

June 2015



Thank you for your interest in **The Brown Bag Buzz Program**

Just as supernovas celebrate the death of a star by giving forth intense light, so is The EDGE in its final days sharing its light with catalysts like you. The EDGE is offering sample programs which we designed and sponsored throughout our history as Sunseed/The EDGE. Because of budgetary cuts, and other considerations, The EDGE needs to close its doors June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Program packets, however, are yours—free of charge.

Each packet includes sample announcements to the public, an event flyer, an outline, a timeline and other how-to information as a basis for your own creativity. Please check out the Table of Contents for specifics.

The area of ecological awareness is an exploding field. Hosting programs such as this one will surely bring inspired people together and promote cutting edge solutions to care for our Earth. As an organization leader, you have the vision, the knowledge, initiative and experience to help pave a positive road for our future. Whether you feel it or not, you are helping to bring about new and healthy perspectives energized by the universe story/evolutionary consciousness.

In a very real way, you are now entrusted with this sacred enterprise:

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Programs can be accessed beginning June 1 by contacting [theedge@ssndcp.org](mailto:theedge@ssndcp.org); 262-787-1011. Until June 19<sup>th</sup>, we are happy to assist you with the implementation of this program. And after June 19<sup>th</sup>, all programs can be accessed at this site: [www.ssnd.org/resources/shalom-resources](http://www.ssnd.org/resources/shalom-resources) but the staff will not be on hand to provide any further assistance. However, the packet is quite adequate and contains helpful samples and suggestions.

We feel privileged to have been part of this ministry and hope you do, too,

*Suzanne Moynihan, SSND*  
Director

*Laura Harvancik*  
Volunteer Administrative Assistant



**Purpose of Brown Bag Buzz Program:**

To present quality documentaries which focus on an ecological issue  
To realize and celebrate that we are all part of a larger living system, Earth, and are interconnected and interdependent on each other as are all species dependent upon our decisions.

**For your convenience, this packet contains:**

- An introductory letter from us to you
- A sample announcement for you to place in a church bulletin, neighborhood newsletter...
- A publicity flyer to post (if you wish) in public places—after asking the proprietor, of course. Hint: small business owners, libraries, post offices are eager to promote a local effort.
- A sample prayer card and a sample prayer are given in case you would like to include prayer and reflection at the beginning of your event.
- A sample newspaper announcement is also given. An article could also be written by one of the participants to your local newspaper about the event after it is all over. Don't forget to take some pictures. If using your smart phone, adjust it for maximum pixels.

FUNDING is available from The EDGE to purchase/rent a film or print posters. Contact Tim Dewane at <a href="mailto:tdewane@ssndcp.org">tdewane@ssndcp.org</a> to request an amount.
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- 🌍 Welcoming volunteers from your circle of friends, relatives, your worship community, ecology organizations in your area, senior citizens
- 🌍 Contacting a facility (library, worship community, civic center) for use of needed facilities
- 🌍 Outlining the program and tailoring it to the specific needs of your audience and geographic location
- 🌍 Obtaining a DVD from a library; ecology organization; company \*\*\*
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# *“Thirst”*

*A documentary on water*

**May 5<sup>th</sup>; 2:15-3:30 PM**

**All Purpose Room**

Population growth, pollution, and scarcity are turning water into "blue gold," the oil of the 21st century. Global corporations are rushing to gain control of this dwindling natural resource. In reaction, people are demanding local control of their own water source fearing that multinational corporations will usurp their aquatic source to make a profit for themselves and their stockholders.



*Basic Question: Who has a right to own “the pump”?*

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Of water flowing, rising and falling,  
Sometimes advancing, sometimes receding.*

*May the stream of your life flow unimpeded*

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Mary Rogers, adapted from the Gaelic; secondary source: [Earth Prayers](#), edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon; 1991; Harper Collins, publishers

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**Brown Bag Buzz Packet**  
**Sample Newspaper Article**

The EDGE SSND is becoming better known for its quality programming such as the one coming up March 18<sup>th</sup>: ***Thirst***, an award-winning documentary on the struggle between water as a common right of all peoples *and* water as a commodity to be bought/sold. Those of us near the Great Lakes are particularly watchful.

