

The Marketplace Merchant

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MANY AREA ORGANIZATIONS ARE TEAMING UP TO CELEBRATE LIFE ON THE RIVER AT THE MISSISSIPPI EARTHTONES FESTIVAL

The Mississippi Earthtones Festival will be a celebration of our river through art, music, and conservation at Riverfront Park. The Alton area is rich with conservation-based programs, as well as businesses that are working to help "green" residents' lives.

Area agencies such as Madison County Recycling and the Sierra Club and will teach consumers how to incorporate more sustainable practices into their daily lives, and representatives from LCCC and Woodman Collision Center will be featuring their "green" products and services.

Educational presentations will be given by The Nature Institute, the LaVista Community Supported Garden, Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge, and American Water.

Festival-goers will have many chances to have a positive effect on the environment at the festival. Litter boats will depart at 9:00 and 10:00 to ferry volunteers to clean up riverbanks and islands, the Alton Beautification

and Clean City Committee will be encouraging litter clean-up by land and giving out blue recycle bins for use at home, and the Alton Parks & Recreation Department will be collecting plastic gardening pots on-site to be recycled. Many fun outdoor activities

September 20th—9am-4pm
Held Annually on the 3rd Sat in Sept
 Organized by Alton Marketplace & the Sierra Club

Special thanks to: American Water, ConAgra Foods, Alton Acoustic Arts, The Mississippi Half Step Restaurant, Simmons Cooper, Kohl's, Illinois American Water, Woodman Collision Center

are planned for families, such as arts & crafts projects, solar-power experiments, and Nickelodeon's "Worldwide Day of Play" activities with Alton Police Officers and Firefighters. The Riverbend Cycling Club is organizing two bike rides that will depart from & return to the festival grounds; there will be a 16-mile family ride to the Lewis & Clark Museum, and a 50-mile experienced ride to the Arch. Check in

from 9am-11am to receive your free water bottle made of recycled plastic! Various nature crafters and artists will be on hand with items such as: furniture made out of driftwood, landscape paintings of the Riverbend area, stained glass, hand-

made jewelry, and oil painted saws and wood.

Solar-powered music will fill the air throughout the day, and the entertainment line-up will feature: Pat Read from 9am - 11am,

Earth & Sky from 11am - 1pm, and Jake's Leg - a jam band based out of St. Louis that has been interpreting the music of the Grateful Dead for over 30 years from 1pm - 4pm.

Attendees should take Henry Street into Riverfront Park & follow directional signage toward the Marina to the festival grounds. Vendors will be serving breakfast and lunch at the festival. Volunteers are needed, please call 463-1016 to sign up!

Director's Note ~

We are going full steam ahead with our summer events at Alton Marketplace and are already looking to the months ahead! The Lincoln-Douglas event on October 18th & 19th is shaping up to be a wonderful celebration, the Farmers' & Artisans' Market will be continuing into the fall as long as the weather permits to make up for the late start on the harvest, and we are also laying the groundwork for the Community Christmas Tree lighting at Lincoln-Douglas Square and the Annual "Taste of Downtown" at the Hotel Stratford that will be open to the public for the first time in 2008. Anyone who is interested in getting involved in our holiday activities is encouraged to call the office to learn more!



~ Sara

S.C.O.R.E. Workshops!

September 16th —
Starting a new business

September 23rd —
Using Excel

September 30th —
Start-Up Insurance

All workshops begin at 6:00pm at Liberty Bank, 3112 Godfrey Road. To register call: 467-2280

S.C.O.R.E representatives are available for free consultations at the Marketplace office on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 4pm-6pm

Looking to start a new business?

Alton Marketplace is putting the finishing touches on a "new business incentive packet, and is also organizing a low interest loan program with local banks. For more information on either, please call the office at 463-1016



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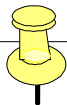
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A community based,
not-for-profit, volunteer
organization dedicated to
securing the economic
vitality and aesthetic
quality of the district.



Madison County Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, Sept 27th

8:00am - 3:00pm

*Madison County Wood
River Facility—
101 E. Edwardsville Rd,
Wood River*

Properly dispose of your:

- ◆ CFL Bulbs
- ◆ Pesticides
- ◆ Spray Paint
- ◆ Pool Chemicals
- ◆ Motor Oil & Antifreeze
- ◆ Household batteries

For more info: 296-6647

or: www.madison

countycycles.com

Alton Marketplace Partners—News, Sales & Events!

Alton Acoustic Arts— Mineral Springs Haunted Tours—

is now a ticket outlet for the Greater Alton Concert Association! Tickets on sale now for the Glenn Miller Orchestra 9/28/08, call 208-3458 for details.

Jacoby Arts Center—

Join us for the opening reception for the exhibit, "Brigham Dimick: Mortal Bodies" on Friday, September 5th from 5pm—8pm. Wine tasting provided by Mary Michelle Winery. This event is free & open to the public!
www.jacobyartscenter.org

Tony's Restaurant—

Congratulations go out to Tony's for ranking 8th in the entire St. Louis area for the city's best steak house! To see all of the winners & read their glowing review, visit:

<http://citysbest.aol.com>

Choose: St. Louis — then

Choose: Steak Houses

Tony's thanks everyone who voted in the contest for their support!

presents it's annual autumn solstice "extravaganza" on 9/20/08 from 1-5pm at Mineral Springs Mall (301 E. Broadway). This event is FREE and open to the public and will be featuring lectures, vendors, aura photographs, mediums, ghost hunting lecture and demonstration of equipment, crystals, door prizes, a drawing for a free haunted tour, and free tarot card readings. A regular haunted tour is scheduled for 7p.m. Call 465-3200 for info, or visit: www.mineralsprings

hauntedtours.com

Party Purses & Other Earthly Delights—

is having a 10% off back-to-school sale on nearly everything in store, with the exception of items on consignment. Stop by & visit Grace and Barb at Mineral Springs Mall, 301 E. Broadway Suite #305 to see their full selection of purses, jewelry, and more!

The Beall Mansion—

The BEALL MANSION Bed and Breakfast and Boutique Hotel has introduced a new website for Web enabled smart phones. Designed for the small screen of mobile devices, the new site, www.beallmansion.mobi is succinct, features a click to call button on every page to immediately connect the mobile user to the property, and will automatically redirect users from non-mobile devices to the The BEALL's dot com site www.beallmansion.com.

View the new website using your Web enabled smart phone or by using an online emulator.

The BEALL MANSION, 407 East 12th Street, Alton, Illinois 62002, phone 618-474-9100 or Toll Free 1-866-The-BEALL (1-866-843-2325), bepampered@beallmansion.com.

Challenge of the Bluffs Run—an Alton Tradition!

Join us on October 4, 2008 - 5-mile run & 2-mile walk start at 9:00am

Start at Broadway & Alby - finish at Belle & 4th St.

This beautiful route is hilly and scenic!

Entry fee: \$20 per runner; \$25 after Sept 29th & on race day

Download registration form & pay online at:

www.AltonMarketplace.com

Sponsorship opportunities are available & goodie bag items are needed; please call 463-1016 to make arrangements!

