



## BEFORE YOU GO...

Can you believe it? The semester is almost over! The good news is, we don't have to fully move out of our rooms - what a blessing! For a sustainably minded person like me, it means that less stuff will go to the landfill.

If you are sustainably minded too and are concerned about the negative environmental impacts of your upcoming trip back home, here is uplifting news: by maintaining your car in a good state, you can improve its performance and minimize pollution. Come to the **car maintenance workshop** led by the sustainability team to learn some practical skills: how to check oil, check fluids and tire pressure, change a tire, change oil, and jump start a car battery. When? **On Sunday, November 15, 12:00 - 2:00 pm.** Find us somewhere on Georgia Avenue near Spencer and the Library.

As we are preparing for online exams after two semesters of heavy reliance on internet connection for study, let's remind ourselves of how much energy the internet takes. One Google search consumes the same amount of energy as turning on a 60W light bulb for about 17 seconds, as The Guardian estimated. It might not seem like a lot but when put into a perspective - Google alone accounts for more than a trillion searches annually - figures get alarming. Now, data about Netflix streaming is even scarier: one hour of Netflix consumes 6.1 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity. This is enough to drive a Tesla Model S more than 30km! (Shift Project). And to produce that energy, we burn fossil fuels that change the climate. We have to study and google those life and death questions, we need some Netflix sometimes, I know... A minute of silence for the internet energy, please.

## MAKING NATURAL PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS



After weeks of me asking and Sara hesitating to share her secret recipes, they are finally here and made public! Magic Cream, Natural Body Wash, and Pit Paste - now you can make them on your own!

Taking care of yourself and the planet made easy with Sara's recipes - check them out!

SARA'S SECRET RECIPES

## SPOTLIGHT

Judith Marklin (T'21) became the Eco-Chaplain last year and immediately faced many challenges: How to have conversations with people on such polarizing topics as religion and environment? How to engage people from a variety of backgrounds in meaningful dialogs and actions? She even had to explain why we need an eco-chaplain at Sewanee! Despite all the difficulties, Judith finds fulfillment and learns a lot in the process.

Read the interview with Judith in which she talks about her work as an Eco-Chaplain, the inspiration behind it, and the connection between religion and environment.

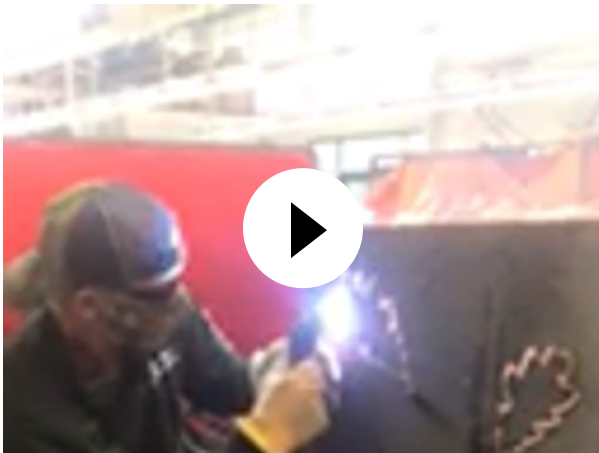
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## GREEN DICTIONARY

**The Anthropocene Epoch** is an unofficial unit of geologic time, used to describe the most recent period in Earth's history when human activity started to have a significant impact on the planet's climate and ecosystems. (National Geographic) The beginning of the **Anthropocene** is still being debated. The proposed times are: the beginning of colonialism in the 15th century, the invention and spread of the internal combustion engine in the 19th century, the testing of the first atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, and the Great Acceleration in the 1950's.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ART

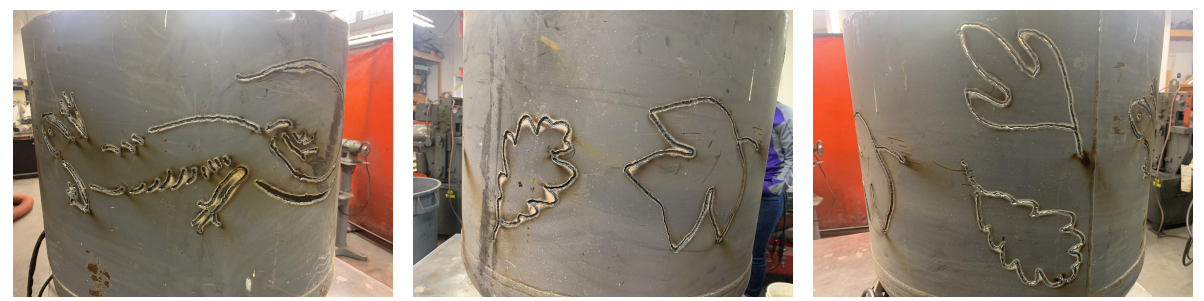


**Green House Removable Fire Pit** by Sandy Gilliam, Domain Ranger

When Green House moved to Emery Hall, they made it their cozy temporary home. Only one thing was missing for an authentic Green House spirit - a fire pit to gather around and spend an evening outside. They started looking for a 55-gallon steel drum with the three characteristics: 1) can be relocated, 2) can be elevated to protect tree roots, 3) can be personalized!

They enlisted the help of Domain Manager Nate Wilson who went dumpster diving and found an old water heater that he thought might work beautifully. Green House was over the moon about it, but the simple steel borders of the pit did not look very appealing. Then Sandy Gilliam with an artistic talent coupled with twenty-odd years of experience working with steel and plasma torches appeared on the stage. He carved a salamander, oak, poplar, and sassafras leaves on the pit walls, making it truly "of Green House". Come to Emery Hall to witness it firsthand!

*Thank you to Sara McIntyre for sharing this remarkable story.*



## EDITORIAL BY KRISTINA ROMANENKOVA

### Sustainability Is Not About Emissions

"Changes in the beef industry have reduced emissions in another, very basic, way: By spending time at a feedlot rather than grazing, cattle now reach their market weight much faster. They are alive, and belching methane, for a shorter time," I read in the New York Times article and can't help cringing...

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## SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS

Tu/Th/ Fr, Nov 10-13	What: <u>Poster and Sticker Pop-Up</u> with Green House When: 10a - 4p Who: Everyone! Bring your \$\$ Where: Spencer Quad
Sat, Nov 14	What: <u>Arm &amp; Trout</u> with Green House When: 6p Who: Students, Employees, Community Members Where: Green House (Emery Hall)
Sun, Nov 15	What: <u>Clothing Swap</u> with Green House & Peer Health House When: 12 - 1:30p Who: Everyone! Where: Manigault Park
Sun, Nov 15	What: <u>Womxn in the World: Car Maintenance</u> with OESS and OGCC When: 12 - 2p Who: Womxn-identifying folk Where: GA Ave near Spencer and the Library, stop by!