Invite your colleagues, friends and family. The more diverse the participation, the more lively the discussion!

**March 18; 11:30-1:00 PM; Notre Dame of Elm Grove; 13105 Watertown Plank Road; Elm Grove; Maria Conference Center; donation gladly received. Email [theedge@ssndcp.org](mailto:theedge@ssndcp.org) or call 262-787-1011 to reserve your place.**

**Brown Bag Buzz Packet**  
**Helpful Information and Suggested Timeline**

<b>Suggested dates</b>	<b>Suggested tasks to take care of</b>
Two months before your event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome friends and members of your worship community to help you plan this event; give them some ideas of what it is you are thinking to do</li> <li>• Once you have your committee...</li> </ul>
<p>...get them together over tea on a date and at a time convenient for everyone. Most movements have begun around kitchen tables, in other words, by a small group of enthusiastic, courageous people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about why you would like to do this event</li> <li>• Talk about where you might have it and a possible date</li> <li>• Talk about a preferred film</li> <li>• Talk about funding (see Table of Contents included in packet)</li> <li>• Talk about who would do what</li> <li>• Talk about how you want to publicize: newsletter article? flyers? Other? (see samples in packet)</li> <li>• Settle on a future time and date to meet</li> </ul>
One month before event	<p>Again come together as a committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have members give a report on what it is they did and any other information they might like to offer</li> <li>• As the point person, be sure you have the list of who would do what; you might even want to ask them a week before this meeting just how they are doing and if they need further help to make sure tasks are completed in a timely fashion</li> <li>• Again invite them to consider what it is they would like to do as a follow-up</li> </ul>
One week before event	<p>Come together for a final preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be sure that everything is in place</li> <li>• Settle on who does what during the program; it's best to have a number of people assume different roles. That way, everyone feels important and involved and responsible</li> <li>• Is someone a good writer? Or do they know someone who will be there who is? Who would take pictures? Prepare an article to be published after the event on the event; include pictures</li> </ul>
After the event	<p>You may wish to come together and celebrate your success  Also together, note what it is you all liked and what each of you might suggest you do differently next time.</p>

## Brown Bag Buzz

### Sample Introduction (just before showing film)

**Note: when introducing a film, or a speaker, it needs to be as specific and as succinct as possible with lots of enticing details added.**

#### Introduction to Film: "Thirst"

In the United States, multinational water companies continue to campaign for new contracts, but they have been put on the defensive by the collapse of contracts in Atlanta and the Island of Puerto Rico. After a long battle, New Orleans finally decided to scrap privatization plans. Local groups in Lexington, Kentucky, Indianapolis, Indiana, Felton and Montara, California, and other cities are trying to take back their water from private companies.

Corporate water industry publications have stated that public opposition has discouraged some new contracts and reduced profitability. [http://www.pbs.org/pov/thirst/film\\_update.php](http://www.pbs.org/pov/thirst/film_update.php)

#### Awards and Festivals

National PBS Broadcast on "POV"  
The Chris Statuette, Columbus International Film & Video Festival  
Top 10 Environmental Documentaries of the Year List, Mother Nature Network  
CINE Golden Eagle Award  
Documè Prize, Cervino International Film Festival, Italy  
First Place, EarthVision Environmental Film Festival  
Full Frame Documentary Film Festival  
Hot Docs, Toronto  
Margaret Mead Film Festival  
American Public Health Association Film Festival  
Seattle International Film Festival  
Vermont International Film Festival  
United Nations Association Film Festival  
Hazel Wolf Environmental Film Festival  
Planet in Focus, Toronto International Environmental Film Festival  
Amnesty International Film Festival, West Hollywood  
Public Citizen Water Justice Film Festival  
Gimli Film Festival  
Taos Mountain Film Festival  
Bioneers Moving Image Film Festival  
The Green Film Festival, Washington DC  
Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival  
Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival  
Bellingham Human Rights Film Festival  
TERRASCOPE, Montréal

Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital  
Kaohsiung International Labor Film Festival, Taiwan  
Bangalore Film Society - Water Film Festival  
Marin Environmental Film Festival  
Catalonia International Environmental Film Festival, Spain  
EcoCinema, Athens, Greece  
EcoCine (International Environmental Film Festival), Costa do Sauipe, Bahia, Brazil  
Muddy River Environmental Film Festival  
World Community Film Festival  
MountainTop Film Festival, Waitsfield, VT  
U.S. Social Forum Film Festival  
American Conservation Film Festival  
Amazing Earthfest, Kanab UT  
Sustainable Planet Film Festival  
Festival de Cine Ambiental Voces, Colombia

Plymouth Independent Film Festival  
Dallas Video Festival  
Global Visions Film Festival  
Amnesty International Film Festival, Vancouver, Canada  
Olympia Film Festival  
Seoul Labor Film Festival  
Environmental Film Festival, Tel Aviv, Israel  
World Social Forum Film Festival, Porto Alegre, Brazil

**53 film festivals and awards**

## Resources

### Agriculture

<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/14279-the-terrorism-of-stealth-petrochemicals> re: use of chemicals harmful to Earth and all living things—to grow food

### Alternate Energies

[www.greenalphaadvisors.org](http://www.greenalphaadvisors.org)

[www.greenenergyinitiative](http://www.greenenergyinitiative)

[www.centralWIrenewableenergy.org](http://www.centralWIrenewableenergy.org)

[www.greenenergyprograms](http://www.greenenergyprograms) in WI

[www.midwestrenewableenergy.org](http://www.midwestrenewableenergy.org)

[www.WIgreenenergydirectory](http://www.WIgreenenergydirectory)

[www.RENEWwisconsin.org](http://www.RENEWwisconsin.org)

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- See attached listing of books and DVDs for additional suggested readings
- Films can be accessed from [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com);

### Biodiversity

[www.nwf.org/Wildlife/Wildlife-Conservation/Biodiversity.aspx](http://www.nwf.org/Wildlife/Wildlife-Conservation/Biodiversity.aspx)

[www.project@biodiverse.org](http://www.project@biodiverse.org)

### Birds

Birds of Paradise as example of evolution:

[http://www.cornell.edu/video/?videoID=2398&utm\\_source=cornellcast\\_weekly\\_update&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2398](http://www.cornell.edu/video/?videoID=2398&utm_source=cornellcast_weekly_update&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2398)

Birds and Wind Energy: [www.awea.org/Issues/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=856](http://www.awea.org/Issues/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=856)

### Carbon Footprint (Tools to Measure)

[www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx](http://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx)

<http://greenliving.nationalgeographic.com/measure-carbon-footprint-2582.html>

[http://www.ehow.com/how\\_4900742\\_measure-carbon-footprint.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_4900742_measure-carbon-footprint.html)

<http://www.nature.org/greenliving/carboncalculator/index.htm>

### Children

[joann@joannmacken.com](mailto:joann@joannmacken.com)

[www.weatherwizkids.com/optical](http://www.weatherwizkids.com/optical)

[www.universestories.com](http://www.universestories.com)

[thegreatstory.org/beads-curric.pdf](http://thegreatstory.org/beads-curric.pdf)

[www.infinityfoundation.com/univ.htm](http://www.infinityfoundation.com/univ.htm)

[www.forsmallhands.com/ideas-insights/cosmic-education](http://www.forsmallhands.com/ideas-insights/cosmic-education)

[www.esa.int/esaKIDSen/StoryoftheUniverse.html](http://www.esa.int/esaKIDSen/StoryoftheUniverse.html)

### **Conflicts**

<http://www.ejatlas.org/>: details ecological conflicts throughout the world and what the resource is

### **Earth Day**

[www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net) (Educators Network)

[www.earthdaynetwork.org](http://www.earthdaynetwork.org)

