



# sequatchie valley institute

*Research and Education in Sustainable Living*

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## 2008 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS - page one of two

We are thrilled to announce that in addition to the myriad of workshops and tours being held at Moonshadow, SVI will also be holding workshops east and west of us at our neighbors' homesteads. The eco-village is forming! Be a part of Sequatchie Valley's eco-story! SVI's workshops are meant to be affordable. Work-trade and scholarships are available for particular workshops - please ask. ALL WORKSHOPS ARE ON CENTRAL TIME.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8 - TOUR

We offer tours on the second Saturday of each month so the public can see our permaculture gardens, edible landscaping and natural architecture. Learn about our use of active and passive solar energy, water conservation and natural waste management. The tour will begin at 1pm central time. \$5 donation accepted.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8-9 - WORK WEEKEND

Come help us move logs up to the third floor of our meeting hall! We need lots of help for this - plus help with cooking, cleaning and playing with the kids.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29 - SPRING WILDFLOWER HIKE

Hike begins 11am Central time. Early birds (10am) may enjoy a biodiesel tractor-pulled hayride to the start of the hike. There will be a choice of a long, strenuous hike deep into the Gulf, or a shorter, more relaxed walk. If you wish, you may bring a picnic lunch to eat at one of our beautiful picnic areas in the woods. All ages welcome, no pets please. Contact: Carol-Kimmons@utc.edu. The hike will be accompanied by two expert naturalists, John Johnson of UT and Christine Bock, horticulturist at TN Aquarium. \$5 donation accepted. 8pm starts earth hour: [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5 - RAISED BED WORKSHOP

Head on over to a developing homestead just across the creek from Moonshadow for a day of hands-on permaculture. This workshop will teach participants the benefits of building raised beds, showing materials that provide nutrients now and throughout the season. Covering beds for spring, fall, annuals, and perennials. For more info or registration please call Rachel Hughes at 693-4658. Lunch included. \$20-30 (sliding scale) 10am - 4pm

### SATURDAY, APRIL 12 - TOUR, DAVID ROVICS PERFORMANCES AND POT LUCK DINNER

We're in for a special treat April 12, when progressive singer-songwriter David Rovics will be our guest. He'll do two shows that day... an afternoon concert for kids of all ages, and an evening performance aimed at adults. David has been called the musical voice of the progressive movement in the US. Amy Goodman has called him "the musical version of Democracy Now!" Contact: [ashley@svionline.org](mailto:ashley@svionline.org) Schedule: 1pm - Tour of SVI and Moonshadow, 3pm - David Rovics all-ages show, 5pm - potluck dinner, 7pm - David Rovics performance

### FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 2-4 - EARTH ALIVE! SUSTAINABILITY AND THE SACRED

Together, we can experience a felt re-connection with Nature that expands our ability to create an Earth honoring culture for future generations of plants, animals, and humans. Join us as we step outside of ordinary mind and reality to experience a larger consciousness, a deeper sense of the Sacred within and without, and the magic of Being Alive in the present moment. We will gather and express our unique gifts through nature awareness, poetry, mindfulness practice, sharing circles and "joyful creation" processes. We will purify ourselves and honor Mother Earth through ceremony, and use shamanic journeying as a way to access inner wisdom and guidance. Participants will come away rejuvenated, with fresh insights and energy to create the world we know in our hearts is possible. Facilitators: Cathy Pedevillano and Bill Pfeiffer of Sacred Earth Network. \$150-300 (sliding scale based on income).

### THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 8-11 - EARTH ALIVE! SUSTAINABILITY AND THE SACRED (INTENSIVE)

See above description. Facilitator: Bill Pfeiffer of Sacred Earth Network. \$200-350 (sliding scale - extra day).

### MAY 16-18 - FOOD FOR LIFE

This is our tenth annual gathering for skills-building around permaculture, organic gardening, food preservation, methods of cooking and diet choices, natural medicines and nutrition. We will also focus on the social and ecological implications of agriculture, including biotech foods, factory farming and community supported small-scale farming.

JUNE 12-15. BONNAROO!

SVI will be found in Planet-Roo in the middle of Center-Roo for our fifth year of natural building demos, craft sales, solar stage performances and academy presentations. Come say hi!

SATURDAY, JULY 12 - PRESERVING YOUR EXTRA GROWTH

This simple, but valuable workshop will remind us of the importance of saving our food for later in the year. Celebrate the first harvest on the land across the creek from Moonshadow. We will cover drying food, canning food, Jams, and etc... For more info or registration contact Raymond Hughes @ 693-4660. 10am - 12pm. \$10-20 (sliding scale)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 9-10 - ROOT CELLAR WORKSHOP

This will be a hands-on workshop with lots of physical work involved. The root cellar walls will be built with rocks from the Land - participants will learn how to do simple masonry work. We will also discuss how you can store your food if you don't have time or space to build your own root cellar. For more information or registration contact Raymond Hughes at 693-4660. 10am - 4pm. \$60-80 (sliding scale) Lunches are included. Add \$10 for overnight, cave tour at Moonshadow and breakfast on Sunday.

SEPTEMBER DATE TBA - NATURAL BUILDING WORKSHOP AT ULINAWI.

Ulinawi is the family homestead of Bradley, Nada and Logan Jones. Details for this workshop will come in a later schedule. Contact Nada for more information: 415-374-3092 or nada@everyvoice.net

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11-12 - COB BENCH WORKSHOP

Come out to the Land and learn as you help us build a cob bench. We will cover the basics of building with cob and have a blast playing in the mud. We will also cover cob and masonry ovens. For more information or registration contact Rachel Hughes at 693-4658. 10am - 4pm. \$60-80 (sliding scale). Lunches are included.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - WINE IN THE WOODS

Eat, drink and be merry at SVI's seventh annual wine-tasting for members only (you can become a member at the door). A tax-deductible donation for the wine-tasting event is requested. We suggest a donation of \$25 per person, \$40 per pair, or more. The wine-tasting showcases homemade, regional and organic wines accompanied by vegan and vegetarian hors d'ouvres. We encourage folks to spend the night. If you choose to do so, you need to bring a tent, flashlight and bedding. Come dressed in your halloween best - it's a costume party!

DATE TBA - BIODIESEL WORKSHOP

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Moonshadow, Ulinawi and the Land (so-called until a name comes) are all located between Dunlap and Whitwell, TN. The Sequatchie Valley Institute is a non-profit environmental education organization whose mission is to offer society an opportunity to experience and learn about living in harmony with nature by providing education, art, and research opportunities; a progressive, dynamic model residence and learning center; land conservation and restoration; and a vision for attaining a sustainable future. For more information about our programs, or opportunities for internships, please see our website at [www.svionline.org](http://www.svionline.org).

