



A PRIMER ON ECO-ART EDUCATION

Eco-Art is:

The landscape of eco-art is vast, drawing upon conceptual, activist, and community-based art, informed by ecology, environmental history, social & deep ecology, ecofeminism, postmodern science, landscape architecture and postmodern critiques. Given such diversity, what unites our forms and methodologies? I believe the ties that bind us are the values for which we strive in our work and in our lives. Here are some of the foundational values I've identified in our practice:

- Land Ethic: Recognizing that we are members of an interdependent "community" that includes not only humans, but "...soils, waters, plants and animals, or collectively: the land." (Leopold)
- Systems Thinking: Visualizing patterns and relationships across disparate information and knowledge systems, and applying the lessons of ecosystems to our human communities. (Capra)
- Sustainability: Designing our lives, work, products, social systems and relationships to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. (World Commission on Environment and Development)
- Social and Biological Diversity: Understanding that diversity among disciplines, cultures and species is a prerequisite for systems health and resilience.
- Social and Environmental Justice: Insisting that all species have a right to a clean environment that supports our health and the ecological systems that sustain life.
- Collaboration: Bridging the boundaries between disciplines, cultures, classes, genders, communities and species, respecting what each brings to designing solutions that work for everyone.
- Integrity: Closing the gap between what we value and how we act in the world.

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Eco-Art Education is:

Eco-art education integrates art education with environmental education as a means of developing awareness of and engagement with environmental concepts and issues, such as conservation, preservation, restoration and sustainability.

Eco-Artists:

Joseph Beuys, Mierle Laderman-Ukeles, Agnes Denes, Mel Chin, Andy Goldsworthy, Lynne Hull, Hamish Fulton, Richard Long, Alan Sonfist, herman de vries, Dominique Mazeaud, etc.

For more check out the Green Museum website... <http://www.greenmuseum.org>

To Learn More...

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Websites

Green Museum

<http://www.greenmuseum.org>

Community Arts Network – Arts and the Environment

<http://www.communityarts.net/archivefiles/environment/index.php>

Eco-Art Magazine

<http://www.eco-art.com/ecoart/index.html>

Enviro-Arts

<http://arts.envirolink.org/index.html>

Greens Arts Web

<http://www.greenarts.org/artprojects.html>

Center for Eco-Literacy

<http://www.ecoliteracy.org/index.html>