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*"If we don't teach kids about the environment or if they don't care about their environment, it will be hard for them to protect it."*

*Heather Oakley  
Global Gardens*

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As the weather gets cooler and the leaves begin to change - we at the Tulsa Children's Museum are spreading the message - go outside, breath in and enjoy nature's beautiful colors.

In this special Fun for Fall Issue of our newsletter, you can learn more about TCM's new re-claimed art traveling exhibit, where Tulsa Children's Museum is encouraging parents to stop and think before you throw away. That object may be something that sparks your child's creativity as it's reclaimed and turned it into a masterpiece.

We will also highlight some local programs by other non profits and fun book recommendations that will get your kids outdoors.

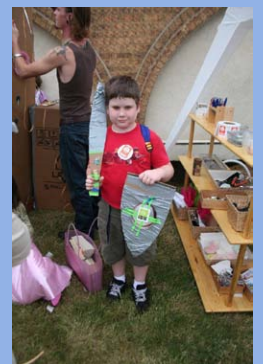
### Reclaim This! Old Stuff, New Art

#### On the Road ...

Tulsa's children are creating magnificent masterpieces with items that would otherwise end up in our landfills.



TCM's *Reclaim This! Old Stuff New Art* exhibit was a huge success this past Saturday at the Library's Renaissance Faire. It was truly a magical event as families made swords, shields and collaborated on a castle made entirely of reclaimed items.



*Reclaim This, Old Stuff, New Art* is based on the premise that by removing objects from their context, children can exercise their natural curiosity and creativity by



To learn more about Tulsa Children's Museum - check out the October issue of [Tulsa People!](#)

giving these objects a new life as art.

Our educational objectives are to help children:

- develop an awareness of the three R's- reduce, reuse, recycle
- learn how, why, and what to recycle
- become familiar with ways to re-use materials that cannot be recycled



You can experience this traveling exhibit this fall at the following events:

**Art on Main** in downtown Jenks on Saturday October 11th from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**The Tulsa Historical Society Magical History Tour** on Sunday, November 2nd from 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. at the Tulsa Historical Society on 2445 S Peoria.

We are thrilled to be part of this exciting event where there will be fabulous food, great music and a two for one - both of TCM's traveling exhibits *Reclaim This! Old Stuff, New Art* and *POP! The Art and Science of Bubbles* will be there for kids to play and learn as families explore Tulsa's history at the beautiful historical society.

### To Donate:

We will be continually looking for donated items for this exhibit. We specifically need tubs with lids - yogurt, butter, sour cream etc., paper tubes - paper towel tubes, wrapping paper, can be larger in diameter but not too large (please no toilet paper tubes) and boxes - any kind, food, shoe, gift, etc.

We are no longer needing milk containers of any kind and toys.

These items can be dropped off at **Eco Baby** at 3638 S Peoria, **Natural Lullabies** at 8210 S Harvard or **Bunch ECDC** at 2703 N Yorktown.

## Earth Friendly

### Programs Close to Home

By Holly Ryan

TCM would like to recognize some exciting programs by other non profits in Tulsa:

### Millennium Center

Sustainable Tulsa, a group that promotes economic growth by using environmentally responsible methods, is partnering with the Tulsa Zoo to create a new exhibit called the Millennium Center. The center will be a model house showcasing the latest environmentally-friendly building concepts and

materials. It will feature housing construction that is both environmentally friendly and also provides adequate protection from natural disasters such as tornadoes, fires, floods and hail.



"We're making a lot of effort to show how disaster resistance and sustainability are woven together," explains Corey Williams, founder of Sustainable Tulsa. "If a wind event blows a house all across the land, that's not sustainable living. Our goal is to show how living green and being safe from natural disasters interplay; that we can both live with nature and be protected from nature."

Visitors will be able to tour the home and learn how home design can meet the homeowner's needs as they use natural resources wisely.

The center will showcase the latest technology in environmentally friendly construction, and will be updated to keep up with changes in homebuilding technology - it won't be stagnant, it will always be changing.

### **Global Gardens**

Global Gardens teaches elementary students in the Tulsa area about science, health and the environment through growing their own gardens.

"Kids don't get to go outside much today, so there's a disconnect between kids and their environment," explains Heather Oakley, founder and director of Global Gardens. "Gardening gets them out, and so they get to see different ecosystems in nature, and learn how they're balanced, and how they balance each other out."



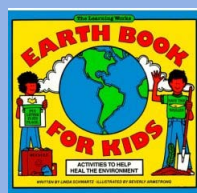
A Global Gardens educator works with classroom teachers twice a week to help each class design and maintain their garden plots.

Each class has its own theme; some garden themes include a butterfly garden, a Native American garden, a berry garden and a literary garden, to name a few.

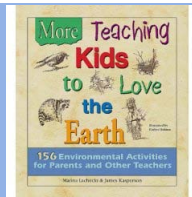
"In the garden, the learning is tangible; the kids learn by seeing, touching and doing," said Oakley. "The learning is a primary experience."

Global Gardens also provides a free after-school program every day for over two hours. Children who opt to participate in the after-school program have their own garden plots, and receive instruction from Global Gardens educators.

### **Back to Nature Books for Kids**



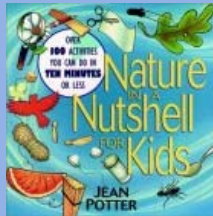
**Earth Book for Kids** by Linda Schwartz is filled with ideas for arts and crafts projects, experiments, and experiences that encourage children to enjoy and heal the environment. Topics include acid rain, pesticides, energy, pollution, landfills, rain forests and water conservation. (Various ages)



**Teaching Kids to Love the Earth** and **More Teaching Kids to Love the Earth** by James Kasperson and Marina Lacheki are both wonderful resources for parents who are looking for nature activities to share with their children. There is discovery through short stories and creative action ideas. (Ages 3 and up)



**Where Does Garbage Go?** by Paul Showers satisfies a child's natural curiosity about garbage trucks and where the garbage we take out in big plastic bags ends up. Through diagrams, charts and cute illustrations, kids can learn about dumps, landfills and recycling. (Ages 4 and up)



**Nature in a Nutshell** by Jean Potter is filled with over 100 simple experiments to teach children about nature. Kids can predict weather from cloud formations, stir up a tornado in a jar, identify sounds of different birds and study snails. The activities require kids to get in touch with the world around them by getting outside and getting their hands dirty. (Ages 7 and up)



**EcoArt!** by Laurie Carlson begins with arts and craft supplies made from natural materials that children can turn into their own creative masterpiece. Each activity is rated with a level of difficulty. (Ages 5 and up)

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