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WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS JUNE, JULY 2010



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<p>Woven garden structure <i>Beautiful and practical enhancements for the edible garden</i> Sat 12 June 10.30am-12.30pm \$10</p>	<p>Learn how to build a simple, cheap and attractive semi-permanent structure in the garden made from organic materials such as kanuka and bamboo. This is a practical workshop where we will be building an in-situ (and informal) open-weave serpentine fence, or 'hurdle', to train our thornless blackberries along. Pick up some ideas for building your own structures at home.</p>	<p>Ron Sperber Earthwhile Sustainability Education</p>
<p>Home Heating <i>Cost effective and eco-friendly solutions</i> Wed 16 June 6.30pm-8.30pm \$10</p>	<p>Heating your home and being energy efficient can be a dilemma, particularly for those in older homes. Ella from <i>Smart Energy Homes</i> consults architects, builders and homeowners to retrofit/renovate existing homes or new builds. She will discuss the best options for insulating the home, reducing the need for additional heating. Find out about payback and the environmental benefits of different heating options.</p>	<p>Ella Te Huia Smart Energy Homes</p>
<p>Climate Responsive Houses <i>Case studies and design principles in sustainable residential architecture</i> Wed 23 June 6.30pm-8.30pm \$10</p>	<p>A discussion of some key elements in sustainable residential design and the development of architectural ideas based on these principles. Pat will present two projects, the <i>Urban Shed</i> (2007 NZIA National Award Winner) and the <i>Mountain View House</i> (2007 NZIA Auckland Branch Award Winner), focusing on the implementation of these architectural ideas and their performance in use.</p>	<p>Pat de Pont Director, SGA Ltd (Strachan Group Architects)</p>
<p>Edible Gardening in Four Seasons Part 2 of 4 <i>Learn how to have a productive garden for the WHOLE year</i> Sat 26 June 9.00am-12.00pm \$30</p>	<p>A four part seasonally-based series for those interested in organic gardening. Participants will learn about key seasonal requirements of the edible garden for maximum productivity. The Winter Session will cover: hot compost making, worm composting and bokashi systems; making liquid fertilizer; winter garden action – mulching, green crop incorporation, harvest and supplementary planting.</p>	<p>Richard Main Project Mngr, Gardens4Health Diabetes Project Trust</p>
<p>Re-power New Zealand <i>Could NZ set the trend for a renewable energy mix?</i> Sat 10 July 10.30am-12.30pm \$10</p>	<p>The Re-power NZ coalition brings together individuals, NGOs and companies that are concerned about New Zealand's current 'energy mix' to supply electricity, heat and transport. Eric will discuss the energy situation in New Zealand and demonstrate a realistic blueprint for a sustainable energy mix, based on advanced and state-of-the-art technologies. The future scenario for NZ could be much more renewable and efficient – without the loss of our daily comfort.</p>	<p>Dr Eric Jansseune EWA - TEC (Energy, Water, Air - Technology)</p>
<p>Designing a Raingarden <i>A verdant oasis in the city – helping to keep our beaches and harbours clean...</i> Sat 17 July 10.30am-12.30pm \$15</p>	<p>Kirsten is an award-winning designer specialising in urban raingardens. Raingardens are an excellent way of slowing down and lowering rainfall runoff, reducing the amount that flows into our stormwater system. The soil and plants absorb water and filter pollutants reducing the load which often ends up in our harbours. These gardens are both sustainable AND beautiful to look at!</p>	<p>Kirsten Sach Landscape Designer</p>
<p>Walking the Gardens; Riding the Dragon <i>Experiences through Asia and the Indian subcontinent</i> Wed 21 July 6.30pm-8.30pm \$10</p>	<p>Twenty years ago Brendan undertook a 5-year journey to the East to discover the tradition, culture and practice of self-sustaining land management. Now he reflects back on this life-changing experience, and gazes positively forward. The presentation will explore the ingredients of experience that ignited a lifelong commitment to visioning and actioning change of cultural attitudes and practices. <i>Organic Systems Ltd project partners with individuals, organisations and institutions committed to realising an Organic EcoNation.</i></p>	<p>Brendan Hoare Director, Organic Systems Ltd</p>
<p>Green housekeeping can be fun <i>Make your own cheap eco-cleaners for a brilliant shine!</i> Sat 24 July 10.30am-12.30pm \$20</p>	<p>These cleaners will not cost the earth! Funky and fun, make your own safe, sustainable and cheap cleaners for use in the kitchen, bathroom and beyond. Entertaining speaker Justin Newcombe hosts the <i>Living Cheaply</i> segment on the TVNZ 6 programme <i>Use as Directed</i>. Cleaning will never be boring again! Bring a jar or two for sample cleaners. Workshop cost includes ingredients.</p>	<p>Justin Newcombe Landscape Safari</p>

The Gizmo Challenge

Forget another dam in Waitakere, all we need to do is save water – and now it's easy.

Did you know... every home that installs a simple flush-limiting 'gizmo' in their toilet will save an average of 20,000 litres of water per year?

We're asking all community groups in Waitakere to see if their members need a gizmo in their home, and to put one in if they do.

This clever device can save you thousands of litres of water every year. They take less than a minute to install – very easy. All you need is the gizmo and a super-simple installation guide.

What is a gizmo?



The gizmo is a simple weight that hangs inside the cistern tube and stops the toilet from flushing the moment you take your finger off the button.

That means you only use the water you need. It converts your single flush toilet, which typically uses eleven litres per flush, to one that uses only as much as you need each time.

Contact the EcoMatters **Sustainable Homes team** on 09 826 0554 to participate or for more information.

Other water-saving devices at the SLC...



Clockwise from top:
tap aerators 'fixed' and 'adjustable';*

Turtle shower timer;
shower flow restrictor*

* Free for Waitakere City residents - available to purchase for non-residents

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*Raingarden design for ARC at Ellerslie Flower Show '07
Kirsten Sach, Zoe Carafice and Jamie Douglas*



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