

Earthfest's workshops, lectures, hikes and events help foster a greater awareness of our role as caretakers of our planet

Twelve community service organizations and eight local businesses participated in this year's Earthfest, April 17 - 19. The activities were held in several locations: hazardous materials recycling was at Doc Mock park, the workshops were held at the town council chambers, and Cady Hall was the scene of youth art and other youth activities ("food alive" presentation and face painting), electronics recycling, community service organization booths, and the Friends of the Library auction.

Carolyn Schafer, who organized the event, says that she was pleased to see increased participation from community organizations and a higher turnout than last year. One local resident remarked to her about the youth art on display, "Wow! Awesome stuff! So much talent and creativity on display. Patagonia is so lucky to have its future in the hands of such wonderful thinkers and artists."

The Little Free Libraries (LFL) auction was held outside of Cady Hall in conjunction with Earthfest. Many of the libraries had been sold before the auction. Brent Bowden served as a rousing auctioneer, and the remaining LFLs were sold in short order. Jan Herron, who organized the LFL project, says that it netted about \$8,500, and Friends of the Library hopes to use the proceeds to remodel the friend's book sale room, redesign and relocate the director's office, and continue to support library acquisitions. She expressed her thanks to everyone who got involved in any phase of the project, noting that people were "generous with their money, their talents and their time."



ABOVE: Sally Greenleaf, Bea Quiroga, Andy Gould, Tomas Jonsson, Rita Bradley, Kate Musick, Cliff Hirsch, German Quiroga, and Murphy Musick complete planting of a desert willow tree in celebration of Arbor Day during Earthfest. Two more trees will be planted in Richardson Park. All were purchased with funds from a PRCF grant and a generous donation from DM engineering and C. Blair.



Raven's Way Nature Journeys' display at Cady Hall



Little Free Libraries auctioneer Brent Bowden