




Minutes/Notes of 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the **EARTH** Group at ASC  
Tuesday, October 6, 2009  
Noon, Student Life Center, SUB  
<http://www.adams.edu/sustainability> (our website)  
<http://ascearth.wordpress.com/> (blog – add a comment!)

**Present:** Christy Miller, Cameron Miller, Laura Moore, Kristin Young-Jaramillo, Bailey Jones, Rebekah Tirrell, James Bedard, Karen Lemke, Don Thompson, Neil Rudolph, Rob Santoro, Larry Joe Hunt, Karla Hardesty, Ted McNeilsmith, Jesse Russell, Mary Jo Martin, Kat Olanca, Christine Preiss, Anna Miani, Marty Jones.


**Next regular meeting:** Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at noon in the Student Life Center of the SUB.

**Announcements and Action Items: I hope you all get involved with one of our task forces. Please see the task force section below for contact information.**

- Autumn@Adams fundraiser – Thanks to everyone who participated, either by donating baked goods, working the table, or purchasing items. We raised \$94.75.
- ASC Cares Day – We had EARTH members participating in two projects on September 26: cleanup of the Rio Grande, coordinated by Larry Mortensen, and cleanup of a dumping area on BLM land south and east of Manassa, coordinated by Rob Santoro. Another ASC Cares day will be held on Saturday, April 24. Be thinking about projects for EARTH to participate in on that day.
- Go Green! – Larry Mortensen arranged to have a Go Green night at the volleyball game on September 25, with announcements and fliers about sustainability tips. This will be repeated on several occasions throughout the year. Thanks – Athletics is really stepping up to the plate with their sustainable community involvement activities!
- Kat Olanca, our liaison for the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC, <http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/>), presented information from the Greenhouse Gas Emissions report that she prepared and submitted in mid-September. You should be able to access the report very soon on our Sustainability website at <http://www.adams.edu/sustainability/>. Alternatively, I will send you an electronic copy if you'd like to have one to peruse. Just send me an email ([mbjones@adams.edu](mailto:mbjones@adams.edu)). Thanks for preparing the report, Kat! By May of 2010, ASC must submit a Climate Action Plan that contains concrete plans for reduction of our greenhouse gas emissions. Kat is forming a committee to develop the plan. Current members include Kat Olanca, Mary Hoffman, Ted McNeilsmith, Diana Wenzel, Mary Hoffman, Grace Young, and Rodney Martinez. Students are especially encouraged to join this committee. Please contact her ([kholanca@adams.edu](mailto:kholanca@adams.edu)) if you are willing to serve on this important committee.
- Recycling transfer station area in Richardson Hall: Edgar, Kailee, and Gary moved everything into the room on October 1. Lights and a switch were installed earlier that week.
- Lights-out Sticker Campaign: More stickers are now available – Just let me know if you need some for your area and I'll get them to you. Thanks for your help putting these up on campus!
- Electronics Recycling: Won't happen on October 10. I've made contact with the new Director of BOCES, and he's very interested, but I've not heard anything from Mike Wyatt for the past two weeks. We'll try to arrange something for next spring.
- Community Partnerships is about ready to make another big order of reusable bags. Almost 1500 of these bags have been distributed already! Please be certain to use them when you're shopping at City Market and ask the cashiers to scan them or scan them yourself at the self-check stations. Safeway has a new manager and Mary (or Mary Jo) will talk to him about scanning and/or selling the bags. A brief discussion ensued about holding a "Carrotmob" event (a reverse boycott; see <http://carrotmob.org/>) at City Market with EARTH bags to let City Market know that we really appreciate their sustainability efforts. Some suggested instead a concerted boycott of Safeway until they get on board with the EARTH bags. **Let's talk about this more at our next meeting.**

 **One last note – This is the beginning of my third year as the *de facto* “leader” of the EARTH group, and new blood is needed at the helm. I plan to step down at the end of the spring semester. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming the leader of our sustainability group.**

### Activities/Projects for EARTH, 2009-2010

 Upward Bound – Amanda Atencio from Upward Bound would like to coordinate a joint presentation/activity between the ASC EARTH group and CSU Fort Collins Center for Multiscale Modeling of Atmospheric Pressure (CMMAP), an organization that has worked with Upward Bound in the past to educate our students about greenhouse effects, renewable energy, and biostorage.

