

Happy fall!

After a very busy summer, autumn is also off to an exciting start here at the KSC. Our 9000th visitor of the year walked through the door on September 20th, putting us well on the way to meeting our target of 12000 guests in 2010! Thank you to all of those that have been to visit us at the KSC in 2010.

New at the KSC

Partners: The KSC would like to thank all of our current partners for their continued support and introduce our new partners:

- Tenedos Energy
- Step Warmfloor
- VEC Flooring
- Greenleaf Bamboo

Piranha man: Matt Ellerbeck, previously known as "Snake Man", has recently rescued 14 Piranhas from the pet trade. Matt will be at the KSC on Fridays and Saturdays through the Fall to educate about the importance of conserving these misunderstood creatures.



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Staff Updates

New: The KSC would like to welcome Eco Canada intern, **Jean Blair** on board as host of the centre for the fall. Jean was a Team Leader for Join the Journey this summer and is excited to expand the program at the centre.



Previous: You may remember **Dan** and **Katie** from previous visits to the centre. Dan is now coordinator of the Limestone Harvesting House and Katie landed a position supply teaching. Congratulations to both!

Community Outreach

Queen's Health Class Students: The KSC has partnered with the HLTH415 class at Queens University to give students real-life experience developing a program for a community organization. Allana, Samantha and Angela will be working to develop a school program at the KSC focused on waste, water, energy and transportation.

Queen's Writing Class: The KSC taken on a student in the WRIT235 class at Queen's as part of the Writing in the Community program. Siobhan will be working with Jean to create a piece of writing for the KSC.

Join the Journey: Kudos to the JTJ team for making the summer campaign portion of JTJ an incredible success! The team made their way around the city, engaging with residents to teach about steps that can be taken to lower household waste production and energy and water consumption. The team knocked on 11000+ doors, took part in 7 community events, held 4000+



conversations and got **1810** signed pledges for action that will reduce Kingston's CO₂ emissions by 1100+ tonnes. The JTJ pledge station will remain at the KSC through the fall. **Come down today to make your pledge and save!!**

One Change Fuel Efficiency Campaign: One Change, out of Ottawa, was in Kingston this September to teach residents how to check & maintain tire pressure in order to improve fuel economy. They have left some materials with us so come down to the centre to pick up your FREE digital tire pressure gauge today!



Community Classroom

Contact the KSC to book the community classroom for your own session or event and watch for upcoming events on our website.

Hearthmakers info sessions: On Tuesday, October 5th, Hearthmakers will be holding a free information session at the KSC outlining the provincial government grants available for home energy upgrades. This is the last of 3 sessions they have held at the KSC this fall.



Call Hearthmakers at 613-547-8122 to book a spot.

Transition Towns: A part of the international Transition movement dedicated to moving our cities away from oil dependence and toward sustainability, the group uses the KSC Community Classroom as a meeting spot every second Monday evening. The next meeting will be October 18th at 7pm. The group is hosting a series of skill-sharing workshops Saturday Oct. 23rd. See www.transitionkingston.blogspot.com for more info.

Other

Electric bikes for sale: BJ, of BJ's Shine Shop, very kindly donated an electric bicycle and a 3-wheeled electric scooter to the KSC. Both are now **FOR SALE** at the centre with all proceeds going toward funding the KSC.



Water for Life: African photo exhibit: Peter Bregg's African Photo exhibit, presented by WaterCan, is at the Grand Theatre and throughout the city Sept. 22nd to Oct. 6th to tell the story of the global water and sanitation crisis. Drop by the KSC to view some of the photos and learn more.



Energy Audit: Taking one more step toward becoming a sustainable space, the KSC had a Commercial Energy Audit done this fall. The folks from R. Wagner Consulting examined the heating & cooling system, building envelope and electrical consumption to determine the most effective ways to make the building run more efficiently.



Sustainable Tip for the season

Yard waste: Did you know that yard waste that enters landfills gets compressed and releases Methane, an incredibly powerful greenhouse gas? Check out www.cityofkingston.ca/yardwaste to find your collection schedule or take the waste to KARC yourself to ensure your yard waste decomposes properly.

