

#### 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL



SACRED SOIL: FOUNDATION OF LIFE

**NOVEMBER 3-9, 2010** 

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Henry Clay Building 604 S. Third Street Louisville, KY 40202

#### Many Faiths, One Heart, Common Action

The mission of the Festival of Faiths is to celebrate the diversity of our faiths and spiritual practices, to express gratitude for our unity, and to strengthen the role of faith traditions in our community. The Festival allows people of many different faith traditions in our community to come together, share meaningful dialogue, and identify commonalities and differences, all while working on projects that address common concerns.

#### Sacred Soil Festival of Faiths headquarters

Center for Interfaith Relations 415 W Muhammed Ali Blvd Louisville, Ky 40202 502.583.3100

www.festivaloffaiths.org

#### **Planting Seeds:**

#### Programs inspired by or in support of this year's Festival

#### Thursday, October 21

6 pm, The Crane House, "Trans-Planted Memory"

A stage play reading about the escape of more than 20,000 Jews to Shanghai during World War II. www.cranehouse.org

#### Friday October 22

5 - 7:30 pm, Opening Reception: Rooted in Place, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft

Runs October 23 – December 31, 2010 www.kentuckyarts.org

#### Saturday, October 23

8:30 am - 2:00 pm, Pisgah Academy Day: Hope for God's Creation

Pisgah Presbyterian Church, 710 Pisgah Road, Versailles, KY 40383 Our friends at the Appalachian Festival of Faiths present an enticing program featuring Honorary Sacred Soil Festival of Faiths Chair Wendell Berry, author Dr. Matthew Sleeth, and more.

Registration is required. www.pisgahchurch.org or call 859.873.4161.

#### Sunday, October 24

2 to 5:30 pm, Sacred Soil: Foundation of Life Art Tour Vans depart from Ky Museum of Art & Craft, 715 W. Main St.

Take a pilgrimage to local sites and art installations illuminating the sacredness of soil; meet artists and learn from Churchill Davenport, Director of the Kentucky School of Art.

\$18 Reservations required.

#### Tuesday, November 2

2:30 to 5 pm, The Buddha's Touching of the Earth Cathedral of the Assumption, Undercroft

433 South Fifth Street, Louisville

Arjia Rinpoche, representative of HRH The Dalia Lama, Director of the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center in Bloomington, Indiana, and author of "Surviving the Dragon: The Gesture of Touching the Earth," addresses the significance of Buddha's gesture, the subtle body encased in the earthen body, and the Buddhist perspective on stewardship of the Earth. Book signing to follow.

#### Thursday, November 4

Noon, Children of Abraham, Sarah & Hagar Service & Luncheon James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Avenue

For more than 15 years people of the three Abrahamic faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians - have come together in Louisville to share a meal and a time of

worship. At a time when communities around the world and even around our country are divided by religion, we are grateful to live in a city that annually hosts this wonderful expression of friendship and respect. The luncheon begins at noon and the worship service will follow.

Service is free and open to the public. Luncheon tickets \$15.

#### Noon - Rotary Club of Louisville, guest speaker Dr. Larry Shinn The Galt House

Dr. Larry Shinn, president of Berea College, author and ordained minister, discusses "The Need for Interfaith Understanding in the Most Religiously Pluralistic Nation in the World." www.louisvillerotary.org

## Noon to 1:30 pm, Earth Jurisprudence: Awakening to Earth's Rights University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law

Patricia Siemen, attorney, member of the Adrian Dominican Sisters and director of the Center for Earth Jurisprudence, explores how the balancing of human needs can also meet the needs of the entire Earth community. Cosponsored by the University of Louisville Law School's Diversity Forum Series.

Free and open to the public. Lunch will be served. Reservations are required. Call 502.852.6083 or email robin.harris@louisville.edu



## Sacred Soil Festival of Faiths OPENING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 3

The Cathedral of the Assumption 433 South Fifth Street, Louisville

### 6 pm, 19th Annual Community Celebration of Thanksgiving with Dr. Matthew Sleeth

Hosted by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz and the Archdiocese of Louisville, local houses of worship, civic and religious leaders come together to open the Festival of Faiths, with a celebration of our diversity, gratitude for our unity and to a commitment to strengthen the role of religion in society. Dr. Matthew Sleeth, a physician and author of The Gospel According to the Earth, reflects on the relationship between soil and faith. Fun children's activities in the Undercroft during the program.