[www.pagan-wiccan-practice.suite101.com](http://www.pagan-wiccan-practice.suite101.com)

[www.earthdayconnect.org](http://www.earthdayconnect.org)

### **Earth Consciousness**

[www.planeteearthclips](http://www.planeteearthclips)

[www.unmultimedia.org](http://www.unmultimedia.org)

[https://www.youtube.com/embed/XE0aAZE0kp4?feature=player\\_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/embed/XE0aAZE0kp4?feature=player_embedded)

(indicates size of Earth in comparison to rest of solar system and to largest known star)

### **Futurists/Paradigm Shift**

[www.peterrusseldreamhosters](http://www.peterrusseldreamhosters)

[www.frontiermentality.org](http://www.frontiermentality.org)

[www.worldchanging.com](http://www.worldchanging.com)

[www.theshiftmovie.com](http://www.theshiftmovie.com)

*[International Jesuit Ecology Project \(IJEP\)](#)*

### **Food Issues**

[www.foodsecurity.org](http://www.foodsecurity.org)

[www.sustainabletable.org](http://www.sustainabletable.org)

[www.takeabite.cc/act](http://www.takeabite.cc/act)

[www.eatwellguide.org](http://www.eatwellguide.org)

[www.eatlowcarbon.org](http://www.eatlowcarbon.org)

[www.coolfoodscampaign.org](http://www.coolfoodscampaign.org)

[www.lovefoodhatewate.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewate.com)

[www.meatlessmonday.org](http://www.meatlessmonday.org)

[www.eaggrub.org](http://www.eaggrub.org)

[www.localharvest.org](http://www.localharvest.org)

[www.foodroutes.org](http://www.foodroutes.org)

[www.centerforfoodsafety.org](http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org)

[www.growfood.org](http://www.growfood.org)

[www.icppc.pl.org](http://www.icppc.pl.org)

[www.ran.org](http://www.ran.org)

[www.carbonfarmersofamerica.com](http://www.carbonfarmersofamerica.com)

[www.plantphysiol.org/content/123/4/1201.full](http://www.plantphysiol.org/content/123/4/1201.full)

[gmo-awareness.com/all-about-gmos/gmo-fda](http://gmo-awareness.com/all-about-gmos/gmo-fda)

[www.Nwei.org](http://www.Nwei.org) (Northwest Earth Institute with weekly series of study guides: [Menu for the Future](#)

Global Food Waste: <http://sonnenseite.kjm4.de/r/e1a726119616ms394.html>

### **Gardening**

There are multiple resources in book stores, libraries and on line; therefore we are not listing resources here.

### **General Ecology**

[www.NWEI.org](http://www.NWEI.org): Northwest Earth Institute—has study books for group discussion on various topics

[https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#lmsg/solidarity-](https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#lmsg/solidarity-sustainability/pxuvPthDCek/P6EI8SVhzlsJ)

[sustainability/pxuvPthDCek/P6EI8SVhzlsJ](https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#lmsg/solidarity-sustainability/pxuvPthDCek/P6EI8SVhzlsJ) This is the Pelican and contains TONS of articles, resources and assistance in writing newsletter. It is SPECTACULAR!

### **Global Warming**

[http://www.ucsus.org/global\\_warming/science\\_and\\_impacts/impacts/](http://www.ucsus.org/global_warming/science_and_impacts/impacts/)

(May 7, 2014); numerous effects of global warming)

<http://thegreatstory.org/new.html> tons of resources from Michael Dodd

[www.stopglobalwarming.org](http://www.stopglobalwarming.org)

[www.earthguagenews.org](http://www.earthguagenews.org)

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<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/around-the-world-abc-news/extreme-global-weather-unprecedented-normal-022221532.html>

Sharon Astyk: author of “Depletion and Abundance”

<http://truth-out.org/opinion/item/13231-learning-from-europes-energy> Re: Tax Tariff

United Nations Environment Programme: see global climate change

Pope Francis Encyclical (June 18, 2015)

Also check on line, in local libraries and book stores as there are multiple resources

