

Registration Fees:

Through February 24:

- \$35 Members
- \$45 Non-members
- \$15 Student

After February 24:

- \$40 Members
- \$50 Non-members
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Overnight Lodging:

Lodging is available for Friday and/or Saturday nights. Nightly rates are \$70 for single accommodations and \$100 for double accommodations. Call the Institute at (269) 721-4190 to reserve a room.

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Sustainability Conference 2012

**Pierce Cedar
 Creek Institute**
March 17, 2012
8:30 am - 4 pm

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Today's environment presents us with a number of challenges and opportunities to become a more sustainable society. Pierce Cedar Creek Institute's annual conference is focusing on ways to help individuals face the environmental and social challenges around them and find the solutions that will help our communities become more sustainable.

This year's conference focuses on permaculture, which encompasses more than just what you plant in your yard. Viewing life through a permaculture lens affects how we go about procuring food, housing, transportation, and how we view our connection to the greater community.

Break-out sessions are designed to cover a variety of topics from an introduction to gardening and energy saving strategies at home to the economics of renewable energy and how to help your community work towards sustainability.

We hope that you will join us at the Institute this March!

Exhibitor Space

There are a limited number of exhibitor spaces available. For more information on becoming an exhibitor visit *cedarcreekinstitute.org* or call Matt at (269) 721-4473.

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Sustainability Conference Agenda

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am Welcome

9:10 am Introduction to Permaculture

Peter Bane, Permaculture Activist

The permaculture concept implies both a *permanent agriculture* and a *permanent culture*. It uses simple methods to teach people how to design and shape their homes, landscapes, and communities to work with nature, capture energy, and conserve and generate resources. Peter Bane has been helping people develop communities based around permaculture for the past 20 years. Peter is a permaculture consultant and publisher of *Permaculture Activist*, a quarterly journal.

10:25 am Break - Refreshments
available in the auditorium

10:45 am Breakout Session One
(Attend the session of your choice)

Permaculture: A Deeper Look, Peter Bane

Delve into the details of incorporating the concepts of permaculture into your own landscape.

Home Energy Saving Strategies, Dwell Tech Solutions

Discover how you can identify strategies for reducing your energy usage at home.

Exploring Sustainability in College, Albion College and WMU Gibbs House Students

Hear from students from several local colleges and universities as they share their experiences working with sustainability issues at their institutions and in their lives off-campus.

11:45 pm Lunch, Networking, and Special Sessions

1:00 pm Breakout Session Two
(Attend the session of your choice)

Raising Backyard Poultry, Bonnie White

Learn the important components and considerations of raising poultry in your yard.

Economics of Renewable Energy, Paul Isley, Ph.D, Professor, Grand Valley State University

Examine the costs of renewable energy and traditional energy sources, including both the cost effectiveness and the external costs of power sources.

Sustainability Strategies, Dorothy Sadony (GRCC) and Paul Manstrom (Kalamazoo College)

Find out what several local colleges have been doing at their campuses.

2:00 pm Break

2:15 pm Breakout Session Three
(Attend the session of your choice)

Gardening 101, Mike and Carol Klug

Discover the basics of starting a vegetable garden in your own yard.

Community Change, West Michigan Environmental Action Council

Discuss ways you can advocate for environmental issues on the community level.

Green Energy Jobs and How to Get One, John Sarver

Receive an overview of Green Energy job opportunities including job prospects, training options, certifications, and networking opportunities.

3:15 pm Café Discussions

This is an opportunity to collectively engage in a discussion with other participants in topics of your choice. Some discussion topics will be led by volunteers, but participants will have the opportunity to create their own discussion tables.

4:00 pm Closing

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please include your email address as we will use it for your confirmation.

Please cut at the line and send registration and payment to:

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You can also register and pay online at cedarcreekinstitute.org or by calling (269) 721-4190.

Mail-In Registration Form

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