

October 2009: Talks, Tours, Workshops, Events

A Three Day Sustainability Tour

Simon Fraser University (SFU) Applications Course – Oct 1-3.

I co-teach this course which is part of the new certificate in sustainable community development jointly offered by SFU's City Program and the Centre for Sustainable Community Development. It's basically a three day tour. This year we visit Vista D'Oro Farms, a beautiful diverse farm. After a discussion of food security and the agricultural land reserve, we sip wine and shopped for artisanal preserves at their farmgate shop. We will also tour the landfill and talk garbage. And we walk through a number of neighbourhoods, including the much anticipated Olympic Village for a discussion of what makes a complete community. Find out more at: <http://www.sfu.ca/city/scd-sustain.htm>

Feeding Ourselves: How Do We Fare on the Westside?

Wed. Oct 7 Talk at Kits Neighbourhood House

6pm to 8pm

Kits House Hall, 2305 W. 7th @ Vine

I am speaking at the Kits House monthly community potluck. For more info go to Kitshouse.org/.

Feeding Ourselves: How Do We Fare?

Sat October 17, 11:30-12:30

Talk at the Green Living Symposium

Presented by Langley Environmental Partners

Fraser River Presentation Theatre, Township of Langley Civic Facility, 20338- 65th Avenue. For more information: leps.bc.ca/.

Gaining Ground Conference Tours: OCT 19-23

Register now for the tours in October at the Gaining Ground Conference. The theme this year is *Resilient Cities: Urban Strategies for Transition Times*. I will be leading four, resiliently themed tours along with the help of other experts. Visit a farm, stroll our green streets, walk through the infamous downtown eastside and the soon to be famous 2010 Olympic Village site.

With any tour registration, receive a one-time \$50 coupon that can be applied to subsequent Simon Fraser University (SFU) City Program 2-day courses, in either the Sustainable Community Development program or the Urban Design Program.

http://www.gaininggroundsummit.com/vancouver2009/vancouver2009_theme.htm

UBC FARM TOUR on HALLOWE'EN

Sat. Oct 31, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

The Farm Connection. A Guided Tour of UBC Farm.

Why should city people care about farmers and farmland? We look at our very own west side urban farm and its vital role at the University and in our community. We discuss how important farmland is to our food system. Tour the market garden that supplies the popular farmers' market. Talk with gardeners in the Mayan Garden, the Aboriginal Garden and beekeepers. Learn about the intergenerational landed learning project and other innovative programs operating out of this local gem. \$35. To register: info@gardenheart.ca. Part of the *Exploring the Food System on the West Side* Series presented by Garden Heart Productions and the Westside Food Security Collaborative.