### **Great Lakes**

[www.listentoyourlakes.org](http://www.listentoyourlakes.org)

[great-lakes.net](http://great-lakes.net)

[www.epa.gov/greatlakes/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/index.html)

[www.epa.gov/greatlakes/basicinfo.html](http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/basicinfo.html)

### **Great Lakes Compact**

[www.greatlakes.org/compact](http://www.greatlakes.org/compact)

[www.nwf.org/.../Waters/Great-Lakes/Great-Lakes-Compact.aspx](http://www.nwf.org/.../Waters/Great-Lakes/Great-Lakes-Compact.aspx)

### **Labyrinth Resources**

[www.ispiritual.com](http://www.ispiritual.com)

[labyrinthsociety.org/resources](http://labyrinthsociety.org/resources)

<https://labyrinthsociety.org>

### **Laws: Right of Nature to Exist**

Center for Jurisprudence:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=haIZTRtviPw>

### **Living Simply**

<http://ecojesuit.com/living-lightly-and-lovingly/4830/>

[zenhabits.net/simple-living-mani](http://zenhabits.net/simple-living-mani)

[simply-living-simply.com](http://simply-living-simply.com)

[theartofsimple.net](http://theartofsimple.net)

### **Magazines/News**

[www.EcoHomeMagazine.org](http://www.EcoHomeMagazine.org)

[www.earthpolicynews](http://www.earthpolicynews) (Lester Brown)

YES Magazine

Catalyst (Union of Concerned Scientists)

Sierra

Kosmos

Mother Pelican

Mother Earth News

### **Mandalas**

[www.expressingtheself.org](http://www.expressingtheself.org)

[www.mandalaproject.org/What/Index.html](http://www.mandalaproject.org/What/Index.html)

[www.hellokids.com](http://www.hellokids.com) › [Coloring pages](#)

[mandalaproject.org](http://mandalaproject.org)

### **Nature Sites**

Check out your local area

### **Paradigm Shift**

[www.ions.org](http://www.ions.org)

[The International Society for Ec@mail.vresp.com](mailto:Ec@mail.vresp.com)

[www.taketheleap.com/define.html](http://www.taketheleap.com/define.html)

### **Pollution**

[environment.nationalgeographic.com/.../pollution-overview](http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/.../pollution-overview)

[www.worldwildlife.org](http://www.worldwildlife.org)

[www.theguardian.com/environment/pollution](http://www.theguardian.com/environment/pollution)

[plastic-pollution.org](http://plastic-pollution.org)

[www.nrdc.org/oceans/plastic-ocean](http://www.nrdc.org/oceans/plastic-ocean)

[ecowatch.com/2014/04/07/22-facts-plastic-pollution-10-things-can](http://ecowatch.com/2014/04/07/22-facts-plastic-pollution-10-things-can)

## Tree Planting

[tree-planting.com](http://tree-planting.com)

[www.arboday.org/trees/tips/planting.cfm](http://www.arboday.org/trees/tips/planting.cfm)

[www.arboday.org](http://www.arboday.org)

[www.treesforthefuture.org](http://www.treesforthefuture.org)

## Universe Story

[www.storyoftheuniverse.org](http://www.storyoftheuniverse.org)

[www.amazon.com/The-Universe-Story-Primordial-Celebration/dp/0062508350](http://www.amazon.com/The-Universe-Story-Primordial-Celebration/dp/0062508350)

[www.nasa.gov/externalfash/mather](http://www.nasa.gov/externalfash/mather)

[www.goodreads.com/book/show/981818](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/981818)

[www.mehstories.com/myspecial.html](http://www.mehstories.com/myspecial.html)

<http://marcbrecy.perso.neuf.fr/history.html>

(a two minute video on the beginnings, the history of Earth, humankind, our violence and spiraling ecological decay)

<http://www.thomasberry.org/Biography/reflections.html>

## Water Footprint Calculator

<http://gracelinks.org/1408/water-footprint-calculator>

<http://libertywater.com/?q=content/water-footprint-calculator>