

Recycled Metals Workshop 7/6/10

Leading up to the Recycled Arts and Crafts exhibit, ASC Community Partnerships hosted two workshops detailing the use of recycled materials in marketable art. This two-hour workshop was held in order to educate people on the use of recycled materials and to give potential artists some education to expand their craft. At least one of the workshop's six attendees has since started creating jewelry as part of her business, and has since showcased her work in the Community Partnerships gallery.

Recycled Fabrics Workshop 7/8/10

The second of ASC Community Partnerships' recycled creativity workshops, the Recycled Fabrics Workshop taught participants how to reuse commonly discarded materials. At this workshop, attendees left with a better understanding of how to reduce, reuse and conserve resources. This two-hour workshop had 8 people in attendance, several of whom created outfits that were model by ASC students at the ASC Community Partnerships' Recycled Fashion Show.

Aspen Eco-Fest Coordination 3/31/10-4/26/10

ASC Community Partnerships reached out to local artists that work with discarded material to exhibit their work at the Aspen Eco Art Fest during April 2010. These artists were able to expand their market, help to raise awareness of discarded material and gain visibility for their work and for the San Luis Valley as a whole. We provided the coordination for the artists to submit their work to the Fest, allowing the artists to participate, gain business opportunities, and be more environmentally friendly. ASC Community Partnerships staff collected the Valley's artists work and transported it to and from the Aspen Eco-Fest. The San Luis Valley was well represented with 6 artists participating in the Aspen Eco Fest.

Recycled Arts and Crafts Exhibit 8/3/10-8/31/10

The Recycled Arts and Crafts exhibit is a popular annual event for ASC Community Partnerships. The exhibit seeks both to promote artists and craftsmen who utilize recycled mediums, and to inspire potential artists to create their own works from commonly discarded materials. All works in this exhibit were composed of at least 90% discarded materials, with preference being given to materials that were particularly hard to dispose or recycle. In addition, ASC Community Partnerships organized a recycled fashion show during the reception, with Adams State College students and faculty modeling outfits made by community members from commonly discarded materials. In total, the show had sixteen artists participating, and saw sixty-seven visitors.

Artes de la Descartes Exhibit 8/15/10-8/20/10

As in the Aspen Eco-Fest, ASC Community Partnerships reached out to local artists that work with discarded material to exhibit their work at the Artes de la Descartes Exhibit in Taos. We provided the coordination for the artists to submit their work to the exhibit, allowing the artists to participate, gain business opportunities, and be more environmentally friendly. ASC Community Partnerships staff collected the Valley's artists work and transported it to and from Taos. Many local artists sold their work in Taos and made business connections.

SEED Park Organizational Development

ASC Community Partnerships is currently facilitating the development of The Sustainable Environmental and Economic Development (SEED) Park. SEED is a non-profit organization comprised of local farmers, ranchers and business people. SEED's mission is to educate the community regarding clean economic development. A long term goal of SEED is to establish an agricultural industrial complex with zero waste. Community Partnerships staff has been instrumental in the initial organization of the group, assisting the board members with developing bylaws, applications for licenses, registrations, and their currently pending 501(c)3 status.

Green Home Design Course 1/24/10-5/8/10

ASC Community Partnerships and local contracting company Natural Power have combined efforts for the second time to bring a college course to Adams State College, teaching the principles of environmentally friendly building design. This course held classes every other weekend throughout the Spring 2010 semester, and was available to both current students and to community members not registered for college courses. The course provides a good foundation for those wanting to build homes professionally, as well as being a great resource for those who simply wish to update their current home. Topics covered in this course included passive and active solar, wind power, straw bale housing, energy and water conservation, adobe houses, and more. Through our involvement, the class is made available to both Adams State College students and San Luis Valley community members. We perform most of the marketing duties for this course, and handle the registration and fees of community members. Each session lasts around six hours, and there were eight people enrolled for the full course, with four more coming in for select sessions.

