



Author of *Beyond Light Bulbs* to Speak at October Texas Green Network Meeting

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Meredith is an engineer, MBA graduate, speaker, and founder of HumanExcel, a corporate educational firm that helps organizations improve efficiency, reduce waste and save energy. *Beyond Light Bulbs* is based on years of research on the innovative ways consumers, companies and government organizations can reduce energy consumption and curb global warming. For more information, visit www.humanexcel.com or call 512-326-9300.

The Historic German Free School is at 507 E. 10th Street, near 10th and Red River. Parking is mostly meters until 5:30 pm but there are many of them in the area. Please RSVP at rsvp@texasgreennetwork.org. (If you would like to set up a table at the event, please contact Reed at reed@texasgreennetwork.org.)



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The Green Cart (www.theGreenCart.com) will provide snacks and good beer will be available with proceeds benefitting our hosts, the German-Texan Heritage Society (www.gths.net).

We look forward to seeing you!

ABOUT the TEXAS GREEN NETWORK:

The Texas Green Network is a business-to-business chamber of commerce centered around environmental initiatives and responsibility rather than geography.

Our goal is to accelerate the spread of environmental responsibility in mainstream business practices and thought processes. We recognize that part of bringing "green" business practices to the mainstream is the melding of the concepts of environmental impact and business profitability.

The network brings together Texas-based businesses, providing a forum for sharing best eco-business practices. We seek to reward participation and leadership in a grassroots way, fostering a community of businesses and networking opportunities for our members and associates.

User of LinkedIn? Join our LinkedIn group at:
<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=71190>



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Calendar

Renewable Energy Roundup and Green Living Fair

Sept. 26 - 28

Downtown Fredericksburg

The Roundup Committee has found a solution to plastic bottled water. Pure Quality Water will provide free filtered water and those attending are asked to either purchase a souvenir stainless steel water container or bring their own cup.

Keynote speakers:

- * Mason Arnold, owner of Greenling, speaking on Organic and Local Food as a Part of Sustainability
- * Matt Stein, author of *When Technology Fails*, speaking on Self-Reliance and Building a Sustainable Future
- * Peter Pfeiffer, FAIA speaking on Green Building by Design – Not by Device

Sponsors and contributors include:

Texas State Energy Conservation Office
 Austin Energy Green Building Program
 BP America
 KGSR Radio
 San Antonio Current
 KRNH Radio
 Habitat Suites
 Green Mountain Energy

For more information contact roundup@txses.org
 877-376-8638

A Celebration of Children in Nature

5:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 1
 Four Seasons Hotel
 98 San Jacinto Boulevard

A *Celebration of Children in Nature* by Westcave Preserve will feature author Richard Louv, an awards presentation and a picnic supper by the lake. Since its publication in 2005, Louv's national bestseller *Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder* has spawned a movement

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to get children back into nature. The book sheds light on the negative implications of diminished connections to nature and demonstrates the power of nature in alleviating depression, obesity, attention-deficit disorder and other maladies.

Event sponsors include:

- * AMD
- * Land Water Sky
- * Pam and Mike Reese
- * Peggy and Matt Winkler
- * Wells Fargo Bank
- * The William & Salomé Scanlan Foundation
- * Marika and Jonathan Schoolar
- * Community Investment Corp.

- * Victor Emanuel Nature Tours
- * The Ayres Family
- * Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP
- * HEB

Tickets are \$100 per person at <http://westcave.org/celebration> A limited number of specially priced tickets are available for teachers and staff of non-profit organizations. For more information e-mail your name and organization to Jody@westcave.org

For other questions, contact Jody Karr-Silaski at Westcave Preserve jody@westcave.org (830) 825-3174

National Conference on Dialogue and Deliberation

October 2-5
 Renaissance Austin Hotel
 9721 Arboretum Boulevard

This biennial event brings together mediators, public leaders, activists, students, educators and others who seek better relationships and results through honest talk, quality thinking and collaborative action.

The conference will include:

- * Dozens of workshops on community building, group process and communication methods.



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* Featured speakers Bill Isaacs, Frances Moore Lappé, Jim Fishkin, Carolyn Lukensmeyer, and David Campt

* Highly participative plenary sessions exploring inter-faith, inter-generational and inter-partisan communication.

