DIVING INTO SUSTAINABILITY

UWG STUDENTS WENT THROUGH 3000 POUNDS OF TRASH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SUSTAINABLE LIVING.

Each year, college campuses across the United States compete in a competition called RecycleMania in an attempt to raise awareness about recycling and sustainability. This year, UWG got down and dirty for RecycleMania by going dumpster diving. This March, students dumped the contents of a dumpster out near Ingram Library. The dumpster contained about 3,000 pounds of trash, recyclables included. Approximately 250 students participated, coming from various subject fields including environmental studies/sciences, business, and language. Ashley Dycus, an English instructor at UWG, saw the event as a teaching opportunity as well. “I brought my students because, in English 1101 and 1102, we're reading articles about recycling and sustainability so it ties in with course content and gives them a way to connect what we're doing in the classroom with the outside world and a different perspective on those texts,” says Dycus. Economics major, Jacob Stanfill says, “Richards College of Business is really focused on the ethics culture of sustainability, so this really feeds into that. After all, the university, at its roots, is a business, so it’s great to see how much waste is going out and how much we could be saving by proper sustainability practices.” Based on the amount of recyclables that were sorted out of the trash, one of Stanfill’s classes is going to try to determine just how much money

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is unknowingly being thrown away each day around campus. By participating in this event, students have learned an easier way to live a more sustainable life in an easy way.

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Earth Week is coming soon, and with that comes the Sustainability Expo. This year at the Expo we will have special guest speaker and author, Janisse Ray. Ray is a writer and environmental activist who has authored six books, one of which is a collection of eco-poetry. In addition, she has also been editor of In One Place and Moody Forest, and co-editor of UnspOILed and Between Two Rivers. This year at the expo, Janisse will be speaking to us about her books, and her experiences with sustainable living. Below is a list of her books and a description of each, should you be interested in reading more of her work, or on the things that she will be speaking about at the Expo this year.

**ABOUT THE BOOKS:**

*Ecology of a Cracker Childhood:* Her first book, published in 1999, takes a look at her early life of growing up in a junkyard near a destroyed pine flatwood ecosystem. Ray's book was an appeal to focus on and take better care of the places that surround us. This wasn't the only theme however, as it also takes a look at family, mental illness, religion, and poverty.

*Wild Card Quilt: Taking a Chance on Home:* This is Ray's second published book, which focuses on rural community. After leaving her home, Ray returns to where she once grew up to discover the pleasures of rural life. This book tells the tale of her return and experiences.

*Pinhook: Finding Wholeness in a Fragmented Land:* Ray's third book features Pinhook Swamp, and the vital part it and its watershed play in supporting wildlife. Ray takes us to the center of the swamp as she continues the fight with others to protect the multiple habitats that it contains.

*Drifting into Darien:* A history of the Altamaha River, this is Ray's fourth book. It takes a hard look at the need to conserve the river, as well as the ecosystems that surround it. There is also an account of her experience of paddling the entire length of the river, from the beginning to the end where it empties itself into the ocean.

*The Seed Underground: A Growing Revolution to Save Food:* American's obsession with food, and it's no secret. There are seemingly limitless options when it comes to sustainable food practices, yet the supply is still at risk. Plant species run the risk of being lost due to GMO's. Ray's fifth book chronicles this obsession, and the price that we have paid for it. To understand though, she takes us to where it all begins: with a seed.

*About the Author: Janisse Ray*

Janisse Ray is an environmental activist who holds an MFA from the University of Montana. She is the holder of two honorary doctorates, and has been inducted into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame. She currently lives in rural southern Georgia.

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Noticed anything new on campus lately? Recently, Carrollton partnered up with Zagster Inc. to start a bike sharing program. You may have noticed some of the new biking stations around campus. There are also several stations located around the GreenBelt's trailheads. Students have the option of paying per ride, with the first hour being free and paying $3 for every additional hour you have a bike checked out. Students also have the option to join the program and pay for monthly or yearly passes. To ride one of the bikes, all you need is the Zagster Mobile App, which you can download onto your phone. This app will allow you to find available bikes to ride. You can also find out where available bikes are on zagster.com/carrollton. On the bike you choose, there will be a one of a kind number that you must enter into the app. The app will then give you a code that you can use to unlock the lock box with a key. Because of the lock and included key, you don't have to plan your trip around where the stations are located. The on-bike lock will allow you to secure your bike wherever you go so you don't have to worry about anyone taking it. You can go wherever you need to go locally, and because the bikes have baskets on them, you only have to take one trip. When you are finished with your bike, all you have to do is return it to a Zagster station (any station is fine) and your rental will end. Then, it will be ready for the next person to ride. “This bike-share program is a tremendous tool toward promoting active lifestyles in our community, so we’re pleased to partner with Zagster and these great local organizations to improve the quality of life for all our residents,” says Community Development Director, Erica Studdard. So get on out there and smell the roses.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

MONDAY, APRIL 24: We are starting Earth Week of with a trail walk. Meet at the Coliseum at 4:00 PM to take a guided tour of UWG's multitude of trails. Wear appropriate foot wear as the trails can be uneven or wet. Don't forget a water bottle either!

TUESDAY, APRIL 25: If you are interested in pursuing a career in sustainability, drop by Room 106 in the Nursing Building at 6:00 PM to learn how. Environmental consulting, regulation, compliance, and education are booming employment fields. The panel will consist of professionals from Tanner Health Systems, South Wire, Keep Carroll Beautiful, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26: Meet in the Z-6 parking lot at 10:30 AM to head out to the garden for some hands on work. The garden will be prepped for this year's vegetable crops, and some trees will be planted as well. Getting your hands in the soil is a good way to learn about sustainable farming.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27: We will be ending Earth Week with our Sustainability Expo, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. There will be food, live music, and tiny house tours! We will also have a guest speaker, Janisse Ray, talk about her books and experiences with sustainable living. Fun for kids and adults alike! UWG Parking and Transportation will be providing shuttle services between the Expo and the UCC bus stop for students, faculty, and staff.