

The Environmental Stewardship Committee

Presents

Eco Awareness Series Green Lectures and Films



Green Lecture: There and Back Again: The Hermes Castro Story (Co-sponsored by the Humanities Institute)

Thursday, October 8, 2009 from 4:00-5:30 pm Room G-101

Mesa College student Hermes Castro and his wife, Sarah, talk about their 2009 expedition to Antarctica with world-class polar explorer Sir Robert Swan. Hermes shares his personal story about his journey to the bottom of the world as part of Sir Swan's 2041 Inspire Antarctica Expedition. Sarah Castro will discuss dramatic climate changes in Antarctica and what this tells us about planetary climate change in general.



Green Lecture: Operation Wallacea

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 from 4:00-5:00 pm Room G-101

Join Bridget Tiffany as she talks about Operation Wallacea which offers students the opportunity to travel to remote areas of the world, often to the centers of biological diversity. Students can work on a social science, marine biology or terrestrial biology conservation project through Operation Wallacea's biological and social science expedition projects.



Green Lecture: A Sheltered Sea—The Southern Passage

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 from 4:00-5:00 pm Room G-101

Join Jonathan Zaidman, Wildlife Conservation program coordinator of WILD COAST, as he discusses marine protection legislation in the South Coast region from Pt. Conception to Mexico, and learn how students can become more involved.



Green Lecture: Plastics in the Ocean: A Rapidly Increasing Danger

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 4:00-5:00 pm Room G-101

This stewy body of plastic and marine debris, nicknamed the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, floats an estimated 1,000 miles west of San Francisco and is estimated to weigh 3 million tons, covering an area twice the size of Texas. Come join us as Captain Charles Moore of the Algalita Marine Research Foundation discusses his research, findings and theory on how to address this ever-growing "floating landfill".



Green Lecture: The Global E-waste Crisis (Co-sponsored by the Humanities Institute)

Thursday, November 19, 2009 from 4:00-5:30 pm Room G-101

A global e-waste crisis is underway in which up to 80% of recycled e-waste is sent to impoverished countries. Representatives of the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition (SVTC) discusses the hazardous effects e-waste has on workers who must handle recycled e-waste and explores ways in which we can help promote safe recycling practices that are both sound and humane.



Green Event: Harvesting of the Three Sisters (Co-sponsored by the Humanities Institute)

Friday, November 20, 2009 from 2:00-5:00 pm Green Garden on the Mesa (visit ESC website below for more details)

The Three Sisters (corn, beans, and squash) have been planted by traditional Native American gardeners in many different regions of North America. The traditional Three Sisters garden forms an ecosystem by creating a community of plants and animals. Join us for the harvesting of the Three Sisters garden at Mesa's Organic garden and learn how to cook typical dishes from a local youth group in the Native American community using harvest crops.

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