Geothermal Uses in the San Luis Valley 2/27/10

This workshop, held in conjunction with the Colorado Governor's Energy Office, the Colorado Geological Survey, and Geo-Energy Services, LLC, provided attendees with locally focused information on uses and resources of geothermal energy. It provided the 75 attendees with an orientation on current technologies, information about local geography and geothermal opportunities, and reviewed some of the San Luis Valley's current uses. Both experts from outside the San Luis Valley and locals who utilized geothermal energy were on hand to make presentations. We provided hosting for this event, helped with technical and organizational support, and aided in marketing efforts for this 8-hour workshop.

Green Energy Symposium 3/5/10

Adams State College Community Partnerships has long been a supporter of increasing the use of renewable energy within the San Luis Valley. In order to increase public knowledge of renewable energy topics, we held a San Luis Valley Energy Symposium in early March. This community oriented symposium featured a keynote presentation by Bill Powers, a long-time energy professional who helped author San Diego County's renewable energy plan in California. Local energy experts and professionals also made presentations from a San Luis Valley-based perspective. Following the presentations, a panel discussion was held, in which Mr. Powers and the local experts fielded questions from the audience. We hosted the event, provided marketing, organizational, and technical support, and made it possible for Mr. Powers to be present. The event was a large success with the 93 attendees at the eight hour workshop all seeming to leave more enlightened on renewable energy matters.

Habitat for Humanity Green Home Course 5/20/10-5/22/10

Following up the Green Home Design Course, we also worked with Habitat for Humanity on a brief course, designed towards giving participants hands-on experience in building an environmentally friendly home. This six hours a day, three day course consisted of the students getting instruction from Habitat for Humanity personnel, then putting that instruction to practice, gaining experience while helping Habitat for Humanity in their mission of providing housing to those who could not otherwise afford it. Students in this course learned to operate in a standard construction environment, how to erect adobe walls, and how to create an insulated crawlspace providing better passive heating and cooling, in addition to other techniques. The class had seven students in attendance.

Sustaining Our Renewable Resources Community Presentations 9/1/10

In order to give community environmental agencies an opportunity to spread their message to those they serve, ASC Community Partnerships hosted an afternoon of presentations from organizations seeking to improve the environmental health of the San Luis Valley. These presentations brought an audience to the Governor's Energy Office, the Sustainable Environmental and Economic Development (SEED) Group, and EarthNest Institute and Wandering Dog Films, giving them the opportunity to enlighten the public on their activities, and the benefits those bring. Over the course of several hours, the Governor's Energy Office gave a report on what activities and projects they were making available to the community, the SEED Group spoke of their plans and progress towards creating an environmentally sound business park, and EarthNest Institute and Wandering Dog Films gave an introduction to their upcoming documentary, detailing water matters within the San Luis Valley. This five-hour event had 51 people in attendance.

ASC Community Partnerships Ongoing Environmental Organizing programs

Because of the type of plastic, no San Luis Valley recycling center has the ability to recycle plastic caps. Plastic bottle caps must be taken off plastic bottles in order that the bottles can be recycled and the plastic caps often end up discarded in front of the recycling center or littered elsewhere. ASC Community Partnerships is collaborating with Aveda Corporation, Alamosa Open High School and Alamosa Recycling Center to recycle plastic caps for the San Luis Valley community. Aveda Corporation has one of the few national recycling programs for plastic caps. ASC Community Partnerships has raised Valley community awareness of the problem and organized community members and organizations around the problem. Two drop off sites have been established: ASC Community Partnerships (corner of Main & Edgemont Streets) and Centennial High School. Hundreds of thousands of caps were shipped from Community Partnerships to Aveda in 2010.

ASC Community Partnerships developed the "**Plastic or Planet?**" program to raise consumers' awareness about plastic bag consumption. The program's goal is to get people into the habit of using reusable bags. Staff members have developed a marketing plan that is designed to remind people to "recycle, re-use and re-purpose".