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE BROADCAST LIVE Nov 7, 6-7pm at

#### www.livestream.com/periscopewebvideo www.festivaloffaiths.org/media/live/php

#### 7 pm, Simple Graces Reception

All are welcome to share a simple meal in the St. Louis Room with honored guests from the Interfaith Prayer Service, as well as creators of DIRT! The Movie.

#### 7:45 pm, Sacred Soil Film Series: DIRT! The Movie

Join us for this free screening of award-winning DIRT! The Movie, the official film of the Sacred Soil Faith in Action Toolkit and this year's Festival of Faiths. Co-producer and director Bill Benenson will be joined by William Brant Logan, journalist, urban arborist, and author of *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth* for a discussion moderated by George Parker, Jr., Executive Director of the Louisville Film Society and CEO of kyGREENtv.

The Cathedral of the Assumption Undercroft 433 South Fifth Street, Louisville



**DIRT! The Movie** takes you inside the wonders of the soil and tells the story of the Earth's most valuable and underappreciated source of fertility. Narrated by Jaime Lee Curtis, the film examines the environmental, economic, social and political impact that the soil has, and shares insights of experts from around the world who study and are able to harness the beauty and power of a respectful and mutually beneficial relationship with soil.

#### Thursday, November 4

#### 6 pm to 10pm, Night of a Thousand Stars: A Bountiful Feast

This gala fundraiser for the Festival of Faiths honors Kentucky artists and organic farmers with imaginative regional cuisine and a cornucopia of live musical performance! Festive Casual Kentucky Attire. \$200





#### **SACRED SOIL YOUTH EVENTS**

#### Friday, November 5

8:30 am to 3 pm, High School Programming Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream

This symposium presents leading edge information, inspiring multimedia presentations and uses group interactions to explore the current state of our planet from a fresh perspective and connect participants to the current global movement to reclaim their future. *Brown bag lunch recommended. Free. Reservations required.* 

#### 9 am to 1 pm, Middle School Programming

Teachers, parents and students learn how our actions affect soil, the food cycle, our general health, and the planet through fun hands-on activities and a presentation by Emma Sleeth, young author of "It's Easy Being Green."

Brown bag lunch recommended. Free. Reservations required.



#### Saturday, November 6

#### 9 am to Noon, Bringing the Barnyard Downtown

Steve Meredith will bring an assortment of two- and four-legged friends to the Henry Clay from his own of Meredith Farms. Get up-close and learn about chickens, piglets, a calf, a goat, and adult and baby ducks.

#### Monday, November 8

10am, Industrialized Farming Policies and Practices with Wes Jackson of The Land Institute

#### Student Activities Center's Floyd Theater, University of Louisville

The University of Louisville welcomes Wes Jackson to its campus for a student lecture focused on Industrialized Farming Policies and Practices: What is the impact on the future of soil quality both in the U.S. and globally? What role do you as students or the university play in sanctioning these policies? Co-hosted by the University of Louisville's Center for Environmental Policy and Management and the Center for Land Use and Environmental Responsibility. Open to the public.

#### 1 to 4 pm, Kids, Get Your Hands Dirty!

Children, teachers and parents experience an afternoon of creative, interactive environmental education about the effects humans have on our planet. The program includes participation from "Swampy," a Yiddish Chicken Farmer Cowboy, Bugs Behaving Badly, and hands-on activities including worms, composting, art activities and lots more.

#### Tuesday, November 9

#### Noon to 1 pm, Music Together: Early Childhood Music & Movement

This early childhood music & movement program is research-based and developmentally appropriate, allowing children from birth to 5 years to explore music and movement through play with a favorite grownup. Come discover the Joy of Family Music with Maria Whitley. Co-hosted by Shine, A Wellness Studio. No Experience Needed. Please wear comfortable clothes.



#### **MEDITATION SERIES**

#### Monday, Novemeber 8

#### 10 am to Noon, Sacred Soil: You'll Always Come Back

Follow the development of images, music, stories and movement of earth and soil through multi-media, participatory storytelling. This workshop is part of the ongoing development of Dan Dutton's performance art opera, "You'll Always Come Back." Please wear comfortable clothes.