For information visit www.ncdd.org/ncdd2008 or call Diane Miller at 512-971-3033

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Green Corn Project Gardening Workshop

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 4

1210 Rosewood Avenue

Organic gardener Amy Crowell and Max Elliott of Urban Roots will teach participants how to prepare and plant a raised garden bed. Soil building, composting, intensive and companion planting, growing your own seedlings, and saving seeds will all be covered. Please come dressed to garden and bring a sack lunch.

The fee for the workshop is \$50 (\$40 for students) and includes materials and a copy of [The Sustainable Vegetable Garden](#) by John Jeavons and Carol Cox. Advance registration is required.

Registration and information at www.greencornproject.org.

Sun-Cooking & Simple Living Workshop

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 5

Green Gate Farms

This is a hands-on class on solar cooking and other aspects of running a more sustainable household. Includes using a solar oven, living on less and much more.

More info at: www.permie.us www.greengatefarms.net 512-619-5363, austinperm@permie.us

Hot Science – Cool Talks Outreach Series

5:45 p.m. Oct. 10

Welch Hall Lecture Auditorium Rm. 2.224

University of Texas at Austin

The lecture "Is Your House Killing You?" by Dr. Richard Corsi, UT-Austin, asks questions such as "When you burn a scented candle in your home what becomes of the burned wax and scent?" And "How well do air filters or ozone generators clean indoor air?"

It's free to the public, with pre-lecture activities in the foyer at 5:45 and the lecture beginning at 7 p.m.

<http://www.esi.utexas.edu/outreach/lectures.html>

8th Annual Fish Cook-off for Rays of Hope

6 – 10 p.m. Oct. 11 (rain date Oct. 18)

5437 Hitcher Bend, Austin

Mike Frisch and Marcel Montalvo are throwing their 8th Annual Fish Cook off benefiting Rays of Hope Austin. The event will feature live music, door prizes, silent auctions and more. With exception of the yellow fin tuna,



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Marcel and Mike will catch all of the fish served.

Rays of Hope is a project of A Nurtured World, which renovates low income homes to make them more energy and water efficient and installs solar-PV systems to generate power. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Guerrero, Parks, Jaimes, and Rosales families of East Austin.

The suggested minimum donation for the event is \$15 per person (age 12 and over) for all food, drink, and live music. All donations are tax deductible.

Rays of Hope project partners:

Austin Energy
 Meridian Energy Systems
 City of Austin
 Freescale

(512) 934-4760

deanna@nurturedworld.org

The Sustainable Living Roadshow

Oct. 11-12 at The Hundred Acre Wood
 21707 Hog Eye Rd. Manor, TX

The Sustainable Living Roadshow is a group of educators and entertainers who tour the country in a caravan of renewable fuel vehicles. At their stop in Manor near Austin they will offer a wide variety of entertaining and educational events, booths and displays.

Activities will include live music, puppet theater, poetry slams, eco-fashion shows, a clean energy showcase, educational speakers, a recycled art garden, a natural healing pharmacy, an organic food market, a green film fest, the Kids Eco Green Totally Fun City, Tai Chi, Chi Kong, belly dancing, yoga, a family dance and a night of camping under the stars.

Sponsors include Austin Energy, The Sustainable Food Center of Austin, the Austin Farmers Market and Diesel Green Fuels.

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\$10 suggested donation

\$15 for camping and late dance party

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SLR website: <http://sustainablelivingroadshow.org/>

Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7oo5pu8-mw>

The Hundred Acre Wood:

www.thehundredacrewoodevents.com



Texas Bioneer Conference

Oct. 17 – 19

George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston

The Texas Bioneers Conference returns for its sixth year to Houston. This year Mayor Bill White and the City of Houston are working with Blackwood Educational Land Institute as conference hosts. The goal of Bioneers is restoration, addressing economics, jobs, ecologies, cultures, and communities.



Conference speakers include Robin Rather, (daughter of journalist Dan Rather) who will discuss the Triple Bottom Line; Gina Donovan, Executive Director, Houston Audubon Society, and John Calaway, Chief Development Officer, Babcock and Brown Wind Energy. For more details, see www.texasbioneers.org.

Selected afternoon plenary sessions from the national conference will be transmitted via satellite from San Rafael, California. National speakers include Ray Anderson, founder and chairman of Interface Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of modular carpet. Sponsors include: Houston Endowment, Creatively Inspired Communication, and Obsidians Edge.