City Market in Alamosa have agreed to sell our reusable—100% bio-degradable, fair trade bags at their store and offer a rebate for promoting use of those bags back to Community Partnerships and EARTH. The effort provides funds that will leverage additional funding for environmental projects. Adams State College's administration has purchased a reusable bag for every ASC employee. Other corporate sponsors are being sought. Community Partnerships team has organized twelve teams of four ASC Athletes to interact with the community by manning booths that educate people on recycling and conservation at all the San Luis Valley large retail stores.

ASC Community Partnerships recycles ink cartridges, sending them back to manufacturers for reuse or responsible recycling. Staffs work with ASC print shop and academic departments to collect and ship the cartridges. Recycling bins for cartridges are located at ASC Community Partnerships, on the corner of Main Street and Edgemont Blvd.

CHAMPS

As a regular event, ASC Community Partnerships works with Adams State College Athletic Department's CHAMPS class (Challenging Athletes Minds for Personal Success) to get Adams State College Athletes involved in the community. These students were required to complete a certain amount of community service. We maintained a directory of potential service opportunities for the students, contacting community agencies and learning of any potential projects they could use student help with. We also helped some students decide on which projects to choose. In all, we connected sixty students with twelve community agencies. One community service project that we facilitate is athletes setting up a display at local food and department stores to inform the

community about the importance of using reusable bags in order to reduce waste. Athletes get the opportunity to talk with community members, provide eco-org info and sell the E.A.R.T.H. reusable bags. In 2010, two teams of students provided this information at both Safeway and City Market.

ASC Community Partnerships 2011

Community Assistance/Organizing: Early 2011, a grassroots environmental group known as the “Rio Grande Watch Dogs” asked ASC Community Partnerships for help in their effort to raise awareness of natural gas drilling in the San Francisco Creek area of Rio Grande County. We facilitated a meeting with Dr. Renee Beeton and the Watchdogs to solicit her Environmental Chemistry Class to study the effects of drilling in the area. Community Partnerships hosted a public meeting in which Dr. Beeton’s class reported on the results of the study. Approximately 50 people attended.

Green Home Design Course January 2011-May 2011

ASC Community Partnerships and local contracting company Natural Power have combined efforts for the third time to bring a college course to Adams State College, teaching the principles of environmentally friendly building design. Eleven students took the coursework.

EPA Facilitation: ASC Community Partnerships’ director also facilitated a conference call with the EPA to discuss the environmental complaint/tips process for the group. ASC Community Partnerships’ videographer is producing an educational video around drilling and fracking methods.

Solar Development: Working with SLV Ecosystem Council and consultant Geoff Elliott, ASC Community Partnerships recruited an ASC student to assist in the facilitation of a solar meeting held at the Rural Electric Co-op on November the 4th. The purpose of the meeting was to assist the Town of Antonito in planning solar development. Thirty-five people attended and tentative plans developed.

Biomass Organization: Oct. 12th, 2011, ASC Community Partnerships organized a biomass meeting with special guest, Randy Johnson-CSFS Consultant, Tim Reader, CSFS from Durango. Seven key individuals attended, along with the SLV Energy Coordinator, Jeanna Paluzzi. Biomass inventory was discussed and potential was to utilize it.

November 16, 2011, ASC Community Partnerships organized and facilitated another biomass meeting with special guest Charles Thompson (retired CSFS employee and now consultant) with SEED Board members for utilization for their project.

EPA Proposal Submission: Working with ASC Science faculty, ASC Community Partnerships submitted EPA proposal for the San Luis Valley Basin Sustainability model project. The purpose of the project is to measure the rate at which a community is going away from or towards sustainability. Funding for the project is expected to be announced December 2011. For more information, please contact Mary Hoffman, ASC Community Partnerships Executive Director at 719.587.7372.

ASC Community Partnerships hosted Nancy Judd, Recycle Runway founder Oct 21st 2011. Ms. Judd created Recycle Runway to further the use of repurposed materials and found objects in couture fashion. Her elegant recycled fashion designs have been commissioned by companies such as Delta Air Lines®, Coca-Cola® and Target ®. Ms. Judd’s work has been featured in the Wall Street Journal. A hands-on workshop followed. Clothing designer Nancy Judd will provided guidance and hands-on feedback to participants. Participants must be committed to creating an outfit primarily constructed of inorganic, previously used

material for Community Partnerships' November Recycle Fashion Show. Seventy five people attended, included a well balanced mix of community members and students from all departments.