#### Tuesday, November 9

#### 9:30 to 11 am, Meditative Movement Workshop

Explore different types of meditative practices including slow movement, breathing, dancing and drumming with teacher John Hay. This is "action philosophy" based on techniques from Sufi traditions. Please bring a towel, blanket, or mat to sit on and wear comfortable clothing.

#### Friday, November 5 - Wendell Berry Day

#### 9am to 1 pm, "Living on the Land: A Symposium on Faith and Food"

An intriguing series of panels, open discussions and speakers, including the launch of an international Faith and Food program by Martin Palmer of the Alliance of Religions and Conservation and Patrick Holden, Director of the Soil Association International, moderated by Dr. Ellen Davis from Duke University, and including Fr. Denis Robinson OSB, President-Rector of Saint Meinrad Archabbey among other luminaries.

Tickets are \$15 and include a light vegetarian lunch, sponsored by Foxhollow Farms.



"To forget how to dig the earth and tend the soil is to forget ourselves."

Mahatma Ghandi

#### 11 am to 1 pm, Wording Your Eats: Writing Workshop

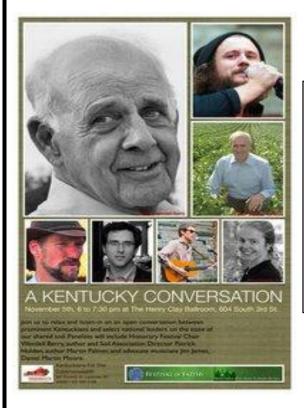
Arwen Donahue will lead participants and explore the stories behind the food we eat through discussion and guided writing practice. No writing or gardening experience is necessary, just bring pen, paper and an interest in the connections between the cultivation of soil and the cultivation of soul. Arwen Donahue is a writer and farmer. She lives on Three Springs Farm outside Lexington. Tickets \$18.

#### 1:30 to 2:30pm, Freedom of Religion discussion with the ACLU

In conjunction with their new traveling exhibit that is making one of its first stops in Louisville at the Festival of Faiths, local members of the American Civil Liberties Union will host a panel on Freedom of Religion with local religious leaders and scholars.

#### 3 to 4:30pm, Kentucky's Well-Grounded Writers

Local and regional authors who have written on subjects related to "sacred soil" will read selections and discuss their works. Panel will include: Sally VanWinkle Campbell (Saving Kentucky); Kelli Carmean (Creekside); Tammy Horn (Bees in America) and Tom Barnes (Kentucky's Last Great Places, Rare Wildflowers of Kentucky). Moderated by Mary Somerville.



"The soil is the great connector of our lives, the source and destination of all."

Wendell Berry, Kentucky farmer and author

#### 5:30 to 6:00pm Opening of A Kentucky Conversation

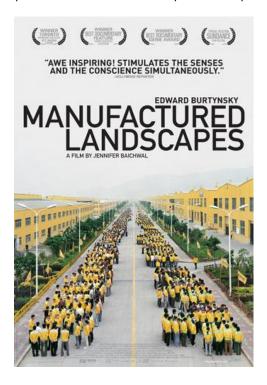
Middle school students involved in the Kentucky School Garden Network open "The Kentucky Conversation" by sharing why school gardens matter to them and our future.

#### 6:00 to 8:00pm, Sacred Soil: A Kentucky Conversation

Join us for a community conversation on the state of Sacred Soil with Kentucky author and Honorary Sacred Soil Festival of Faiths Chair **Wendell Berry**, Soil Association International's **Patrick Holden**, ARC's **Martin Palmer**, urban framing activist **Will Allen**, Slow Food USA President **Josh Viertel**, advocate musicians **Jim James** and **Daniel Martin Moore**, led by garden writer Jeneen Wiche. Afterwards, stay and party, explore exhibits and enjoy music by *The 23 String Band*. These events coincide with the First Friday Trolley Hop and are co-hosted by Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. FREE. Open to the public.

