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February

Happenings



In January, reception-goers enjoyed learning about "Tiny Mural" from sustainability fee grant-winners Professor Jeff Schmuki (Art), Dr. Alan Harvey (Biology) and Professor Wendy DesChene (Auburn University). With the help of a team of students, they created the mural from cut-outs of salamander photographs, affixed to the wall with biodegradable wheat paste. The installation, on the 2nd floor atrium of the Biological Sciences Building in Statesboro, highlights 9 species of salamanders native to Georgia. Georgia is home to arguably the highest salamander biodiversity in the country.

Upcoming Events

Statesboro Campus

2/15 Arbor Day

2/18 Art Exhibit Opening-Marie Lorenz: Ash Heap/Landfill

2/19 Environmental Community Cinema – Green Fire (7pm; 1119 Natural Sciences)

2/20 Campus Community Garden Workshop

2/27 Sustainability Seminar Series: Elaine Gallagher Adams, Designing and Living for a Carbon-Balanced Planet (7pm; 1915 Nessmith Lane Conference

Center) 2/28 Sustainable Seafood@Southern presents the film: Of the Sea

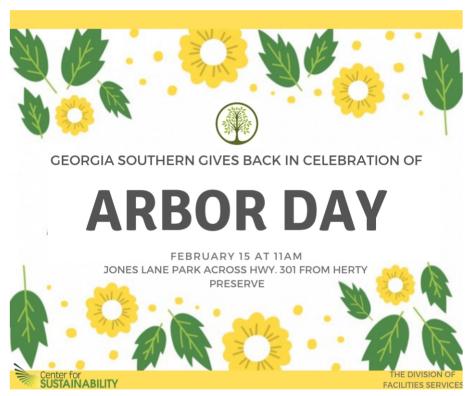
Download our full Statesboro calendar here

Armstrong Campus

2/4-3/31 RecycleMania

2/27 Environmental Community Cinema – Green Fire (7pm; 1402 Science Center)

2/28 Sustainable Seafood@Southern presents the film: Of the Sea (simulcast from Statesboro; 6pm, 1107 Science Center)



Join CfS and other organizations on Georgia Southern-Statesboro campus in honor of Arbor day to plant trees. See you there!

RecycleMania



RecycleMania: February 4 - March 31

RecycleMania has begun! Help us increase our standings this year in this recycling competition among universities in the US and Canada! Simply recycle your paper, aluminum, narrow necked plastic bottles (#1 and #2) and cardboard in any of the marked bins across our campuses. But make sure to put them in the correct bin so you don't contaminate the load.



Get "Caught Green-Handed" during RecycleMania! If you are seen recycling or otherwise being green, you will be entered into a drawing for prizes from the University Tech Corner.

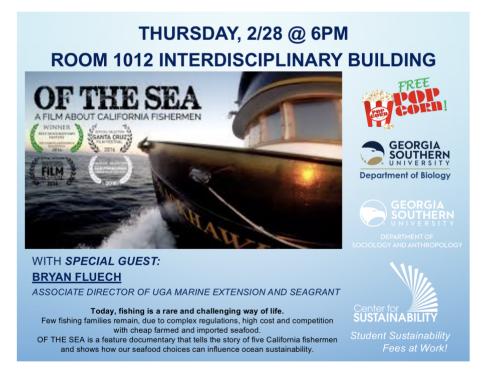
Watch our video and learn how to participate.

Environmental Community Cinema

Join CfS for the Environmental Community Cinema this month in Statesboro and Savannah! The public is invited free of charge, and attendance verification is always provided if needed.



Armstrong Campus: 2/27 Environmental Community Cinema - Green Fire (7pm; 1402 Science Center)



Simulcast to the Armstrong Campus (6pm; 1107 Science Center)

Sustainability Seminar Series

ASH HEAP / LANDFILL

MARIE LORENZ



FEBRUARY 18 – MARCH 14, 2019 University Gallery, Center for Art & Theatre, Statesboro Sustainability Seminar Series/Artist Talk Tuesday, March 12, 5 p.m., Arts Building, 2071 Reception follows from 6-7:30 p.m. at the gallery.



This exhibition was made possible in part with funding from CLEC and Student Sustainability Fees.

New York-based artist Marie Lorenz has dedicated her life's work to a project that has consistently merged the tools of science and art, and underlines the relational nature between the environmental elements of the river (currents, ecology, flotsam, and pollution) and the people who live, work, and play in that environment.

Lorenz's multimedia installation "Ash Heap / Landfill" will be exhibited at the Center for Art & Theatre University Gallery at Georgia Southern University's Statesboro Campus from Feb. 18 – March 14. As part of the Center for Sustainability's "Sustainability Seminar Series," an artist talk will be Tuesday, March 12 at 5 p.m. in Arts Building room 2071. A reception will follow from 6– 7:30 p.m. at the gallery.

SUSTAINABILITY SEMINAR SERIES





Designing and Living for a Carbon-Balanced Planet

Elaine Gallagher Adams

Wednesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. Room 1915, Nessmith-Lane Building Statesboro Campus

> Free and Open to the Public Attendance verification provided. Student Sustainability Fees at Work!

An architect, mom, foodie, urban farmer, and electric car enthusiast, Elaine Gallagher Adams is a Rocky Mountain Institute alum, who teaches architecture, historic preservation, sustainability, and urban design at Savannah College of Art & Design. As Sustainability Director for LS3P Associates, she serves as a national voice for mindful design, highperformance buildings, and environmental accountability – building energy and ecological awareness, sustainable preservation, exploring new technologies, connecting to global sustainability issues including climate resilience, water scarcity, cultural sustainability, local food, and decentralized economies... while creating beautiful and inspiring buildings, places, and cities.

