



Building Bridges Mentoring Program- Washington County Youth Bureau

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Newsletter

Ways to Teach Kids about Earth Day

Reduce Consumption When Possible

1. Reduce Electricity: Lights and TV off when not in the room & unplug computer when not using.
2. Buy less plastic and/or things wrapped in too much plastic packaging.
3. Don't let the water run while brushing teeth.
4. Get family involved in recycling. Cans, newspapers, and plastic that is labeled on the bottom as a 2 or 1.
5. Don't litter.
6. Bring a canvas bag for shopping.
7. Donate old clothes, furniture or any items that are **good** instead of throwing them away.
8. Find new ways to use old things: For example a broken dresser—the fronts of drawers can be used as wall shelves.
9. Rather than buying water, filter tap water and use refillable bottles.
10. Walk to as many places as possible.
11. Use Easter baskets that are not made of plastic.

Earth Day Every Day



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Special points of interest:

- April 22nd is **Earth Day**
- National Bike to School Week 24th-28th
- International Turn-off TV week 24th-29th
- National Pet Week 29th—May 7th

I Believe: That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

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Global Youth Service Day: Granville

The Washington County Youth Bureau would like to extend an invitation to **All** Granville youth to participate in the Global Youth Service Day (www.gysd.org). This is an opportunity for youth to "get involved" in their community, build a resume and show off skills! Join us on April 25, 2009 in making the second annual Granville

Community Service Day a great success. Several projects are planned on that day including tree planting along the Mettowee river, cutting a walking trail along Pump House Rd., sweeping sidewalks and picking up litter in both the town and village. Youth will work along side adult volunteers, government officials and other youth. The day will

end with a picnic and each volunteer will be given a certificate of appreciation.

If anyone would like to participate on April 25th, please contact the Washington County Youth Bureau to register.

746-2330 9am-3pm

Good activity for Granville matches!



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Things to Do!

- April 3rd & 10th:

Teenagers only— Coffeehouse & open mike.

FREE—At the Tannery Pond Community Center in North Creek. Ages 13-19, 7-10pm #251-2212

- April 4th

The Billy Goats Gruff

At Wood Theatre in Glens Falls. Children's opera FREE—I lam.

- April 4th

Poetry for our Youngest

Cambridge Public Library. Poet Nancy White. FREE 1pm

- April 23

Student Art Juried Exhibition Reception.

In the Visual Arts Gallery at Adirondack Community College 6-8pm FREE

- April 25th

The World is Green

At Explore in Glens Falls. Reception for the World Awareness Children's Museum exhibit. FREE—5-7pm

- April 26th

Discovery Day: Portraits

At The Hyde. Family activity,

tour and make own artwork. FREE—1-3pm

- **Trout Season** Opens Starting April 1st. Check this website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9219.html>

- **Paint Easter Eggs:**

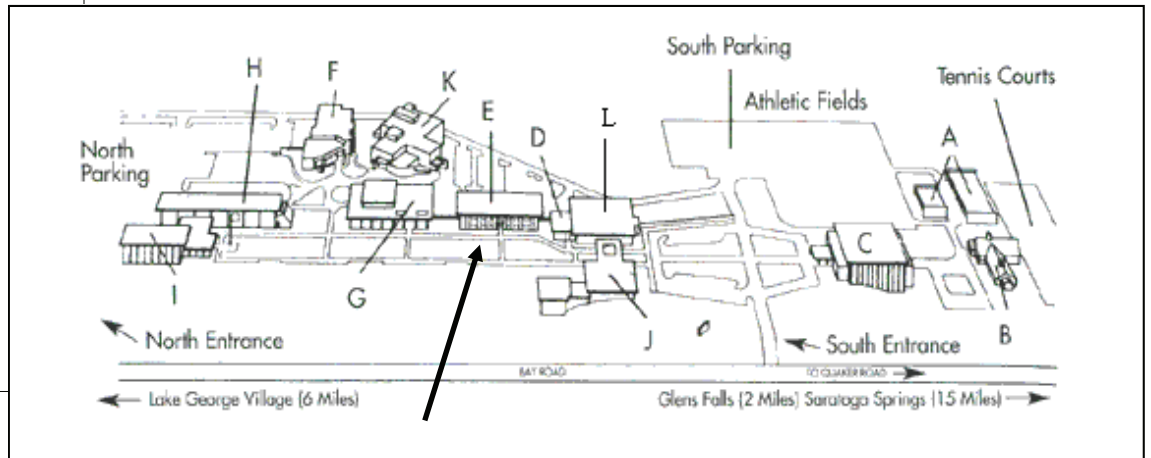
Sponge paint them, stencil them, marblize them with oil and coloring, paint them, roll in glitter, etc.



Monthly Activity for April:

We will learn about forensic science and solve a simple crime scene.

Located on ACC campus. Come in the south entrance. Go to Eisenhart (Building E on map). Meet us in the hall outside of Mr. Carpenter's office on the lowest level of building.



WORLD'S EASIEST QUIZ

(Passing requires 4 correct answers)

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October

Revolution?

- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?

9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?

10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

Remember, you need 4 correct answers to pass.

Make a Panoramic Sugar Egg

Ingredients:

- Granulated Sugar
- Water

Need about 1tbsp of water per 1 cup of sugar. Mix the two together until when you squeeze together and if clumps, it is ready.

