

Tentative WVEC Fall Convention Schedule

September 25-27, 2009

Holly Gray Park, Sutton WV

Friday afternoon-evening:

3:00 PM Registration / Set-up begins (incl. Booths) / Silent Auction Opens - bring items to donate

6:30 - 7:30 PM Informal chat & snacks- legislative ideas? New wind energy group?

Dusk Children's Bug Hunt, *with Mike Forman*

7:30 - 8:30 PM Reception for Jim Hightower (pending / invited) - Refreshments Provided

8:30 PM Socializing / Campfire / Music - bring musical instruments
Booths: Artists for the Environment; WVEC Sales (*new t-shirts, mugs*); The Glass Amulet (*handmade jewelry by Liesa Null*); The Preventive Paradigm (*massage by Liesa Null*); La Paix Herb Farm (*natural organic products by Myra Bonhage-Hale, Stewart*); Handmade jewelry & hand-carved walking sticks *by Kevin Smith*; Poole's Natural Candles & Antique Collectibles; Stone & Bead Necklaces *by Joe Lung*; Taylor Books (*Environmental Topics*); Book Project Campaign (OVEC, FOM); WV Environmental Groups (*variety*).

Saturday:

7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast

8:45 AM Welcome and Introductions – *Danny Chiotos, WVEC Board President*

9:00 AM Self-introductions- 30-45 seconds each- "We All Live on a Dot" (Issues / What Brought You Here / Group issues)

9:45 AM Short break- arrange / re-arrange chairs
(Organized Children's Activities from 9:30-11:30 during Keynote Address)

9:55 AM Assemble, take preferred seating, etc.

10:00 AM Keynote Address- **Jim Hightower** - *introduction by Greg Carroll, talk, Q & A*

10:45 AM Book signing with **Jim Hightower (Taylor Books, Charleston WV)**

11:30 AM Regional Meetings (elect or re-elect board representatives)

12:00- 1:00 Lunch

1:00 PM Concurrent Workshops
 1) MTR- Mountaintop Removal (*Patience Wait, Cindy Rank, Bill Howley*)
 2) Wind Energy issues (*Frank Young, Kevin Fooce*)
 3) Mercury & "Clean Coal" (*Don Garvin, Don Gasper*)

1:50 PM Break

2:05 PM Concurrent Workshops:
 1) Coal and the PATH power line (*Patience Wait, Cindy Rank, Bill Howley*)
 2) Green Jobs / Renewable Energy (*Bill Price & Kevin Fooce*)
 3) MIC- Methyl Isocyanate (*Maya Nye*)

2:55 PM Break

- 3:10 PM Concurrent Workshops:
 1) Sludge Safety (*Stephanie Tyree, Matthew Louis-Rosenberg*)
 2) Cap and Trade (*Jim Kotcon*)
 3) Marcellus Shale gas drilling (*Beth Little*)
- 4:00 PM Free Time, including Nature Outings:
 1- Fishing *with Don Garvin & Don Gasper*
 2- Nature Walk / Plant Identification
- 5:45 - 6:45 Potluck Dinner (please bring a dish to share)
- 7:00 PM Introduce evening panel, *Frank Young*
 7:15 PM Keynote Panel – “WV E-Council- Our History and Our Future”, with
 WVEC Founders *Mary Wimmer, Perry McDaniel, Norm Steenstra, Jim Kotcon and*
Monte Fowler
- 9:00 PM WVEC 20th Birthday Celebration -Live Music by: *Maya Nye, Chet*
Lowther, Andy Park and others

Sunday:

- 7:00 AM Bird-watching walk, *with Mike Forman* (please sign up in advance during
 conference)
- 7:00 AM Non-denominational service, "Spiritual Basis for Environmentalism"
- 7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Silent auction ends
- 9:00 AM Legislative Overview – *Don Garvin, WVEC Legislative Coordinator*
- 9:45 AM Break (incl. pay for and collect your auction purchases)
- 10:00 AM Setting Legislative Priorities Discussion (all)
- 11:00 AM Break, begin nature outings for non board members
- 11:15 AM Begin WVEC Board of Directors Meeting
- 12:00- 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 PM WVEC Board of Directors Meeting continues
- 2:00 PM **Adjourn!**