



# Education Updates

November 2011

## WaterShed Partners to Host Education Roundtable on Nov. 9

EMWREP is one of 65 public, private and non-profit partners active in WaterShed Partners, a metro-area collaborative that provides resources for water education. In addition to holding monthly meetings for partners to share ideas and learn about cutting-edge outreach and education, the group also coordinates a media campaign, hosts the [www.cleanwatermn.org](http://www.cleanwatermn.org) website, and is working to develop a project called the "Clean Water Challenge."

On Wednesday, November 9 from 8:15am-noon, WaterShed Partners will be holding its second annual Education Roundtable at the Kay Frederick's Ballroom on the 3rd floor of Hamline University's Klas Center. All EMWREP partners are welcome to attend to learn more about framing clean water issues for public engagement and behavior change. Speakers will include:

### Making issues of sustainability salient to diverse audiences

Christie Manning, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science at Macalester College

### Lessons from the field: Local sustainability and behavior change programs

Gayle Prest, Sustainability Director, City of Minneapolis

Angie Timmons, Communications Coordinator, Hennepin County Env. Services

Neely Crane-Smith, Communications Coordinator, Center for Energy and Environment

Jen Alstad, President and Co-founder, bswing (marketing and web development)

**For questions or RSVP's, please contact Jana Larson at [jl Larson25@hamline.edu](mailto:jl Larson25@hamline.edu)**

## Recent EMWREP Events in your Community

- Sept. 14 Washington County Public Works Training
- Sept. 15 Cottage Grove Public Works Open House
- Sept. 28 Children's Water Festival, St. Paul
- Oct. 18 Presentation of rural lands research at St. Croix Research Rendezvous
- Oct. 18 Presentation for Heritage Glen HOA in Woodbury
- Oct. 26 Presentation about EMWREP partnership at BWSR Academy
- Oct. 29 Newport Community Buckthorn Pull
- Nov. 1 Lion's Club presentation, Stillwater



Warner Nature Center in May Twp. hosted the Research Rendezvous

## Flowers Gone Wild!

Flower-faced photo opportunities were plentiful at this year's Washington County Fair and Minnesota State Fair. EMWREP partners had booth space in Building D at the County Fairgrounds, while Blue Thumb partners were on display at the MN State Fair's Eco Experience. 300,000 people visited the Eco Experience, and over 1000 of them stopped to mug as flowers while they were there.



Left: A group of teens pose as native plants at the Washington County Fair.

Right: State Fair visitors posed in front of a shoreline backdrop with new and improved flower faces.

## Getting Dirty at Erosion Control Field Seminars

On August 9, EMWREP collaborated with the Minnesota Erosion Control Association to hold two outdoor field seminars for city staff and contractors. The sessions began at Cottage Grove Ravine, where participants learned about a project underway to build a new road, bridge and city hall. Part two of the seminar took place at a McDonalds in Woodbury that was under reconstruction. Discussion at this location focused on the constraints of working in a small site. 37 contractors, watershed and city staff attended the two seminars.



Watershed and city staff and contractors visited an active construction site in Cottage Grove.

**What's in Store for 2012?** Here's a sneak-peek at education events planned for next year.

### **Horse Workshops**

Jan 24 - Hooley Hall, Washington County Fairgrounds, 6-9pm

TBA - Rick A Shay Ranch in CLFLWD

### **Blue Thumb workshops**

Feb. 28 – All Saints Lutheran in Cottage Grove, 6-8pm

March 13 – Gander Mountain in Forest Lake, 6-8pm

Fall TBA - Bayport

### **Woodland Management Workshops**

May 2 – Wild Wings Hunt Club in Hugo, 6-8pm

Fall TBA - Afton area

### **In the works:**

Shoreline workshops - On-site at Lake Demontraville and Square Lake (June)

Planting for Clean Water - On-site in Woodbury (small yard) and West Lakeland (big yard)

Stormwater U - Practical Tips for BMPs and/or Picking the Right BMP for the Job (Jan./Feb.)

### **While I'm Away...**



7 months and counting at Joshua Tree National Park. Baby Hong is due Dec. 1.

If you missed the news, I'll be gone for a few months this winter, approximately Dec. - Feb. While I'm on maternity leave, EMWREP education will go on! Here's who to contact for any questions during that time:

**Tara Kline:** tara.kline@mnwcd.org or 651-275-1136 x.28  
- Tara will be coordinating Blue Thumb spring workshops and guest columns for the local papers and city newsletters.

**Wendy Griffin:** wendy.griffin@mnwcd.org or 651-275-1136 x.24  
- Wendy will be coordinating workshops for horse owners and other rural lands outreach.

**Jay Riggs:** jriggs@mnwcd.org or 651-275-1136 x.20  
- Jay will be coordinating Stormwater U trainings for city staff and NEMO outreach for local elected officials. He is also the person to contact with any other EMWREP questions.

### **Members of the East Metro Water Resource Education Program:**

Brown's Creek Watershed • Carnelian Marine - St. Croix Watershed  
Comfort Lake - Forest Lake Watershed • Cottage Grove • Dellwood  
Forest Lake • Lake Elmo • Middle St. Croix Watershed  
Ramsey - Washington Metro Watershed • Rice Creek Watershed • Stillwater  
South Washington Watershed • Valley Branch Watershed • Willernie  
West Lakeland • Washington Conservation District • Washington County

