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**January 15, 2009**

**What:** *The Aesthetics of Living Green*  
**When:** January 28, 2009, 6.45 pm – 9.15 pm  
**Where:** Creative Spirit Center, 1517 Bayliss Street, Midland  
**Cost:** \$25/\$22 members  
**Information:** Call 989-837-1885 or visit [www.creativespiritcenter.org/classes.htm](http://www.creativespiritcenter.org/classes.htm)

[Midland] – In *The Aesthetics of Living Green*, Dr. Laura Vosejka of Northwood University and Peter Sinclair of Midland will lead a wide-ranging look at practical choices for living “green” and the connection between green choices and beautiful surroundings.. Participants will be able to assess their own household’s carbon footprint (energy usage) and learn how concrete changes intended to reduce the carbon footprint can also make public and private spaces more pleasing. Topics will include selection of window treatments for insulation and beauty; choice of building materials, and recycling to make art as well as useful objects. An update on global warming indicators and ways that individuals can make a difference will be illustrated with facts, humor, and examples.

The class, a part of Creative Spirit Center’s 2009 program “Living with Good Design,” is intended to develop green awareness and to encourage and support individuals who are looking for new ways to live in accord with their green values. Those who have attended or plan to attend a tour of Harvest Wind Farm in Michigan’s Thumb will receive new information about Michigan’s commitment to renewable energy technology and the potential for economic growth that benefits the appearance of the immediate environment as well as the global climate.

#### **About the Instructors**

**Laura Vosejka, Ph.D.**, is Northwood University’s Assistant Academic Dean for Instructional Improvement. A graduate of Ohio State and the University of Wisconsin, she has taught at Alma College. An environmentalist by training and by passion, she has developed the following four questions to ask oneself each day to be a responsible consumer: “Where do things I consume come from? What do I know about the place where I live? How am I connected to the earth and other living things? What is my purpose and responsibility as a human being?”

**Peter Sinclair**, a graduate of the University of Michigan, is an award-winning animator, illustrator, and internationally syndicated cartoonist, who runs Greenman Studios from his home in Midland. He has conducted numerous workshops in expanding creativity through the use of humor and right brain techniques for universities, businesses, health care institutions and schools. Since studying with Al Gore and some of the world’s leading climate experts in 2007, he has used his graphic expertise to heighten awareness of global climate change in presentations around the state of Michigan.

#### **About Creative Spirit Center**

Creative Spirit Center is a not-for-profit community arts organization founded in 1994. The Center’s mission is to create an environment for people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, conferences, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, psychological and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities. Printed Winter/Spring 2009 schedules showing all classes and events at Creative Spirit Center are available at no charge. Telephone 837-1885 to have schedules delivered to your business or location, or mailed to your home.

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