. On our shelves you will find up-to-date information on everything from an energy to sustainable gardening. If you want to make a difference but are not sure where to start, get some encouragement and simple ideas from Françoise Loux's "Easy Green Living." Did you know that by fixing that leaky faucet you could save 3,000 gallons of water a year or that keeping your car tires properly inflated can improve your gas mileage by more than three percent? To help explain the "clean energy" question, why not take a look at Tom Parrott's book "Kick the Fossil Fuel Habit:



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10 Clean Technologies to Save our World." He provides an in-depth but reader-friendly look at 10 technologies that are sometimes hard to explain and makes them comprehensible, using excellent photography and graphics.

For tips on eco-friendly gardening, try Stephen Orr's "Tomorrow's Garden: Design and Inspiration for a New Age of Sustainable Gardening." In this visual handbook, the author shows us how to embrace sustainability without sacrificing beauty or innovative design. Reviews of his book often use the word "stewardship" when describing the atti-

tude we all must take if we are going to change the direction of our everyday actions towards the Earth.

The City of Belleville is joining the Earth Day Celebrations by giving away free seedlings and selling rain barrels at the Market Square. It starts at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 22, so don't miss this opportunity to help make Belleville a greener community. If you don't have green fingers or simply want to do more, why not come out for the Quinte Trash Bash? On Saturday, April 21, do your part to clean up our community: go to Market Square between 8:00 a.m. and noon, pick up garbage bags and gloves and register for the area in which you will be working.

So, on Earth Day, take a small step towards Green living — it's the right thing to do and it's contagious!

Also, don't forget that John M. Parrott

Art Gallery is hosting a special event on Saturday, April 21, from 2-4 p.m. We are very excited to welcome back Joan Murray, a highly celebrated author, Gallery Director and one of the foremost experts on contemporary Canadian Artists. Joan will present a lecture entitled "The Four Seasons in Canadian

Art." Admission is \$5.00 and this includes a catalogue. Please call 613-968-6731 ext. 2240 for more information.

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