ASC Community Partnerships hosted and organized an Oil & Gas Drilling Forum as part of "Talk Straight with Adams State" on Oct 15th 2011 The purpose of the event was to engage the community in discussion regarding the impact of oil and gas drilling. Key note speakers included Lance Astrella, Travis Yee, and Gilbert Armenta

Astellla concentrates his practice in the area of energy and environmental matters. He has been a member of the State Bars of Colorado and California since 1974. He received his bachelor's degrees in chemistry and economics from California State University at Chico, a master's degree in economics from the University of California at Davis, and his doctorate of jurisprudence degree from the University of the Pacific– McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento.

Mr. Travis Yee graduated from Colorado School of Mines with a bachelor's in economics and a masters in international political economy of natural resources. His education has been focused around the study of natural resource economics and social licensure. Yee began work with COGA in November last year being the purveyor of information of all things oil and gas related to those within industry, legislators, and communities. Recognizing the controversy surrounding oil and natural gas, Yee is also a seeker and lover of balanced data, studies, and discussion. His activities principally focus on researching and staying alert on upstream activities.

Armenta, a fifth generation Hispanic and Native American (Cochiti) rancher, has lived with the industry in his backyard for more than half a century in Bloomfield, New Mexico. Armenta is featured in the movie "Split Estate." After struggling for years to protect his ranch and family, things got even worse. A drilling boom accelerates the number of wells going in on his property. One day, Armenta came home to find a port-a-potty and a huge pile of gravel on top of a small cemetery near his house where his great grandfather and eight other family members are buried.

A panel discussion followed. Panel members included: Christine Canaly, San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council director; Gopa Ross, La Veta property owner, and Sierra Club director; Dr. Ed Lyell, Adams State professor of finance and economics. Eighty-three people attended

ASC Community Partnerships organized "Everything Recycled Plastic Twine Exhibit & Recycle Fashion Show" during November 2011

ASC Community Partnerships presented their annual recycle exhibit during November as part of America Recycles Month. This year's exhibit is focused on discarded plastic farm twine. This plastic twine is often dumped into landfills, burned into the atmosphere or left on the corners of fields in large amounts. Along with the "Everything Twine Recycle Exhibit", ASC Community Partnerships is conducting the fourth annual recycled fashion show November 18th. The fashion show will feature outfits made from recycled man-made material. The clothing will be modeled by community members, Adams State College students, faculty and staff.

ASC Community Partnerships' director also facilitated a conference call with the EPA to discuss the environmental complaint/tips process for the group. ASC Community Partnerships' videographer is producing an educational video around drilling and fracking methods.

Community Partnerships staff worked with local musicians at Wildwood Sounds to assist with recording original music around the drilling issue in order to raise public awareness. The song was produced and

through CP's assistance, was played live on local radio stations, used as video background music and played live at an ASC forum. <http://www.adams.edu/community/partnerships/sacred%20ground.wma>

During October and November of 2011, ASC Community Partnerships provide PALS (La Puente children) with two workshops regarding recycling. Five ASC students were utilized for this effort in order to encourage and teach children good conservation, reuse and recycling habits.

Planned Eco Org Projects

The ongoing Eco-org projects, described above, are and plan to be in place in the future. ASC Community Partnerships is continuing to facilitate the development of SEED, Park International. We also plan to continue to host "Green Home Design" classes and are working on developing a "Green Business" course.

In the future, we would like to obtain funding for a green building demonstration center on or near campus that would include a variety of renewable energy material. We already have had offers for donation of material and manpower.

As far as programming, we intend to continue to respond to the relevant needs of the community in order to assist in planning and implementing a sustainable future for the San Luis Valley.

Others?:

<http://www.adams.edu/community/partnerships/pastevents/pastevents.php>