Registration information is available at www.texasbioneers.org/register08.htm
Cath Conlon, founder of Blackwood Educational Land Institute, is the local conference host.
cath@blackwoodland.org



Border Energy Forum XV

Oct. 23-24
Monterrey, Nuevo León
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Avenue Constitución Ote. 300
Monterrey, 64000 Nuevo León

Wide ranging speakers tackling topics such as energy and the environment, sustainable action and much more.

For more information go to <http://www.glo.state.tx.us/energy/border/forum/15> or contact Soll Sussman, Coordinator, Border Energy Forum, 512-463-5039

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News and Announcements

BSC Certified as Green Business

Business Success Center (BSC), a virtual incubator for owner-operated small businesses, has just been certified as a green business through the City of Austin's SmartWaste program. BSC helps clients take advantage of opportunities and solve financial, marketing, sales, administration, and operational problems.

"We feel going green is an integral part of a stable, profitable, transferable business. We were glad to make the effort and encourage others to do so, too," said BSC COO Jan Triplett, Ph.D.

Triplet and CFO Daniel W. Diener have been involved in promoting green practices since the early 80's. They were one of the original sponsors of Earth Day in Austin and have launched and grown environmentally friendly businesses such as natural food products, service businesses, and manufacturers.

For more information on the WasteSmart program, contact the City of Austin Solid Waste Services division, <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/sws/wrap.htm> or call 512-974-9727.

Apply for Texas Environmental Excellence Awards

If you have been a part of an environmental effort that is new, noteworthy, or something all Texans ought to hear about, apply online for a 2009 Texas Environmental Excellence Award at <http://www.teea.org/apply.htm>. The deadline to submit is Oct. 24.

The Texas Environmental Excellence Awards, presented annually by the governor's office and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, mark the highest distinction of environmental honor in the state. They identify outstanding contributions in 11 diverse categories including the newly created water conservation category. Individuals, communities, companies, or organizations can be nominated for an award.

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2008 winners included:

- * An initiative in the Rio Grande Basin that has saved an estimated 4 million acre-feet of water
- * Two teenage brothers who have dedicated their lives to voicing the importance of preserving the environment to help the plight of injured and endangered animals
- * 75 partners who restored more than 10,000 acres of wetlands on the coast in Cameron County.

For questions or a sample of a winning application, call Dana Macomb at 512-239-3143 or e-mail awards@tceq.state.tx.us

Aquifer District Seeks Nominations

This year's Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District's Groundwater Stewardship Awards will focus on water conservation, celebrating the aquifer's stewards, and the varied means used to combat adverse effects of drought. The Bowie High School Culinary Arts program will host this year's awards ceremony in November.

The district is now seeking nominations in these categories:

- * Water conservation by an end-user in the district
- * Water conservation by a water supplier in the district
- * Water conservation by a builder/developer in the district
- * Education
- * Research
- * Water quality protection
- * Innovation
- * Permittee of the year

An individual, group, company or agency may be nominated in any one category. Anyone can nominate a deserving entity, including their own organization or project.

The district's board of directors will select the recipients. Awards may not be given every year in every category and categories may be added if needed.

Completed nominations must be received in the district

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office by 5 p.m. September 30. Nomination forms are available on the district's website at: www.bseacd.org or by contacting the BSEACD office at 512-282-8441.

FEATURES

A Wikipedia for Sustainable Solutions

Want to know how to grow bananas and then make beer out of them? Curious about growing algae, extracting the oil and turning it into biodiesel? For these and other bits of eco-information, go to

www.appropedia.org, the wikipedia of sustainable technology.

Appropedia was created to help the thousands of NGOs and charities engaged in rural development. The issues involved are deeply intertwined, so people working in the field often encounter problems outside their expertise. Solutions may have been found for these problems before, but without communication it's difficult to share them.

Usually the way to document a solution is to write a paper and get it published in a journal. That takes time and effort. All too often solutions don't get recorded and no one outside the village or the organization knows about them.

Appropedia was founded using the Wikipedia model to make sure that real solutions can be shared. But there is a real difference between the two. Wikipedia requires all postings to be backed by data published elsewhere. Wikipedia does not publish original material, or material without references. You can't publish a new solution to world hunger on Wikipedia.