Watch her recent TED talk here

Sustainability Fee Grants



Calling all Statesboro campus faculty, staff and students! Apply for a Sustainability Fee Grant this spring for implentation in FY2020. Proposals due online on March 25th, 2019 by 5pm. Requests may range from \$1,000-\$100,000. *Note that all proposals requiring construction must submit a Facilities Project Request prior to February 25.

Click here for more information.

Green Eagle Awards

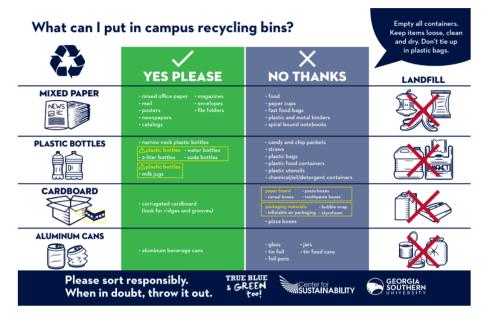


Do you know of students, staff, or faculty who have shown extraordinary commitment to sustainability? CfS encourages you to nominate them for a Green Eagle Award!

If you know someone who qualifies, please nominate them<u>here</u>.

What Does Georgia Southern Recycle?

Follow these handy instructions to help keep contamination out of our recycling bins.



Bulloch County Off-Campus Recycling Locations



Programs

Eco-Reps



Our Eco-reps are kicking off the semester by focusing on recycling and the problem with contamination.

Pictured to the left is the Dope Soap program they put on last semester where they made their own soap from natural and safe ingredients.

To learn more about Eco-Reps or to become one, please visit our<u>site</u>.

Campus Community Garden



The Campus Community Garden provides an opportunity for students to learn how to grow food, explore their gardening interests, and to connect with fellow students.

Click <u>here</u> to watch our video and learn how to join Campus Community Garden.

After School Garden Program



The After School Garden Program (ASGP) teaches 2nd graders at the five local elementary schools about gardening, basic plant biology, ecosystems, and nutrition.

For Spring 2019, students will be growing arugula, radishes, potatoes, and carrots!

Email us at <u>cfs@georgiasouthern.edu</u> for more information on how to volunteer.

This program is a partnership between Georgia Southern, Bulloch County Parks and Recreation, and the Bulloch County Board of Education.

Campus in the Spotlight

Student Sustainability Fee Grant Projects





LED Lighting Upgrade for Art Galleries Proposed by: Jason Hoelscher Funded in: 2018

With this Sustainability Fee Project Grant, Art was able to reduce waste and improve the energy efficiency of the galleries in the Georgia Southern Center for Art and Theatre. They replaced eighty–eight 250-watt halogen bulbs and fixtures, which tended to last two years or less, with eighty–eight equivalent LED bulbs and fixtures that use only 18- watts—an energy savings of over 20,000 watts—and which last up to a decade. In addition to the reduction in the bulbs' direct energy usage, the climate control savings should be substantial as well: the gallery lights are on from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday all year long, and the older 250-watt bulbs generated substantial amounts of heat that kept the building's air conditioning busy even when it is not particularly hot outside.





Golf Course Tree Planting and Moisture Meter Proposed by: Patrick Reinhardt Funded in: 2018 With funding from the Tree Planting Grant, the Georgia Southern Golf Course was able to plant 88 trees, bringing the total number of trees

Course was able to plant 88 trees, bringing the total number of trees planted to 192 trees in 2 years. The tree plantings in FY18 consisted of 21 oak trees, 5 maples, 12 magnolias, 8 redbuds, 32 pines, 3 holly trees, and 6 bald cypress trees.

Through the use of moisture meters we are expecting to see a decrease in water usage on the golf course. As we are able to maintain proper moisture levels and create healthier grass on the golf course, we should also see a reduction in the usage of pesticides that would be used to prevent diseases from the grass being too wet. We will be able to notice these changes as we average our water and pesticide usage over the next 3 years.

Professional Development



In January, CfS Program Coordinator, Cami Sockow, attended a FEMAcertified Community Resilience course with the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center, hosted by UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant. During this training, community members of the southeast came together to discuss the language surrounding increased resilience (hazard+risk=resilience), as well as how to help a community become more prepared. Step #1, make sure to have an emergency bag ready and leave if

Sustainability Conferences

Sustainable Coffee Challenge-March 5 & 6: All-partner meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

Click here for more information

The AgLanta Conference-April 14 &15: Now in its 3rd year, this twoday in Atlanta, Ga gathering will bring together local and global change makers in the Urban Agriculture and Local Food movement.

Click here for more information

Sustainability Fellowship

The University of New Hampshire is excited to announce that<u>applications</u> are being accepted for the <u>2019 Summer Sustainability</u> <u>Fellowships</u> and that the Sustainability Institute. University of New Hampshire has extended the application deadline to February 10, 2019.

Sustainability Fellowships are a fantastic opportunity to gain unique hands-on experience, make valuable connections throughout New England, and contribute to impactful work over the summer.

Graduate and upper-class undergraduate students from any discipline are encouraged to apply. See below for details on the 2019 Fellowships - more information is available on their website.

Green Tip



Have a Sustainable Valentine's Day with these Tips:

- 1. To make your bouquet of flowers last longer, add 2 Tablespoons of white vinegar and stir well. The vinegar helps prevent the growth of bacteria
- 2. Reuse chocolate or gift boxes for storage
- 3. The cellophane wrap around flowers can be reused as wrapping paper, or even used as stuffing inside packages

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