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Current MUD Hours
OFFICE: M – F: 1-4 PM or by appointment; Saturdays for workshops or Volunteer Days
TOOL LIBRARY: M & Th 4–7 PM and Sat. 10 AM–1 PM

Note from MUD
Friends of MUD,

We’re excited to introduce a new newsletter format, which upgrades our monthly updates to full newsletter status. We will continue providing full descriptions of workshops & events, volunteer and paid work opportunities, and program updates.

In addition, we’ll be presenting featured tools (highlighting tools we think you’ll want to know about), sustainable living tips and projects for MUD folks of all ages, a recipe, and even profiles of a diverse range of MUD members and volunteers.

The idea is to provide useful information to you, our core supporters, and increase awareness of MUD’s services throughout the Missoula community. So, feel free to share the newsletter with friends, and feel free to send us suggestions for backyard-scale do-it-yourself sustainability projects and delicious recipes for what to do with all that [fill in the seasonal blank]!

Be well, and we’ll see you at MUD!

New Face at MUD!
Margaret Alexander
MUD Development VISTA
Margaret joined us in July, moving from Washington, DC, where she worked in international development and global peace and security. She received her BA from St. John’s College in Annapolis, MD where she studied philosophy, literature, music and mathematics. Raised in New Jersey and a veteran world traveler, Margaret is thrilled to come to Missoula. She has already jumped in to the mountains, community-building and MUD’s community events. She says she is “seriously, ecstatic” about moving west & joining the MUD staff. Please help us welcome Margaret – say “Hello!” when you see her, at MUD or around town!

Featured Tools
PEX cutting & clamping tools
These handy dandy home-plumbing tools will make your next remodeling project so much easier to handle! These PEX tools are recent additions to the Tool Library Inventory (click link to search inventory), and the Tool Librarians are excited to show you how they work! Please help us thank Lowe’s for their generous discount on the cost of these tools!
GOOD NEWS! YOU CAN CHECK ONLINE to see whether MUD has the tools you need, a truck is available, and if your membership is current! Click links below ↓
  • Tool Library Inventory Search
  • Membership Status Search
  • Truck Share Reservation Calendar

2010 EVENTS CALENDAR
MUD’s complete 2010 events & workshop calendar is available online. Events subject to change, so check frequently for current info. See below for ways we can help get more MUD into your life!
1. MUD e-newsletter
Send us an email with your email address to info@mudproject.org to subscribe.
2. Facebook
Search for & "friend" Missoula Urban Demonstration Project (MUD) to receive event invitations.
3. Website
Check the MUD events calendar at: www.mudproject.org/events. Follow the links, or click here to download print version.

MUD BOARD POSITION OPENINGS!
3 positions open on MUD board.
Join a dynamic working board, and get your hands dirty and satisfaction from being an integral part of site re-development, program visioning and re-vitalization, and more! MUD is looking for folks with experience in non-profit organization management, financial planning, capital campaigns, membership development, and/or IT.

*Contact the MUD office for information about joining one of Missoula’s most productive boards!

This Month's Events
MUD CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
Monday, September 6
MUD's office & Tool Library will be closed Labor Day. Please plan ahead, and check out tools on Saturday (Sept. 4) for any weekend projects. Enjoy the holiday!

MUD @ UM Volunteer Fair
Thursday, September 9 & Friday September 10 10:00 am - 2:00 pm @ University Center
Come see us at the UM Volunteer Fair if you’ve been wondering about volunteering at MUD, or know someone who just has to know about MUD. Take a look at specific positions and general volunteer opportunities, taste something fresh from the MUD garden, and get in touch with backyard sustainability Missoula-style!

MUD Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 14 6:00 – 8:00 pm @ MUD
Feel free to listen in. This is a great way to get a sense of the nuts & bolts of MUD. If you are considering joining the board, we encourage you to attend.

MUD Mingle/Volunteer Appreciation
Thursday, September 16 6-9 PM @ MUD
FREE & FAMILY FRIENDLY!
This is the last Mingle for the season, and we’ll celebrate a year of fantastic hard work by all MUD’s volunteers. Please plan to come if you’ve helped out at MUD in the past year, if you’re interested in volunteering in the future, or simply happy to help us thank our stalwart volunteers!

BYO plates, cups, and utensils, and your favorite dish to share! The third Thursday of each month, MUD hosts a community potluck on-site! Join us for great food, excellent company, and occasionally the musical stylings of anyone who wants to bring an instrument!

Youth Education Volunteer Training
Tuesday, Sept. 21 5:30-7:30 PM @ MUD
FREE soup dinner, baguettes and beverages
Volunteering with MUD’s Youth Education Program in Sustainability (YEP!) is FUN work, with lots of room for creativity! This training offers a great opportunity to someone possessing or looking to gain skills as an educator. We’ll cover the following:
• Basic info about MUD
• Basic youth education skills ("crowd management", how to facilitate an education program at MUD, basic principles of youth education)
• Backyard Ecology (highlights of MUD demonstration site and related activities)
• Talking Trash (highlights of recycling/waste module including paper making activity)
• Volunteer options @ MUD (internships, AmeriCorps positions, and more!)

MUD’s Youth Education Program in Sustainability (YEP!) offers holistic sustainable living education to children. Volunteering with YEP! means you’ll be involved with a critical education effort, and receive training from MUD’s three experienced education professionals!
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).