## 8:30 pm, Sacred Soil Film Series: Manufactured Landscapes Bunbury Theatre, The Henry Clay

A striking new documentary on the world and work of renowned artist Edward Burtynsky, internationally acclaimed for his large-scale photographs of "manufactured landscapes" — such as quarries, recycling yards, factories, mines and dams. Burtynsky creates stunningly beautiful art from civilization's materials and debris, allowing us to meditate on our impact on the planet and witness both industrial endeavor and the dumping grounds of its waste. Introduced by local artist Aaron Conway from Louisville Visual Arts Association and featuring live performance art by Scarlett St. Claire. Co-hosted by the Kentucky School of Art.



Sacred Soil Film Series includes *Manufactured Landscapes, Dirt! The Movie, The Real Dirt on Farmer John & Grown In Detroit* 

## Saturday, November 6 — Terra Madre Day presented by Slow Foods USA, the world's largest non-profit food education program

#### 9 to 9:45 am, Battle of the Biscuits

A handful of Louisville's best chefs compete to serve the best biscuit in town. Come early for biscuits (free while they last), cast your vote, visit the downtown barnyard and tour the more than 75 exhibits and displays.

#### 10 to 11:30 am, Sacred Soil and Soul: Farming with a Purpose

A panel of experts speak on interfaith and community organizations working together to create food justice. They will discuss and garner support to come together, uniting in a chorus of commitment to sustainable agriculture and to responsible stewardship over the planet, Earth.

Panelists include Josh Viertel, President of Slow Food USA; Patrick Holden, Soil Association International; and author and translator Martin Palmer, who serves as Director of the International Consultancy on Religion, Education and Culture and Secretary General of the Alliance of Religions and Conservation.



#### 11:30 to 1 pm, Lunch with Will Allen

Join food activist Will Allen for a special lunch designed to highlight local organic choices, sustainability and the spirit of Terra Madre. Allen began his urban farming work in 1995, and in 1998 he merged his Farm City Link with **Growing Power**, a revered operation where he continues to serve as Director. Allen received a Ford Foundation leadership grant in recognition of his urban farming success and a MacArthur Foundation "Genius Grant" for his work on urban farming and sustainable food production. He recently was invited by First Lady, Michelle Obama, to speak about her initiative, *Let's Move*. A special lunch, designed to highlight local organic choices, will be provided. *Tickets \$25* 

#### 1:30 to 4:30 pm, Sharing Farming Knowledge and Best Practices

In the spirit of Terra Madre, Mark Williams, Executive Chef for Brown-Forman Distilleries and the Southern regional governor for Slow Food USA, moderates a series of special discussions featuring regional and guest farmers. The first session, for instance, features young farmers sharing fresh ideas and discoveries alongside much experienced farmers sharing time-tested wisdom and ways.

Participation for three sessions is open to farmers, gardeners and anyone else.

- 1:30 pm, Fresh Ideas meet Seasoned Wisdom
- 2:30 pm, African-American Farmers' Experience
- 3:30 pm, Migrant and Refuge Farmers' Experience in America

#### 5 to 6 pm, Native American Community Soil Blessing Brown-Forman Amphitheatre, Waterfront Park

The Circle of Indigenous Spirit Women will offer prayers and a community ceremony. Participants will include Martha "Momfeather" Kaelbli Erickson, founder and Executive Director of the Mantle Rock Native Education and Cultural Center in Marion, Kentucky; Steve McCullough, "Chief Red Spider" of the Salt Creek Sundance, a medicine man who travels the world performing Native American spiritual ceremonies for people of diverse faiths; and Native American and Kentuckian Sarah Elizabeth Burkey who performs as a singer, song-writer and musician. Native American ceremonial drumming will be provided by the Kentucky-based drumming group "Istayapi". Please bring a handful of soil collected locally or around the world to offer as part of this ritual.



#### 8 to 11 pm, Get Down and Dirty with Breaking New Grounds

Come enjoy music, libations, heavy appetizers as well as bid on silent auction items and explore Festival booths. Proceeds benefit Breaking New Grounds, a non-profit environmental organization committed to creating jobs through sustainable urban agriculture and turning "waste into wealth" in Louisville. Tickets \$50. VIP Mixer from 6:30-8. For information please call Sarah Fritschner @ 502.396.5457 or email sfritschner @gmail.com