Our goal for this time around is to inform students about the plethora of green jobs available in today's workforce. Typically when students think of careers in the Math/Science field, they immediately think of medicine, engineering, pharmacy, dentistry, etc. We would like to educate them about the careers of the future and some of the possible majors that are offered at ASC and CSU.


Here are some of the dates that we are currently looking at:

Wednesday, January 20th

Wednesday, March 24th

Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Amanda [acatencio@adams.edu](mailto:acatencio@adams.edu) if you are interested in working on this project.


 Community Partnerships – These folks are planning to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual ASC Community Partnerships “Recycled Art” Exhibit in November and invite everyone to participate. Please see the Call for Artists and registration form attachments at the end of these notes or contact Mary Jo Martin (587-8227, [asc\\_bsc@adams.edu](mailto:asc_bsc@adams.edu)) for more information.


There will also be a Recycle Fashion Show on November 14 (coincident with the opening reception for the Recycled Art Exhibit) if there is sufficient interest. Please contact Mary Jo or Rachel Raguindin ([santosraguindinra@adams.edu](mailto:santosraguindinra@adams.edu)) to let them know that you'd like to participate!


The Energy Task Force will also demonstrate the recycled soda bottle solar water heater at the opening reception November 14. Please plan to stop by to see the art, fashion show, and water heater in action!

Mary Jo would also like to remind everyone of the recycling opportunities available at ASC Community Partnerships: plastic bottle caps/lids, cell phones, ink-jet cartridges, and some laser toner cartridges.


Don Thompson volunteered to contact the city and put out bins for collecting plastic caps/lids at the City's recycling center (8<sup>th</sup> and Ross). He'll take the caps and lids to Community Partnerships for recycling. Thanks a bunch, Don! (Note: the bins are in place as of this writing).

 Neil Rudolph asked for volunteers to set up an EARTH information booth at a "fair" we are calling "Living Green for Life Expo" at the First United Methodist Church from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on Sunday, Nov. 8. Bailey, Ted, and Marty said they'd set up a booth. We can sell EARTH bags as well as have handouts of sustainability tips.






 The Energy task force is undertaking a project to coordinate submission of work orders to Facilities Services for sustainability issues, with particular emphases on energy and water (e.g., doors not closing, lack of weather-stripping, too much heat in an entryway, broken sprinkler heads, etc.). Please contact Cameron Miller ([cdmiller@adams.edu](mailto:cdmiller@adams.edu)) or Marty Jones ([mbjones@adams.edu](mailto:mbjones@adams.edu)) with your information about items that should be addressed.

 The Recycling Task Force is interested in pursuing a project involving recycling of textbooks with Better World Books (<http://www.betterworldbooks.com/>). This could be a fundraiser for us as well as an opportunity to partner with a literacy organization such as Books for Africa. A question was raised about whether this would conflict with the bookstore's buy-back of textbooks, so Marty will contact the bookstore.

This task force will also participate in an event for America Recycles Day (although the event will be on Nov. 13 instead of Nov. 15). Please contact Bailey Jones ([baileyj169@hotmail.com](mailto:baileyj169@hotmail.com)) or Marty Jones ([mbjones@adams.edu](mailto:mbjones@adams.edu)) if you are willing to participate in this event.

 Several folks suggested that the Education/Publicity Task Force undertake a project to educate students, staff, and faculty about recycling. Don't throw trash into the recycling bins! Don't throw recyclable materials into the trash! Some suggestions included regular Portal announcements, asking faculty to read announcements in class, writing articles for the student paper, providing PSAs for KASF, sending email to all campus citizens (and attribute-based message, ABM). Karen and Karla also suggested that we communicate via our Facebook group. Marty will work with this task force to get more recycling information out to our "customers".

