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Green Expo Brings Sustainable Living to Life

Plant guidance, live animals and expert tips on sustainable practices are among the attractions at this year's **Green Expo on Thursday, April 18 from 7-9 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center**, 120 Cherry St., SE, Vienna, Va. More than 30 local exhibitors will be on hand with information about green landscaping ideas, composting, recycling, energy efficiency, solar power, water conservation and more.

The popular "Ask Me Anything" sessions are back this year featuring local experts who will make brief presentations and then take questions from attendees regarding sustainable practices. Speakers include:

- Mala Persaud, owner of Trace, Vienna's "zero-waste store," and former Vienna resident David Biderman, an expert in the solid waste and recycling industry. They'll discuss the recycling infrastructure, how to recycle right, and strategies for cutting down on waste.
- Environmentalist Susan Stillman will share insights about her experience designing, building, and moving into her new solar-powered and highly energy-efficient home, which received its Phius ZERO design certification from the Passive House Institute U.S. (Phius).
- Virginia Certified Horticulturist Barbara Ryan, owner of Chain Bridge Natives, who will explain ways for residents to convert their yard to native plantings and sustainable practices.

New this year is an outdoor exhibit of ewes and lambs sponsored by Lamb Mowers. Family favorites returning this year will be wildlife experts from the nonprofit volunteer group Secret Garden Birds & Bees who will show live birds of prey, such as owls and hawks. Children's activities will also keep the kids entertained while adults get money-saving tips on green practices, and everyone is eligible for a chance at walking away with a giveaway, including a home energy audit worth \$595.

The Green Expo is sponsored by the Town of Vienna Conservation and Sustainability Commission. For more information, visit www.viennava.gov/GreenExpo.

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