#### Sunday, November 7

#### 9 to 11 am, Community Yoga Event

This event is an opportunity open to all hearts, all traditions, all faiths, and all levels and will be lead by teachers of different styles. Each teacher will carry the theme of Mother Earth through his or her teachings. The class will begin with a demonstration by Hindu Masters from the Hindu Temple of Kentucky, continuing with a 90 minute yoga class and followed by 30 minutes of refreshments and mingling. Please bring your own mat and any extras if you care to share. *Cosponsored by Louisville Yoga CoOp. For more information contact Susan Schroeder at 502-938-9041* 



#### 1 to 2:30 pm, "My Stroke of Insight: Tending the Garden of Our Sacred Soil" with Dr. Jill Bolte Taylor

Dr. Taylor is a Harvard-trained and published neuroanatomist who experienced a severe hemorrhage in the left hemisphere of her brain in 1996. It took eight years for her to completely recover all of her functions and thinking ability. Dr. Taylor will discuss what we are as living beings, how our two hemispheres work together to manifest our perception of reality, what the priorities are of each of the different hemispheres, and what we can learn about how our world functions as a macrocosmic reflection of what our brains are thinking and feeling. Dr. Taylor will also discuss the teenage brain. Dr. Taylor is the author of the New York Times bestselling memoir My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey, was chosen one of TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World for 2008, is the National Spokesperson for the Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center and travels the country as the Singin' Scientist. Since 1993, she has been an active member the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Book signing and brief reception to follow.

Tickets are \$19. Teenagers free. Co-sponsored by Eleanor Bingham Miller and the Pakistani Doctors Association.

#### 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Harry Pickens and "Voices from Around the World"

Harry Pickens was not born in Louisville, but he has certainly become one the city's most celebrated treasures due to his overwhelming willingness to share his vast talents, vision, leadership and fellowship throughout the community and abroad. In this concert praising the Earth, Pickens will play original music and arrangements, which will feature local singers.

EDGE OUTREACH is another Louisville treasure providing tools and knowledge to passionate individuals who tackle the world's water, sanitation and hygiene problems. Recognized in 17 countries, EDGE has recently aided disaster relief efforts in Haiti and trained respondents to the floods in Pakistan.

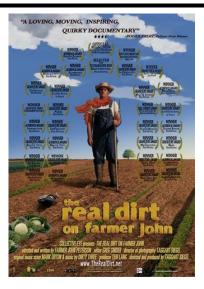
Tickets \$18. Proceeds will benefit EDGE OUTREACH, co-hosts of this event.



#### 6 to 8 pm, Creation Care & the Earth with Dr. Matthew Sleeth

As an emergency room doctor, Matthew Sleeth saw a disturbing increase in asthma, autoimmune diseases, cancers, and other environmentally related health issues. He later re-connected with his Christian upbringing, and to his surprise, he began uncovering in the Scriptures an enormous wealth of environmental answers that he had been seeking. His family later took an account of their lifestyle, drastically reduced their reliance on electricity and fossil fuels, and began sharing their inspirational journey with others. Dr. Sleeth is the author of Serve God and Save the Planet: A Christian Call to Action, the introduction to the Green Bible, and a second book released just this year, The Gospel According to the Earth: Why the Good Book is a Green Book.





## 8:30 pm, Sacred Soil Film Series: The Real Dirt on Farmer John Bunbury Theatre, The Henry Clay

An outcast in his community, Farmer John bravely stands amidst a failing economy, vicious rumors, and violence. By melding the traditions of family farming with the power of art and free expression, this powerful story of transformation and renewal heralds a resurrection of farming in America. The film is a haunting odyssey, capturing what it means to be different in rural America. Film screening will be followed by a short discussion on community-supported agriculture with local, sustainable food heroes.

#### Monday, November 8

7:30 am to 3 pm,

Kentuckiana Interfaith Community Faith Leader's Forum

"Why Being an Environmentalist of Faith is so Hard ... and Worth It: A Morning of Prayer, Meditation, Lecture, and Discussion"

Faith leaders are invited to enjoy a complimentary breakfast, interfaith panel discussion, scholarly lecture and open discussion. The morning will be led by Dr. Roger S. Gottlieb, professor of philosophy at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, a well-known scholar and author on faith and environmental issues. The afternoon will be led by Mitch Hescox, CEO of the Evangelical Environment Network, speaking about "The Creation Care Challenge." Other visiting scholars participating in the forum will be Dr. Larry Rasmussen, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, and Ibrahim Abdul-Matin, author of Green Deen: What Islam Teaches about Protecting the Planet. Free. Reservations required.

