



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Earth Festival 2013 – Bigger and Better Than Ever!**

MILFORD – The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Festival will be held on Saturday, April 13 at Milford Central School and, thanks to a collaboration with Spring Garden Day and the Go Green! Fashion Show, this year's event will be bigger and better than ever!

The traditional Earth Festival information and vendor fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium – kicking off the day will be the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society's popular pre-festival bird walk.

Master Gardeners of Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie and Otsego Counties will return with Spring Garden Day in conjunction with Earth Festival, featuring classes on a wide variety of gardening topics suitable for those both new and experienced to gardening. Dr. Jonathan Comstock of Cornell University will speak at 11:15 a.m. as part of Spring Garden Day. His presentation, on climate change and its impact on the growing season and gardens, is free and open to the public.

This year, the Milford Central School Education Foundation's "recycled fashion" show is back by popular demand! Students and adults are invited to showcase wearable art they made or embellished themselves with recycled and waste materials – anyone interested in entering an outfit is welcome. For more information about the Go Green! Fashion Show, call [\(607\) 286-3349](tel:6072863349) or e-mail [lhenry@milfordcentral.org](mailto:lhenry@milfordcentral.org).

The EcoArt/Trendy Trash Contest and expanded children's activities led by Milford Central School students will also be featured.

"Live music, great food, good company – this is truly a family-friendly as well as an earth-friendly event," said Darla M. Youngs, Otsego County Conservation Association executive director.

Earth Festival organizers invite attendees to drop off Styrofoam (white only), bubble wrap, empty inkjet cartridges, cell phones, eyeglasses, videotapes and CDs, and used nylon monofilament fishing line at no charge, and Empire Recycling will be back with the free

Confidata Shredder service from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shoes and sneakers will be accepted at a minimal charge.

Earth Festival is an environmentally-focused, interactive event featuring exhibits, activities, vendors and entertainment, all with a fun, earth-friendly twist. Financial contributions are most welcome, and an open invitation to earth-friendly exhibitors, food and retail vendors is extended.

Earth Festival 2013 is sponsored by Otsego County Conservation Association and WildLearn.com. For more information, visit [http://occainfo.org/documents/EarthFestivalInformation2013\\_000.pdf](http://occainfo.org/documents/EarthFestivalInformation2013_000.pdf), call (607) 547-4488 or e-mail [admin@occainfo.org](mailto:admin@occainfo.org).