



4th Annual Green Metropolis Fair Celebrates Earth Month April 14 at Chicago's New Green Exchange Building!

Family friendly, local fair features an amazing array of activities for both adults and children at Chicago's newest green landmark!

Chicago (Feb. 14, 2012) Once again, Chicago's **Green Metropolis Fair** will bring the local conscious community together on April 14 to officially celebrate Earth Month. This year, the Fair will be held at the Green Exchange Building, 2545 W. Diversey, Chicago's premier sustainable business community.

"The vision for Green Exchange has always been about being a place to gather and educate people about incorporating sustainable choices into their lives," says David Baum, owner and developer of Green Exchange. "Green Metropolis Fair exemplifies this opportunity, and we are thrilled to be hosting at GX!"

With the planting season just around the corner, and Chicago enjoying a warmer USDA zone classification, the Green Metropolis Fair will feature workshops and activities on a wide array of gardening topics, including urban organic gardening, composting, keeping backyard chickens and bees, and growing and preserving fruits and vegetables. Master Gardeners and Master Composters from the University of Illinois Extension Service will be on hand to answer your toughest gardening questions, and bedding plants – herbs, vegetables, and flowers - will be available for purchase.

Many local businesses will be part of the Green Metropolis Fair's Retail Marketplace, and their special handcrafted, artisanal products, along with fair trade offerings from around the World, will delight the most discerning shoppers. Wonderful local food and drink from a wide variety of purveyors will be available throughout the day, and local services like CSAs (community supported agriculture), nutritionists and chiropractors, and other sustainable businesses will be featured in the table sponsors area.

Yoga, and other wellness activities, and ways to make your home healthier and more energy efficient year round will be spotlighted. Children will enjoy petting rabbits, goats, and other furry creatures. And everyone will appreciate the beautiful new LEED certified Green Exchange Building, with it's organic sky

garden, cistern for recapturing and recycling rain water, green roof, green tenants, and other outstanding features.

Again this year the Green Metropolis Fair is presented by the Green Parent's Network. For more information, visit www.greenmetropolisfair.com, or contact Maureen Ewing @ greenmetropolisfair@gmail.com, or Mary Beth Rebedeau @ mbr@greenparentsnetwork.com.

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