

The 1992 calendar with its theme of Appalachian Heritage is being prepared by Mark Spencer using Warren Brunner's vast store of photographs.

During 1990 ASPI produced two environmental study guides for citizen groups and parish adult education groups to be circulated in 1991 using "Communities at Risk" as basic materials. The booklet "God's Good Earth" with possible study guide for church groups is also being prepared. ASPI edited and designed a book of selected papers on waste minimization for the Resource Policy Institute to be published by Academic Press, a second edition of EARTHEN VESSELS edited by Angela Cox, Mary Davis' FROM WALDEN POND TO MUIR WOODS: ALTERNATIVE WAYS ACROSS AMERICA, Art Purcell and Al Fritsch's CRITICAL HOUR, and a color photographic book of Appalachian scenes with Warren Brunner. All of these will be commercially published in 1991. Another book called DOWN TO EARTH, a collection of printed essays by Al Fritsch, is being prepared for future publication.

ASPI has developed two video tapes, one dealing with household pollution problems featuring Phil Stern and a second demonstration center publicity tape is being prepared by Peter Allison. Both will be released in 1991.

Resource Auditing Service

We increased the number of audits from four in 1989 to twelve completed in 1990 in seven states with one audit in progress in Colorado. The most recently completed study was for the Catholic Worker Farm at Alderson, WV, where 35 acres of organic garden produce are being grown partly for homeless people in Washington, DC. By 1992 we hope that we can have a convocation of all those who are utilizing RAS audits and are applying environmental methods to their farms and land holdings.

New Projects

ASPI has been reluctant to expand into new project areas though we are always looking. One area which is a good candidate is that of "Year-Round Gardening in Appalachia." We are extremely concerned about the lack of reasonably-priced nutritious food during winter months in our region. We are experimenting with a different materials and bed designs along with some varieties grown in solar greenhouses. We hope that we can have a coordinator who will also collect living histories from elderly gardeners which can be publicized through our appropriate technology network.

A second project that is a possible source of income for local folks involves furnishing supplies, guides and routes for those wishing to make hiking retreats on the Sheltawee Trail (Big Turtle Trace), through the Daniel Boone national Forest. We have assembled maps and are preparing ideal routes both to the north and south of our Center. We hope to offer this service by mid-1991. A number of church and youth groups have expressed keen interest due to the scenic territory and the opportunity for low-cost trail experiences.