## 12:30 to 2 pm, Annual Louisville Presbyterian Seminary Luncheon: "Setting the Seeds for Dialogue"

A seminary is a seedbed for cultivating knowledge about ultimate concerns. As LPTS announces a major commitment to interfaith cooperation with its "Doors to Dialogue" initiative, faith leaders will be invited to find common ground in specific ways to become partners in the initiative.

Free. Bring your own lunch or order a box lunch from Miss C's, located in the Henry Clay: 502.992.3166.

# **3 to 4 pm, Inter-Religious Dialogue in Israel and the Region in the Service of Peace**Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish serves as the director of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel, based in Jerusalem. He lectures to a wide variety of groups in Israel, including visiting Jewish, Christian and interreligious groups. In addition, he

has been a scholar-in-residence at universities and communities around the world. Rabbi Kronish received his doctorate in Education from Harvard and his ordination from Hebrew Union College. He has lived in Jerusalem for 27 years.

#### 3 to 4:30 pm, "Something's Rising" with Silas House and Jason Howard

Writer Aimee Zaring interviews author activists Silas House and Jason Howard and their work and its relationship to their work and the land.

#### 4 to 6 pm, Hope for Creation: Teaching the Teachers

Nancy Sleeth and Julia Burnett leads this workshop designed to inspire and equip teachers to become better stewards of the Earth by helping their students learn the skills of sustainable living. Explore the motivation for change, the opportunities that are possible, the Biblical underpinnings, and the resources that are available for activating students. Designed for teachers, but all are welcome.

#### 4:30 to 6 pm, Seven Sacred Sayings To Save The Soil

Through engaging group interaction, facilitators Ben Evans and Jud Hendrix, invite participants to explore the connection between religious values and sustainable care of the earth using seven scripture texts, or sacred sayings, from different religious traditions and seven short video clips and interviews with environmental and spiritual leaders, from Ben's YERT project.



#### Wes Jackson

Founder of *The Land Institute* and the author of several books including *New Roots for Agriculture* and *Native to This Place* and is recognized as a leader in the international sustainable agriculture movement. His work is often referred to by author Wendell Berry, with whom Jackson has shared a longtime friendship. and correspondence. Berry collaborated with him on *Meeting the Expectations of the Land and other work*.

#### 6 to 8pm, Wes Jackson: An Ecological Approach to New Agriculture

Wes Jackson, Honorary Sacred Soil Festival Chair and founder of The Land Institute, will be joined in lively dialogue with Ivor Chodkowski of Grasshoppers Distribution who connect local farmers with customers; Sarah Fritschner, director of the Louisville Mayor's "Farm to Table" initiative; Larry Rasmussen, environmental ethicist championing "green religion"; W. Scott Smith, Dean of the UK School of Agriculture; and Claude Stephens, Bernheim Forest's education director. Free



"We are part of the earth and it is part of us...what befalls the earth, befalls all the suns of the earth." Chief Seattle, 1852

#### **GROWN IN DETROIT**

Award winning Documentary filmmakers Mascha and Manfred Poppenk show the emergence of farming at the *Ferguson Academy for Young Women*, a high school for pregnant teens, in the midst of Detroit's decaying urban landscape.

#### 8:30 pm, Sacred Soil Film Series: Grown In Detroit

Bunbury Theatre, The Henry Clay

An award-winning documentary that focuses on the urban gardening efforts managed by a public school of mainly African-American, pregnant and parenting teenagers who turn a small garden on their playground into a sizable organic plot complete with apple trees, horses, pigs and goats.

Followed by a short discussion on community, urban and school gardens and their influence in our own community. Co-hosted by New Roots , the Festival of Faiths Community Garden Committee and Louisville Grows.

Sponsored by Amazing Green Planet.

#### Tuesday, November 9

#### 7:30 to 9 am, Interfaith Prayer Breakfast with Dr. Larry Rasmussen

Join hundreds of people of faith for a buffet breakfast and an opportunity to hear Dr. Larry Rasmussen, one of the world's foremost Christian environmental ethicists. Dr. Rasmussen has mentored a generation of Christians in eco-theology and "green religion." He spearheaded the "greening" at the Union Theological Seminary as an institution and rooted his courses and scholarship in the practice of environmental justice with communities and community leaders. He has published more than a dozen books, including the landmark, award-winning Earth Community, Earth Ethics. He is currently directing a 10-year project on Earth-honoring Christianity at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, New Mexico. Dr. Rasmussen is the Reinhold Niebuhr Professor Emeritus of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Tickets are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance.

