

Appalachian Alternatives

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Notice of date change:

APPALACHIAN APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FAIR

ASPI has changed the date of its Spring 20th Anniversary Celebration from Earth Day in April to River Day on the first full weekend of June (June 6th through 8th). With two events planned so close together, we decided to combine them. Hence, this celebration will feature Appropriate Technologies (AT) and will commemorate the Rockcastle River through canoe rides and other traditional events. If you are interested in displaying AT activities or literature, call us at (606) 256-0077.

DEMONSTRATION CENTERS

Moving the Library. Much movement has been going on these last few months between Livingston and Mount Vernon. Our grounds crew completed the Mount Vernon second floor 1,200 square foot storage area. This increased our usable space here by 60% without any additional exterior construction, and has the bonus of additional insulation. Next, shelves were constructed and we moved the seven thousand volume library from the Livingston Resource Center to Mount Vernon, directed by librarian Regina Stallsworth. We also added some new additions - 227 volumes on nature resources donated by the noted naturalist, Gene Wilhelm. A special thanks to you, Gene.



Mt. Vernon parking lot becomes a Paradise

Raised Bed Gardening. Our Mount Vernon neighbors have been wondering why we are ripping up pavement from our former parking lot. Lewis VanWinkle and Johnny Laudermilk, with ten Notre Dame University volunteers were preparing 16 four by twenty-five foot raised beds, bordered by recycled pine slabs. As part of the grant from the Springfield, Illinois Dominican Sisters, the outdoors of our Mount Vernon property has been transformed into a Small-Town Appropriate Technology Demonstration Center. We've added a water line, a number of fruit trees, the second floor storage area, and the solar greenhouse and other solar additions.