



Missoula Urban Demonstration Project

Providing tools for building a sustainable community

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MARCH 2010 UPDATE

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WINTER HOURS

OFFICE: M – F: 1– 4 PM or by appointment

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MUD CARBON FOOTPRINT ASSESSMENT

MUD is working to develop baseline carbon footprint data for our site, programs and major events. In collaboration with Clear Sky Climate Solutions and an intern from the UM Climate Change minor program, we will be calculating a baseline footprint which will enable us to evaluate what we can easily adjust and what will require long-term planning to further reduce our footprint. Stay tuned for more information as we learn about our footprint. *To participate in this project, contact us at info@mudproject.org or call 721-7513. See March DIY Tip to calculate your footprint!*

2010 EVENTS CALENDAR

- Online Events Calendar – Stay up to date by checking our [events calendar](#).
- To order a copy of the 2010 MUD events calendar, email info@mudproject.org or call 721-7513. The calendar will be available for download online soon!

MARCH EVENTS

Volunteer Work Day

Monthly, 1st Saturdays

Saturday, March 6

10 AM–2 PM @ MUD

Soup lunch and hot drinks will be provided.

MUD is what it is thanks to the dedicated efforts of volunteers like YOU! To make it easier for you to volunteer for MUD projects, we're putting volunteer days on the calendar. MUD will plan volunteer projects for the 1st Saturday of each month. Mark your calendar and come help MUD have fun getting lots of work done!

March 6 projects include building a fence for the chickens, a tabling display to showcase MUD at events, and painting the houses (weather permitting)!

MUD Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 9

6:00 PM @ MUD

Feel free to listen in on our monthly board meetings. This is a great opportunity to see the nuts and bolts of MUD.

Indigo Girls Awareness Concert

Wednesday, March 17

8:00 PM @ University Theater

Purchase tickets by calling Adams Center Box office (243-4051) or online at www.griztix.com.

Join us for an evening of fantastic music for a great cause! The Indigo Girls, Highland Entertainment, Trail 103.3 and MUD have teamed up for an evening of fantastic music. The concert will highlight the key role MUD plays in community and personal sustainability efforts in Missoula.

NOTE: Ticket sales do not benefit MUD, though there are many other ways to support the work we do! Volunteer, join as a member, or donate today! You can sign up online, at the MUD office or Tool Library, or at the concert!

MUD Mingle

Mingles will resume in the spring, when the weather improves. Stay tuned!

MARCH WORKSHOPS

WATCH MUD WORKSHOPS on cable channel 7 or online at www.mcat.org. Check the MUD website for [current air times](#) or to [download materials from past workshops](#).

Workshops are a great opportunity to learn a new craft, and a great gift opportunity, too. Contact the office for information about MUD gift certificates (for workshops and memberships).

Location: All workshops held at MUD, unless noted otherwise

Cost: \$10/member, \$20/non-members; scholarships available – call for application

Please register in advance:

- Call 721-7513
- Email info@mudproject.org
- Register [online](#)



Tree Pruning Workshop

3/27/2010

1:00 PM @ MUD

Instructor: Mark Vander Meer, Van Wild Wildland Conservation Services

Do you have a fruit tree that looks like a snarl of yarn? Are low branches on your spruce trees poking you in the neck every time you walk under them? Then join a forester with expert pruning knowledge and decades of experience during this hands-on workshop.

You'll learn how to properly remove annoying branches and dead, diseased or dying wood. You'll learn about sucker sprouts, pruning for light, and branch strength, and even how to grow a great climbing tree!

Please register in advance by calling 721-7513, emailing info@mudproject.org, or [online](#).

COST: \$10 MUD members/\$20 non-members. Scholarships are available. Contact MUD office minimum of 1 week prior to workshop for scholarship information.

INTERNSHIP & OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Whether it's an hour or a day a week, we'd love to have your help! Several opportunities include possibility of UM internship credit hours or AmeriCorps education award. Contact Bethann Garramon at the MUD office to volunteer. Call 721-7513 or email bethann@mudproject.org

INTERNSHIPS (for college credit) – We have several positions available that can receive UM credit. These jobs include: Events, Historical Research, Marketing, Site, Youth Education

COFFEE 2 COMPOST – We are looking for a C2C Coordinator which can include college credit or an AmeriCorps position. This position would be in charge of directing volunteers and streamlining the program. Regular C2C tasks include picking up coffee grounds from local businesses and bring them to local community gardens! Sign up for a single shift, or commit to a particular route, it's up to you!

YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM in Sustainability (YEP!)



We are looking for volunteers interested in:

- Helping with field trips or class visits
- Helping develop lesson plans
- Helping gather materials for our sustainability education trunks

TOOL LIBRARY UPDATE

FEATURED TOOL



Wood Chipper – Make your mate happy! Destroy that pile of limbs in your back yard with one of our wood chippers. The resulting mulch is great for rejuvenating soils or preventing weeds and grass from growing where you don't want them (just look at MUD's backyard).

TOOLS FOR SALE

Several tools from the Tool Library are available for purchase. [Click here](#) to view them on our website. Sale tools are available on a first come, first served basis and they will soon be posted on craigslist.org. If you are interested in purchasing a tool, stop by during Tool Library hours (Thurs. 4 – 7pm, Sat. 10am – 1pm) or email info@mudproject.org.

MUD WISHLIST

A meat grinder or donations towards purchasing a meat grinder for workshops and Tool Library use.

THANK YOU!

***Others** - Coffee 2 Compost volunteers, volunteers who put up workshop posters, and everyone who is helping with the upcoming charrette!

***Year-end Donors** – Everyone who replied to MUD's year-end appeal with a donation. Your continued support is greatly appreciated, and critical to MUD's on-going success.

***Charrette Participants** – Neighbors, Members, and Volunteers who came to the charrette to provide input and feedback about MUD's forthcoming site redevelopment.

GIVE THE GIFT OF SUSTAINABLE LIVING



MUD Merchandise: We have "**Get Dirty Missoula**" t-shirts by Chris Johnson of Zoo City Apparel (\$15) or **Tool Library t-shirts**(\$10). Show your support for MUD by wearing one around town, hanging it on a flagpole, or giving one to a friend. We also have **MUD greeting cards** with a 2007 drawing of the Tool Library and MUD garden by Bethann Garramon (\$3/5-pack).

Gift Certificates: Gift a gift that really does keep giving! **Workshop gift certificates** are available for all workshops. **Membership gift certificates** include one year access to the Tool Library, option to join the Truck Share, discounts on workshops and events, and more!

Donations on Behalf of Others: If your friends or family donate to organizations and causes in lieu of gifts, consider including MUD in the list of options. Your donations support sustainable lifestyle education and resource sharing in the Missoula community, enabling thousands of Missoula adults and children to learn about sustainable and financially sensible lifestyle decisions. *For more information about financial gifts to MUD, contact Adam West: 721-7513 or adam@mudproject.org.*

LOCAL BUSINESS DISCOUNTS

MUD members receive discounts at several stores around town including: Back to Nature, Inc., Bike Doctor, Caras Nursery, Home Resource, Marchie's Nursery, Meadowsweet Herbs, and Fancy Plants Nursery. Contact the MUD office for a complete list of participating businesses.

MARCH DIY TIP & LITTLE SPROUTS CORNER

We all have an impact. Click on the icons below to calculate your or your family's ecological impact. This activity is appropriate for Missoulians of all ages!

With these simple tools, you can estimate your personal or household impacts. You can also see how slight lifestyle changes affect your footprint. Take this opportunity to work with your housemates or family to make lifestyle choices that are healthy for you and the planet.



Clear Sky Climate Solutions carbon footprint calculator



Global Footprint Network ecological footprint calculator

[Click here](#) to visit the **Little Sprouts Corner** of our online resource section for more activities.

And remember, **MUD has the tools and workshops to help you!** [Join MUD today](#) to access gardening, home improvement tools and more, or take a workshop on how to sew a grocery bag, keep chickens, and a wide variety of other backyard sustainability topics.



To subscribe/unsubscribe or offer suggestions for DIY Tips, Little Sprouts Corner and more, send an email to info@mudproject.org.

Thanks for your support, Missoula!