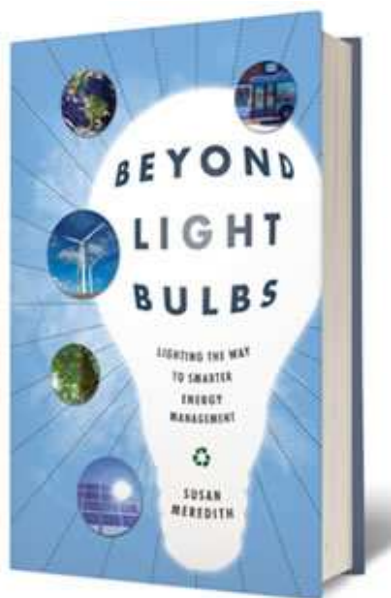
Appropedia, on the other hand, includes collaborative research, development, and problem-solving. It incorporates the real-world experiences of both amateurs and experts, backed by policies that enable critiques, commentary and scoring.

***Beyond Light Bulbs* – Advice to Combat Global Warming**

Beyond Light Bulbs was written to help readers move beyond the gloom, doom, and information overload of global warming and the energy crisis. The book offers an overview of energy in layman’s terms while giving examples of how you can contribute and benefit.

R. Britt Freund, assistant dean at the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin, noted, “In *Beyond Light Bulbs*, Susan Meredith has created a compelling story about how we might face the energy question head-on.

In clear and entertaining language, she writes about the truth of the upcoming energy crisis and what we can all do about it. This is a fine book that should be read by everyone who has an even passing interest in the topic.”



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The book offers readers tactics and strategies they readers can adapt to address the energy crisis, as well as suggestions for government officials and corporations.

The book also provides readers with a number of interesting facts about energy around the world, including:

- * Even if we could make all cars in the world run on non-petroleum fuel, the world would still need more than half the petroleum it needs now, due to the petroleum consumed by jet fuel,

liquefied petroleum gases, plastics, asphalt, etc.

- * 1.6 billion people do not have electricity – and producing a mere 2,000 KWh per capita per year is enough to move a society from poverty conditions to the regional/global marketplace.

- * If we could reduce energy consumption by 20 percent, reduce emissions by 20 percent, have energy suppliers reduce emissions by 20 percent, and have energy suppliers increase efficiency by 20 percent, we could cut emissions down to 41 percent of current levels.

Author Susan Meredith is an engineer, MBA graduate, speaker and founder of HumanExcel, a corporate educational firm that helps organizations improve efficiency, reduce wastes and save energy.

The book will be available in bookstores on Oct. 1. For more information please contact Phil West at Luminaria Media & Public Relations, 512.879.6460 or phil.west@luminariamedia.com.



CAREERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Office Manager, The Conservation Fund

The office manager/administrative assistant will provide support the director of the Texas office and the Texas programs director as well as manage the operations of the office. The office manager/administrative assistant serves as point of contact with officials, consultants, funders, and partners and works along with legal, real estate, accounting, administrative and technical staff involved in coordinating land transactions and sustainable community projects.

Please submit your cover letter with resume and salary requirements to:

*The Conservation Fund
Attention: Andy Jones
101 West 6th Street, Suite 601
Austin, Texas 78701
Fax: 512-477-3316
TCFTEXAS@aol.com*

City of Coppel Outreach and Education

The City of Coppel is hiring an Environmental Outreach and Education Coordinator to extend community programs for a sustainable future. The coordinator will be involved in a public setting promoting recycling, composting, community gardens, a farmers market, and youth outdoor learning. The City of Coppel supports sustainability with an Environmental Policy, ICLEI membership, Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful affiliates, Clean Texas Bronze Partner, and is committed to an Environmental Management Plan.

For details go to: <http://www.ci.coppel.tx.us/C2/CONTENT.nsf/site/1;Employment;;:Employment?opendocument>

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Conservation Program Coordinator

This position is responsible for coordinating and providing leadership for all public outreach, environmental education and volunteer activities for the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve and Water Quality Protection Lands in the Austin Water Utility Wildland Conservation Division. The coordinator also collaborates with other natural resource and community partners to assure that the Division's Outreach program is a diverse and effective community resource.

To apply go to <https://www.austincityjobs.org/>

Click on the search postings section. The Wildland Conservation Division is located in the Austin Water Utility Department.

Texas Green Network Contact Information

To find out about opportunities to volunteer with the Texas Green Network and help the network grow, please contact Reed at reed@texasgreennetwork.org.

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