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INITIATIVES - Spring 2015



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The Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA) had a great start to 2015 and have many stories to show for it!

This Spring Initiatives includes:

- * Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network Holds City Round Table
- * ICA GreenRise as a Community Sustainability Hub
- * ICA-USA in Tanzania
- * The Work of the Archives Basement Resettlement Project ...and more!



First GreenRise Community Sustainability Hub Day June 20th!

On June 20th, 2015, ICA will be hosting the first of 4 community hub days. The aim of this day is to launch the ICA GreenRise as the site of quarterly hub events consisting of community-provided and community-attended workshops, skill shares, etc. The agenda will consist of 3-4 hours of workshops showcasing community assets, sharing knowledge and skills, and general opportunities for community members to interact around shared interests.

- VIEW & DISCUSS the film Food Patriots with director, Jeff Spitz
- MINGLE & MEET people from Uptown & surrounding communities
- EXCHANGE giveaway items at a free market
- SHARE & LEARN skills with community members
- TINKER at the community glue workshop
- & MORE!



Should your skill be on this list?

Get involved! RSVP to attend or sign up to host a workshop at <http://tinyurl.com/GRhub> or email Samantha at ssainsbury@ica-usa.org for more info.

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ICA-USA accepting donations to send to ICA-Nepal until Friday

In direct response to the devastating earthquake that has taken the lives of over 5,000 people in Nepal, ICA-USA is encouraging members of our constituency who want to help with the restoration to donate to ICA-Nepal. ICA-USA is willing to accept these funds and send them to our sister organization in their time of intense need.



Although there is not an outlined project in place just yet, we are confident that there is no better way to ensure that funds will benefit impacted communities than through ICA-Nepal. ICA-Nepal played a significant role in helping re-shape Nepal after their civil war; and we are certain they will have an equally significant role in working with communities after this earthquake. The values and methods around participatory planning and engagement in cultivating change, that all ICAs share, will be at the center of how ICA-Nepal assists in renewal.

ICA-USA will be accepting donations to send to ICA-Nepal between now and Friday May 15th. Your gifts will be tax deductible and the entire amount donated will be sent to Nepal. Many of us got to experience the greatness of Kathmandu in the 2012 Conference on Human Development, let us help get this amazing place back on its feet.

Memorial Service for Betty C. Pesek on July 11th, 2015

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Nixon - Pesek family will be hosting a Memorial Service for Betty C. Pesek to be held on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at the Institute of Cultural Affairs GreenRise Center located at 4750 N. Sheridan Road in Chicago, Illinois. Parking is available in the ICA parking lot across the street.



The Nixon - Pesek family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Institute of Cultural Affairs (www.ica-usa.org) where Betty was a much beloved volunteer, spiritual leader and master organizer for over 40 years.

If you would like lodging at the ICA, please email Kamala Bryant at reception@ica-usa.org, or call 773 769-6363. Single rooms are \$30.00 per night and a double is \$45.00 per night.

Betty's obituary may be found in the Chicago Tribune Media Group Publication from March 26 to April 2, 2015.

Sincerely,

Ted Wysocki and Mary Laura Jones