WORKSHOP INFO:
- WATCH MUD WORKSHOPS on cable channel 7 or online at www.mcat.org.
- All workshops held at MUD, unless noted otherwise.
- $10/member, $20/non-members; scholarships available – contact MUD office for details.

Please register in advance:
- Call: 721-7513
- Email: info@mudproject.org
- Register online: http://www.mudproject.org/page/workshop-preregistration

Composting Basics workshop
Saturday, September 11
1:00-3:00 PM @ MUD
Instructor: Stan Wilson (Skills Tour/Permibus - www.permibus.org)

In this workshop, we will cover lasagna-style composting, vermicomposting & integrating chickens into composting systems. Having taught permaculture techniques for years, Stan has plenty of first-hand experience with composting, and explaining how it works to others. Participants will gain hands-on experience building a layered compost pile using readily available, every day components like straw, leaves & lawn clippings, and vegetable waste, all contained in a simple wire frame.

This will be a great opportunity to learn how easy and low-maintenance composting can be, even if you have limited space. It will also be an excellent opportunity to ask lots of questions of a composter with expert knowledge of composting in western MT.

Cider Pressing workshop
Wednesday, September 22
6-8 PM @ MUD

Join MUD staff and local fruit gleaners with decades of experience harvesting Missoula’s bounty! We’ll talk about harvesting and preserving fruit (not exclusively as cider), possibilities for your cider, and how to press your bounty into delicious, refreshing juice! Then, you’ll get your hands sticky making your own cider!

*Apples may or may not be provided, depending on weather and harvest conditions. As a result, bring a box of your own (two max./participant), if you’re able. Containers are not provided, so be sure to bring a jug!
Whether it's an hour or a day a week, we'd love to have your help!

We work with our volunteers to ensure a positive mutually beneficial experience, and can accommodate most scheduling needs.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERING
Click here for info about general volunteer projects, and see below for specific volunteer positions. Contact the MUD office directly to volunteer.

PROGRAM VISTA
Minimum 1-year term, monthly stipend & education award; apply NOW to start January 2011! Click here for full position details.

INTERNSHIPS & AMERICORPS
We have several positions available for UM credit and/or AmeriCorps education awards. See list (right column), and click here for full descriptions, compensation, etc.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER POSITIONS
AMERICORPS POSITIONS:
- Sustainability Educator
- Site Assistant
- Outreach Assistant

INTERNSHIP POSITIONS:
- Sustainability Literacy Intern
- "Sustainability & the Arts" Intern
- Native Plant Education Garden Intern

CONDITIONS of STAFF/INTERN POSITIONS
Click here to read important notes r.e. compensation, time commitment, expectations, and training & professional development offered by MUD! Scroll to bottom of webpage for details.
DO-IT-YOURSELF PROJECT: SEED SAVING

It’s that time of the year again – everything’s bolting in the garden, the zucchinis are going crazy, and you can’t decide whether to tear out these plants or your hair! Before you do either, take a deep breath, and do the following:

- Identify plants that produced well, tasted great, and you’d like to grow again.
- Flag them so you can remember them.
- Print out a few copies of this seed packet template (compliments of Seattle Tilth). Click here to download template.
- Let those plants bolt, and set seed like they’re meant to do!
- Harvest seeds when pods or seed heads have dried. You can tell because they’ll be light (low moisture content is key to seeds not rotting in storage), and may even rattle in pods.
- Harvest small seeds by holding seed packet opening up close to plant & shaking plant inside packet.
- Come to MUD and take a look at, or check out, a top-notch seed saving reference book: Seed to Seed.
- Look at MUD’s online resources for additional information about seed saving.

MARGARET’S TARRAGON CHICKEN SALAD

You loved it at the Garden Party last weekend, fresh herbs are at their peak, and apples will be soon. Here’s the recipe, so you can take advantage of a great way to prepare a delicious combo of local ingredients.

Ingredients
2 cups diced cooked chicken
1 small tart apple, cored and diced (about 1 1/2 cups)
1/3 cup diced celery
1/4 cup diced red onion
3/4 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon leaves
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley leaves
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Preparation
Combine the chicken, apple, celery, and onions in a medium bowl. In a small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, lemon juice, tarragon, parsley, chives, salt and pepper. Pour dressing over the chicken mixture and stir to combine. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
Give the gift of sustainable living

**MUD MERCHANDISE**
- "Get Dirty Missoula" t-shirts (Zoo City Apparel- $15)
- Tool Library 10th anniversary t-shirts ($10)
- MUD greeting cards (illustration of Tool Library & MUD garden- $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 the MUD office: 721-7513 or info@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
- Fancy Plants Nursery (ACE)

*Click here for a complete list of participating businesses.
**Contact MUD office to offer business discounts to MUD members: 721.7513 or info@mudproject.org

**Thanks to our sponsors!**

- **Trailhead**
  - C2C principle sponsor

- **Missoula Valley Recycling**
  - Donates monthly recycling service

- **The Green Light**
  - Principle Garden Party sponsor

To subscribe/unsubscribe or offer suggestions for sustainability tips, recipes, MUD folks you want to know more about, and more, send an email to info@mudproject.org.

**Thanks for your support, Missoula!**