Appalachian Alternatives

Appalachia – Science in the Public Interest

BOARD MEMBER AND AUTHOR

Mary Davis, an ASPI Board member, is currently completing the manuscript of FROM WALDEN POND TO MUIR WOODS: DIRECTIONS TOWARDS AN ALTERNATIVE AMERICA. The book presents capsule descriptions of a variety of U.S. places to visit: from nature preserves through alternative technology demonstration sites to community gardens and cooperative businesses. It tells how to find additional examples of alternatives and also where to go for information on questions relating to the environment. The description of ASPI emphasizes the types of shelter that the organization has built.

Mary Davis at work

Mary has worked with ASPI as an editor on an as-needed basis for the past decade. During these years she has published numerous articles on environmental and nuclear issues and two books: THE MILITARY/CIVILIAN NUCLEAR LINK: A GUIDE TO THE FRENCH NUCLEAR INDUSTRY (Westview, 1988) and AN ECOLOGIST'S GUIDE TO FRANCE (R & E Miles; P.O. Box 1916, San Pedro, CA 90733; 1988 $6.95 +$1.00 S&H). R & E Miles will publish FROM WALDEN POND TO MUIR WOODS in the same series as THE ECOLOGIST'S GUIDE TO FRANCE, in late spring. The prices of the American Guide has not yet been set.

1990 CALENDAR

One season ends and another begins. We are already hard at work on the 1990 Simple Lifestyle Calendar and are hoping for a 9,000 press run in the spring. The topic is "Spirit of Appalachia."We're always open to your suggestions on how to make it better. After creating over 3,000 simple living hints during the last decade, we are scrapping the bottom of the barrel, so keep your ideas coming. Phone (606) 453-2105 or write them in to us before March 31st.

PUBLIC INTEREST MANAGEMENT

Since last October ASPI has been sponsoring a program to assist Appalachian public interest groups in making better use of their limited resources. Through the generosity of a Kentucky builder we are able to obtain the services of Bob Haduch for at least a year. Bob comes with extensive managerial experience after years of work in Chicago. He is an electrical Engineer by training and is a computer expert as well. Bob has already assisted regional groups in organizing books, setting priorities, establishing newsletters, and developing funding drives. If you know of Appalachian groups in need of such advice, please let us know at ASPI.

CLOTHES DISTRIBUTION

Martha Bond, our ASPI office manager and president of the Sand Hill Community Land Trust (SHCLT), has agreed to develop a clothing distribution center for low-income residents