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Our focus for this issue is eco-friendly ideas. We are moving away from our usual historical/military perspective to share our "GREEN" experiences. We know that the Buffalo Soldiers supported green living. Examine their healthy, vegetable-filled meals and their recycled boots, uniforms, weapons, and horses. Perhaps they were not thinking "green" at the time but the evidence indicates that re-use of items and materials worked for them.

So here is our "green" story...

Sustainability ~ The Green Festival in Chicago was a Blast!

Green Festival returned to Chicago's Navy Pier on May 18-19. We celebrated community with the largest, most diverse and most trusted place for learning, shopping, networking and having fun. The festival will feature many favorites - including the organic, vegetarian and vegan food court; the Sierra Club Green Cinema; eco-fashion exhibits; hands-on DIY workshops; live music; an organic beer and wine garden; inspiring keynote presentations and a nationally renowned Green Marketplace featuring products and services from local and national green and sustainable businesses and organizations.

This festival is known for its rich and inspiring keynote presentations, workshops, demonstrations, fashion shows, musical performances and interactive fun. This year, we volunteered on Sunday afternoon – they offered four-hour shifts and we were busy every minute.

We enjoyed a weekend packed with local, national and internationally acclaimed social and environmental authors, leaders, experts, advocates, celebrities and cultural icons. We ate, shopped, listened, learned, networked and danced the weekend away as we connected with our community at Chicago's Green Festival.

The Green Festivals are a joint project of Green America and Global Exchange. It is a two-day celebration with a serious purpose: to accelerate the emergence of a new economic paradigm that is life-affirming, inclusive, and nurturing.

Green Festival unites green enterprises, social and environmental groups, visionary thinkers, and thousands of community members in a lively exchange of ideas, commerce, and movement-building fun.

Green Festivals feature ...

- Green America's Green Business Network™ Members from across the country offering green and Fair Trade products to meet all of your needs.
- Educational workshops, speakers, and networking opportunities for people looking to work together for change at the local, national, and global level.

- Nationally renowned speakers such as Amy Goodman, Jim Hightower, Dennis Kucinich, Greg Palast, Dame Anita Roddick, and Alice Walker.
- Organic food, fabulous local musicians, yoga classes, films, children’s activities and much more.

Upcoming Green Festivals –

If you missed the festival in Chicago, there are more to follow.

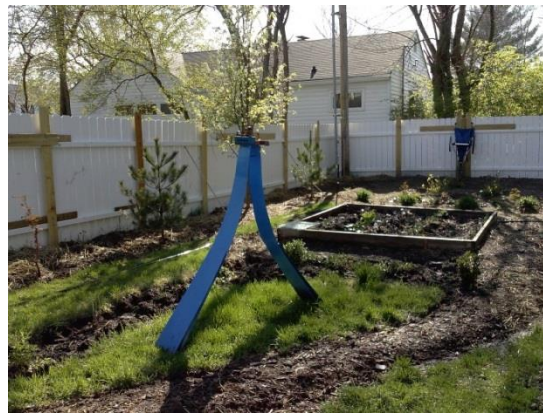
- ✚ **Washington DC** - September 21-22 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center from 10 am - 6on Saturday and 11 am – 5 pm on Sunday. Expect to find green business, fair trade, and community action groups. New this year – hands-on stages including DIY, Good Food, Live Art Demonstrations, and Eco-Fashion Showcase.
- ✚ **Los Angeles**- October 19-20
- ✚ **San Francisco** – November 9-10

How Our Garden Grows....

Global warming has all of us wondering –what next? But, with patience, we finally to see sunlight and sure signs of a little spring!



March 2013 snow...



April 2013 – preparing the beds...

As the summer begins and the weather heats up the soil, we have been getting a good crop of green bean. Cherry tomatoes and a few green peppers are ripe. We have had lots of rain – which can be a good or bad thing – but overall, we are expecting a good growing season.

One beautiful change in the garden this year is the number of flowers and fruit-bearing trees. It’s fun to look out the window and see colors in addition to green.

While considering flowers... During April, we were able to fit in a brief trip to sunny Arizona. Our home base was Tempe – near Arizona State University. Spring flowers were in full bloom everywhere!



Pictures say a thousand words.



A few days in the Arizona sun really lifted our spirits....

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