Pack the sugar in to a mold (can flour mold with cornstarch for easy removal).

Carefully place egg halves onto a cookie sheet. Leave eggs to dry for several hours. Once can pick up with out it breaking (make several extra) you

can then scoop out an opening. Leave 1/4 at least of the shell. Let hollowed shells sit overnight.

Make Icing:

- 3 ounces pasteurized egg whites
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

4 cups confectioners' sugar

Directions

In large bowl of stand mixer combine the egg whites and vanilla and beat until frothy. Add confectioners' sugar gradually and mix on low speed until sugar is incorporated and mixture is shiny.

Turn speed up to high and beat until mixture forms stiff, glossy peaks. This should take approximately 5 to 7 minutes. Add food coloring, if desired. For immediate use, transfer icing to pastry bag or heavy duty storage bag and pipe as desired. If using storage bag, clip corner. Store in airtight container in refrigerator for up to 3 days.

Decorate:

Create a scene on the inside with frosting or candy figures, set in place with frosting as glue. Use frosting to glue two sides together.

Decorate outside with frosting and/or candy. Let dry.



Solve the Mystery From Woman's World Magazine

Knitting needles clicked fast and furiously as the Kenosha County Knitting Nuts raced to beat the six o'clock deadline for their 2nd annual Loops of Love Knit-A-Thon. The proceeds from their booth this year were going to a children's charity, and sales had been brisk.

Teresa held up a sock she was working on to match the length with the one she'd finished earlier. Perfect. She stood up to stretch her legs.

"Finished?" asked Ginelle, looking up from the scarf she was knitting.

"I still need to bind off & tie the ends." Teresa walked around, looking at the other's projects. Jill seemed almost finished with her pillow cover. Poor Barb, though, was far from completing her poncho.

She wandered over to the booth, where Kate was completing a sale. "How are we doing?" Teresa asked.

Kate grinned. "We're at more than eight hundred dollars. Double what we made last

year!"

"That's great news," Teresa said. "Well, I'd better go finish my sock."

A half-hour later, they called it a day. By then, Ginelle's scarf was finished, and Jill was stretching the pillow cover onto a big pillow and stitching it into place. But Barb's poncho still was nowhere near done.

"Don't say it," Barb said, smiling slightly. "You still get an A for effort." Teresa laughed. She noticed Kate approaching, but her smile died when she saw Hate's stricken expression.

"What's wrong?"

"We were robbed," Kate cried. "I left to go to the bathroom five minutes ago, and when I got back, the cash box was open and all the money was gone!"

"Who would steal from a charity?" Barb demanded. "All our work for nothing!" Jill cried. "Could it have been one of our customers?"

Teresa shook her head. "If

someone entered our booth, we'd have noticed. It had to be one of us."

"Well, we're not thieves!" Ginelle exclaimed. But Teresa wondered...they'd only met when their knitting club began less than two years ago. And though they were friendly with each other, they really only got together for a once-a-month meeting.

"Kate left the booth five minutes ago—so who's been in since then?" Barb asked.

"We've all been in and out, packing up our stuff," Jill said.

"True. So whoever took the money had to act quickly to keep from being seen. She wouldn't have had time to move the money far, so it must be close by," Teresa reasoned. "Let's do a search."

They searched the booth, with no luck. It was as if the money had vanished.

"Now we have to search personal belongings," Teresa said. "I'll be first." She opened her tote bag for them to look

KNIT Wits



Write your own mystery for everyone to solve and email it for the newsletter.

inside. Each knitter let their bags be searched. No money found. Was it time to call the police?

Teresa wondered.

"I hate to say this," Ginelle said, looking at Kate. "But you were the only one to leave the area around the time when the money disappeared."

"I didn't take it," Kate insisted tearfully. "Then where could it be?" Barb mused. "That's a lot of cash to hide."

"Yes. It was a big pile of small bills" agreed Kate. "You can't stuff that much in your pockets w/o someone noticing."

Teresa suddenly remembered seeing something—something that had been empty and now was not. "I think I know where the money is", she said.

What had caught Teresa's eye?

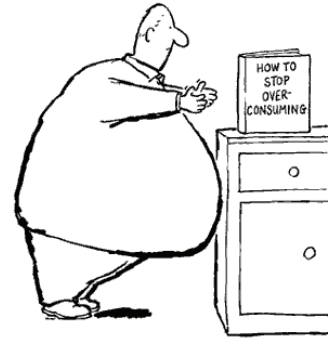


Answers to Easiest Quiz

- 10. Orange
- 9. New Zealand
- 8. Crimson
- 7. Albert
- 6. Dogs
- 5. Squirrel fur
- 4. November
- 3. Sheep and horses
- 2. Ecuador
- 1. 16 years

Solution to Knit Wits mystery:

Earlier Teresa noticed Jill knitting an empty pillow cover. Just now, she'd noticed Jill stitching it shut over an overstuffed pillow—a pillow stuffed with cash!



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"IF YOU CAN'T FIND IT HERE, YOU JUST CAN'T FIND IT"

This is a great website, that is well worth a look: <http://www.bjpinchbeck.com/index.html>



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Welcome

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BJ Pinchbeck

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