#### 9 am to Noon, Dust-to-Dust: Leaving This Earth Naturally

Rev. Diane Walker works as a Life Transition Coach and Educator here in Louisville and abroad. In the first hour of this program, she will discuss the ecological impact of a typical burial in the U.S., and she will share a natural alternative that bears a more sustainable and positive future for Mother Earth. She will then lead an optional 2-hour interactive workshop for anyone wanting to learn more about planning a natural approach to death that celebrates life. Mindbody, spirit, emotion, personal planning and partnering with our earth are among the many perspectives to be explored.

Free. Reservations required. Please bring a pen and notebook.

**9:30 am Eastern Kentucky Mountain Top Removal Witness Tour - SOLD OUT** Co-sponsored by Father John Rausch, Kentuckians for The Commonwealth, Religions for Peace USA

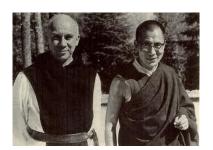
#### Noon to 1 pm, Sacred Soil as Sacred Space Luncheon with Michael Rotondi

While there is a pervasive belief in the West that sacred places are 'made," indigenous peoples see that the land is inherently sacred. Michael Rotundi, an architect from California, works from the vision that architecture should manifest the sacredness of the land that is already present. He will discuss the initial results of his contemplative architecture project with land at the Abbey of Gethsemani. Sponsored by the Merton Center for Contemplative Living and co-hosted by the Urban Design Studio.

Free. Bring your own lunch or order a box lunch from Miss C's, located in the Henry Clay: 502.992.3166.

### 1 pm, Closing Ceremony - - Dissolution Ceremony of the Tibetan Sacred Sand Mandala

This year's festival ends on the anniversary of the final historic meeting between Thomas Merton and the Dalai Lama. Following the Dissolution Ceremony of the Tibetan Sacred Sand Mandala at the Henry Clay, all will process to the George Garvin Brown Garden, 415 W. Muhammed Ali, where, under a banner depicting a meeting of Merton and His Holiness, their words will be read. Those who are able will then walk to the Ohio River where the monks will ceremoniously release the prayers and sand for world peace into the flowing waters. Co-sponsored by the Merton Institute for Contemplative Living and the Drepung Gomang Institute.



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#### **FAITH IN ACTION SACRED SOIL TOOL KIT**

Help educate and inspire common action related to soil long after the Festival week ends. This year's tool kit includes a broad range of resources on the complex issues relating to the preservation of our earth, land, soil and dirt in order to promote awareness and inspire a universal commitment to care for the welfare of our sacred soil. The award winning film Dirt! The Movie, official film of the Sacred Soil Festival of Faiths, is included. \$29 Call 502.583.3100 or www.festivaloffaiths.org

Unless otherwise noted, all events are **FREE** and take place at **The Henry Clay Building** 

604 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Louisville, KY



#### **TICKETS & RESERVATION**

To make a reservation or obtain tickets contact **The Kentucky Center Box Office**: 502.584.7777 or 800.775.7777 or at www.kentuckycenter.org. To avoid service fees, visit the box office in person at 501 West Main Street (Mon. thru Sat. 10 am to 6 pm and Sun. Noon to 5 pm) or use the Main Street drive-thru window (Mon. thru Fri. 11 am to 6 pm).

#### CARMICHAEL'S BOOKSTORE

Carmichael's Bookstore is the Festival's bookselling partner again this year. They are Louisville's oldest independently owned bookstore and have been a partner of the Festival for more than six years. Please stop by their stores and their Festival display at the Henry Clay and buy one!

#### **BOOTHS & ARTISTS**

More than 60 communities of faith, individuals, non-profits, corporations, academic institutions and artists present their beliefs and ideas with respect to sacred soil in booths and displays throughout the Henry Clay Building. Learn about other faiths, network, exchange ideas, and share your commitment with others. Get your Booth Passport stamped by 10 booths of the day for fun prizes!

