

F E B R U A R Y 2 0 2 1

Notable Notes

Notable Works Publication and Distribution Co., Inc.



Working Together to Maintain Balance and to Live Sustainably

Love Warms the Homeless Heart II is currently being designed and finalized, and we anticipate its release in early spring.

The 2021 Rhode Island Nature Video Festival brought to you by the Environment Council of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Natural History Survey will be held on Saturday, February 20th at 2 PM.

Register here:

<https://www.environmentcouncilri.org/content/2021-ri-nature-video-fest>

Join the Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) on Saturday, February 27, 9:00-10:30am for their virtual Summit, which will include: a keynote address by Brianna Amingwa, Environmental Education Supervisor at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum in Philadelphia; small group discussions led by leaders in the Rhode Island environmental education community; and RIEEA's Annual Business Meeting. Go to rieea.org/annual-summit/ to learn more and to register.

Rhode Island's Waste Sorting Game Ready, Set, Sort!

Click the link below to test your knowledge about recycling.

Just drag and drop each item into the correct bin.

<http://rhodeislandresource.recycle.game>

Nourishing soil produces healthy plants, which is beneficial to all living things and is crucial to having a sustainable planet. Adding compost to the soil has been found to improve its texture, fertility and ability to retain moisture. The benefit of the composting processes in general, is to reduce waste and to get a product to replace chemical fertilizers, which are bad for soil, water and pollinators such as birds, bees and butterflies. There are a variety of ways to compost and vermicomposting is one of them.

Nancy Warner began her efforts in 1992 to strengthen the soil through vermicomposting. Miss Warner, better known as one of the "Worm Ladies of Charlestown," initially discovered that the red wiggler worm species was best for this type of composting, which is a quick and an efficient way to transform food scraps into natural fertilizer and to divert waste. She nurtures red wigglers, which are kept in plastic bins or wooden boxes and feeds them a combination of food scraps and bedding such as leaves, newspaper and cardboard. This results in worm feces called castings, which is an excellent soil stimulant and plant food. A tablespoon of castings can keep a house plant fed for two months. Red wigglers can eat up to one half their body weight in food scraps weekly, which can reduce food waste in the home. Also, red wigglers can be fed vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds, tea bags, egg shells and manure. They reproduce quickly and double in population in three to four months.

The Greene School in West Greenwich, Rhode Island is developing a collection of best practices for vermicomposting and is composting their lunch scraps. Since 2010, vermicomposting has been integrated into the Greene School's curriculum and their Tenth-Grade Stewardship Project uses castings to fertilize the school's garden.

Nancy Warner has a high demand for her product. Her long-term strategy is to develop a co-op of "Rhody Worm Growers," a group of established vermicomposters, who can pool their resources to meet the high demand. Nancy Carroll, who is a well-known Rhode Island composer, lyricist, historian and founder of "Rhody Voices" (www.rhodyvoices.com), wrote a song (see link below) called "Billy Wiggler," which focuses on Nancy Warners' vermicomposting efforts. Nancy's career was as member of the music faculty at the Community College of Rhode Island and her song was performed by herself and pianist Dave McNally, who teaches at Robert's Musical Instruments in West Warwick. Click the link below to listen to Nancy's song "Billy Wiggler." <https://soundcloud.com/nancy-m-carroll/billy-wiggler-take-2-7320>

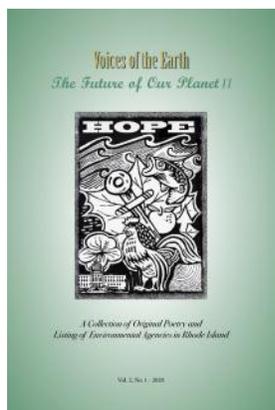
Other composting efforts in Rhode Island include:

Earth Care Farms (www.earthcarefarm.com)

Groundwork Rhode Island (www.groundworkri.org)

South Side Community Land Trust (www.southsideclt.org)

Voices of The Earth: The Future of Our Planet II



Sample of Poetry:

Resilience of Wisdom

A farmer walks along the lines that are left
behind by his tilling.
The composition of the soil is of recycled
matter from yesteryear's harvest,
In which the roots of the new plants will
plunge deep into their origin,
Sustaining off of the history that their
ancestors produced.
Living through the influence of ancient
knowledge, building resilience,
So that their blossoms may never wither,
and sustain in one's mind an image of
brilliance.
The farmer sits under the gargantuan
trunk of an ash tree,
His cap over his eyes, as he takes a resting
position, a bough as his bed.
He has worked hard this day, and sees fit
that the product is to his content.
Organic are his methods of agriculture,
and indeed, his ideas, too.
And never he worries about the industrial
bustle, though this does take great skill,
The wisdom and cunning he gains is
immense, as he hangs on Yggdrasil.

By Teagan Smith



**Please order your copy of
The Future of Our Planet II at:**
www.notableworks.org

And available at:

Barrington Books, Cranston, RI
Barrington Books, Barrington, RI
Books on the Square, Providence, RI
Stillwater Books, Pawtucket, RI
Wakefield Books, Wakefield, RI



We wish to thank Notable Works' 2020 sponsors for their great support, which made the publication and distribution of two books possible as well as supplying hygiene items and resource guides for tote bags for the homeless.

Notable Works' 2021 Sponsors

Platinum Sponsor (\$500.00+)

Helen Hudson Foundation

Gold Sponsors (\$100.00+)

Eliane Aberdam

Crosswinds Poetry Journal

Ruth Ann Dougherty and Cindy Drake

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelly

Thomas Lane

Bill and Peg Paolino

Second Story Graphics

Dr. Rudy Tanzi

Peter White

Silver Sponsors (\$50.00+)

Dr. Jeannie Burkhard

Nancy Carroll

Melissa Gerads Jones

Carol Lyon and Dr. Audrey Kaiser

Bronze Sponsors (\$25.00+)

Jim Manchester

Stephanie Mills' Photography Studio

Barbara Pavone

Joseph Pavone Jr.

Thank you to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for your support for Notable Works with your well-received Covid-19 Relief Grant designated for Arts and Culture Organizations such as Notable Works, which have been impacted by this pandemic.

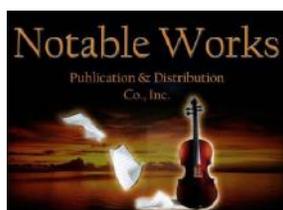


RISCA
Rhode Island State Council On The Arts
Art is the Anchor

We hope you may "like" and "follow"

Notable Works on Facebook by visiting:

<http://www.facebook.com/notableworks.org>



www.notableworks.org