



Open Community

Newsletter of the Mercer Free School

Community. Freedom. Learning.

March 2011

Newly-Listed Activity:

Spiritual Gathering

Meditation, Healing & Discussion

Every Monday (except for major holidays), 7:00-8:30pm, Lawrence Community Center

We will discuss ways for us to practice daily to learn to be in the moment; To support and empower ourselves, and each other. For more information and to sign up, visit: <http://mfs.insii2.org/spiritualgathering>

Sample Activities

The 12 Principles

2nd Tuesdays (next **Mar. 8**),
7:00-8:30pm, Lawrence
Community Center

Special day: Mar. 17, normally **3rd Wednesdays**,
7:00-8:30pm, Lawrence Branch/MCLS

For creating true abundance in all the areas of your life, centering on the work of Dr Steven Covey, Don Miguel Ruiz, and Michael Cavallaro. Check out the facilitator's new web site at <http://the12principles.blogspot.com/>



Meditation Group

3rd Saturdays (next **Mar. 19**),
11:00am-12:30pm, Lawrence
Community Center

Next theme: Meditation on the breath



TerraCycle

Outsmart Waste!

Mar. 22, 7:00-8:00pm, Ewing
Branch of MCLS

In nature, waste does not exist. All materials are reused or recycled through natural processes. However, modern human society and technology has created a massive waste issue. The creation of complex plastic polymers during and after the Industrial Revolution broke the closed-loop, sustainable system that had existed on Planet



Earth for billions of years. Now the irrepressible demand for safe, conveniently packaged consumer goods is annually creating billions of tons of non-recyclable or difficult to recycle waste.

Enter TerraCycle, a company that makes eco-friendly, affordable consumer products from waste and pays \$.02 per item to the charity of the collector's choice. By using the trillions of pieces of packaging that go to landfill every year to build high quality consumer goods, TerraCycle hopes to replace the need to create virgin materials, like new plastics and textiles, by showing the world it is more sustainable and more profitable to use waste as a raw material.

In this lecture, we will take a look at our society's waste stream as it existed before TerraCycle and as we hope it will exist in the future. We'll delve into the history of the company, look at some of the many challenges the start-up encountered along the way, and discuss where we hope to go in the future. For those that want to get involved, we'll have information on how Mercer County residents can get involved in a TerraCycle Brigade and start earning some extra funding for their favorite charity.

Disclaimer: Permission to use the community rooms/space does not imply library sponsorship or endorsement of any group or program. [<http://mfs.insii2.org/activities/terracycle.php>]

About Mercer Free School

The school was launched in March 2010 to provide the local community in/near Mercer County, NJ opportunities to share self-motivated learning experience *for free*. As long as no space/safety/regulatory issues are involved, anyone can facilitate activities and anyone can participate in them. For more information, please visit our home page at <http://mfs.insii2.org>