### **Task Force Reports:**

-  Energy – Cameron Miller ([cdmiller@adams.edu](mailto:cdmiller@adams.edu)) is the task force chair. Please contact him if you'd like to join this group. Cameron reported that the State of Colorado approved the well permits for our Geothermal project. Now we're just waiting for EPA to approve the permits.
-  Composting/Local food – Laura Moore ([moorele@adams.edu](mailto:moorele@adams.edu)) is the task force chair. Please contact her if you are interested in learning more about local foods and composting.
-  Recycling – Bailey Jones ([baileyj169@hotmail.com](mailto:baileyj169@hotmail.com)) is the new task force chair for this group. Please contact her if you'd like to join this active group.
-  Transportation – Mick Daniel ([mick\\_daniel@adams.edu](mailto:mick_daniel@adams.edu)) is the task force chair for this group. If you'd like to be involved in projects that can help reduce our carbon footprint by employing alternative methods of transportation, please contact Mick.
-  Communications/Education/Publicity – Katie Silva ([kgsilva@adams.edu](mailto:kgsilva@adams.edu)) is the task force chair for this group. If communication is your thing, please contact Katie.

Thanks for all of your work for EARTH!

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Submitted by Marty Jones, 10/10/09



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Hello ,

ASC Community Partnerships will be hosting the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ASC Community Partnerships “Recycled Art” Exhibit** in November. Like last year, the focus is promoting care for the environment by conserving, reusing, and recycling. We are excited to hold the Exhibit in conjunction with America Recycles Day again this year.

We invite you to consider participating this year. The details are much the same as last year; one slight change is our stronger focus on recycled art instead of last year’s combined approach of both recycled arts and products. It would be great to have some of your work in the exhibit. Below is the call for artists that we have put out around the Valley; we wanted to make sure you have your own personal invitation.

### **Call for Artists “Recycled Art” Exhibition 2009**

**The 2nd Annual ASC Community Partnerships “Recycled Art” Exhibition** features art that is made from recycled materials. Artists from all over the San Luis Valley come together to promote recycling through this creative, fun and inspiring exhibition to be held at Adams State College’s Community Partnerships art gallery.

Enter this year’s exhibit to be held the whole month of November (Nov. 2<sup>st</sup>-Nov 30<sup>th</sup>) in conjunction with America Recycles Month.

Enter your art work by going to the online form located at [www.adams.edu/community/partnerships/](http://www.adams.edu/community/partnerships/) , then clicking the link to the Arts and Culture page and completing the online form.

You may also enter by emailing [asc\\_bsc@adams.edu](mailto:asc_bsc@adams.edu) or calling Mary Jo Martin at 587-8227. All art work should be made of at least 90% of discarded, non-organic material. A digital photo, along with the entry form, should be submitted. If submitting a digital photo or a form is an issue, contact Mary Jo at 587-8227 to arrange an alternative plan. All work should be registered and dropped off at Community Partnerships by October 26<sup>th</sup>. Call or e-mail with questions.

Included with this letter is a registration form. Please feel free to fill this form out and send it to me or call/e-mail me at the contacts above. Please contact me with any questions that you may have.

Here’s a cheer for recycling!

I hope to hear from you soon,

Mary Jo Martin  
ASC Community Partnerships

ASC Community Partnerships  
Registration Form  
“Recycle Art” Exhibition

ASC Community Partnerships is hosting a “Recycle Art” Exhibition to promote and encourage the use of discarded and recycled materials in artwork. Recycling and reusing materials in artwork encourages environmentally friendly activities and creativity surrounding conservation. The exhibit is being held during the month of November – America Recycles month.

“Recycle Art” Exhibition:

Exhibit: November 2<sup>nd</sup> – November 30, 2009

Reception: November 13, 2009 from 4pm – 5pm

Registration deadline: Monday, October 26, 2009.

Drop-off date for pieces: Artwork should be dropped off at ASC Community Partnerships (corner of Main and Edgemont in Alamosa) by Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Artist Statement: An artist statement should be submitted with artwork.

Pick-up date for pieces: Artwork not sold will be available for pick up on Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

Commission: In order to sustain gallery operations, ASC Community Partnerships will take a 20% commission on any pieces sold during the Exhibit.

**Registration Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Piece: \_\_\_\_\_

If for sale, price of item \_\_\_\_\_

Title, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

This form, completed, should be e-mailed to Mary Jo Martin at [asc\\_bsc@adams.edu](mailto:asc_bsc@adams.edu) or mailed (208 Edgemont Blvd, Alamosa, CO 81102) as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call 587-8227 or e-mail [asc\\_bsc@adams.edu](mailto:asc_bsc@adams.edu) .