



Sustainability Month Report 2024

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Volunteering at the SAP



Throughout the fall, the Sustainable Agriculture Project (SAP) welcomes students and members of the community who are interested in learning more about sustainable agriculture to join them for their volunteer hours. Offered on Fridays from 1:00pm - 4:00pm, those who volunteer are able to assist with many of the various projects being carried out on the farm.

This is a great way for those who are interested to learn about sustainable food systems, organic farm processes, and many other topics related to sustainable agriculture.



SAP Farm Stand

During the harvest season, the SAP runs a farm stand on campus to offer fresh produce to students, faculty and staff, and community members. From 10:00am to 1:00pm by the Cook Carillion Clock Tower, the stand offers a variety of fruits, vegetables, and other goods such as bouquets of flowers or homemade honey - all produced at the farm. All the proceeds from the stand go toward supplies for the SAP and caring for the bees that are kept on the property.



SAP Class Visit & Tour



The SAP welcomes any class in any department for a visit or tour. Additionally, anyone in the greater GVSU community is welcome to visit the farm. Visit our website for more information.



Harvest Party

The GVSU Farm Club and the Office of Sustainability Practices hosted this year's harvest party at the SAP. After afternoon volunteer hours were held, the party began. Students, staff, and community members enjoyed games, music, food, and the beautiful fall weather. We love this annual event to celebrate our SAP harvest!



& Thrift Swap

During the party, a clothing and book swap event took place as well. Attendees were encouraged to bring an item of clothing or a book to swap, finding a sustainable way to improve their wardrobe and bookshelf!

Zero Waste Football Games

Every year, our office partners with other groups from across campus and the community to ensure that our home football games produce as little waste as possible. Volunteers assist guests in sorting their waste at various stations placed around Lubbers Stadium containing recycling, composting, and landfill bins.

This year, we had help from The Beekeepers Club, The Rowing Team, The Women's Golf Team, and The Student Environmental Coalition. Our great group of volunteers helped make this year a success. Together, we diverted a total of 3,226lbs of waste from landfills at the game.



Climate Change Education Solutions Summit



"Chanting the Waters" poem by Craig Santos Perez, recited by the class of Professor Brian Deyo



Eleanor Moreno, a Queer Afro-Latine community organizer and advocate, presented the audience with a strong call to action

Our office, staff, and students were involved in various aspects of the 2024 Climate Change Education Solutions Summit. The three-day expo was full of interactive workshops, collaborative conversations, and powerful presentations.



Isak Davis and Catherine Molloseau held a composting workshop at the SAP.

Campus Cleanup



The GVSU Student Environmental Coalition (SEC) partnered with The West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC) for the annual campus cleanup. Held on the Allendale campus, students and community members met at the Cook Carillion Clock Tower to make our campus look even nicer than before.



Papermaking Workshop



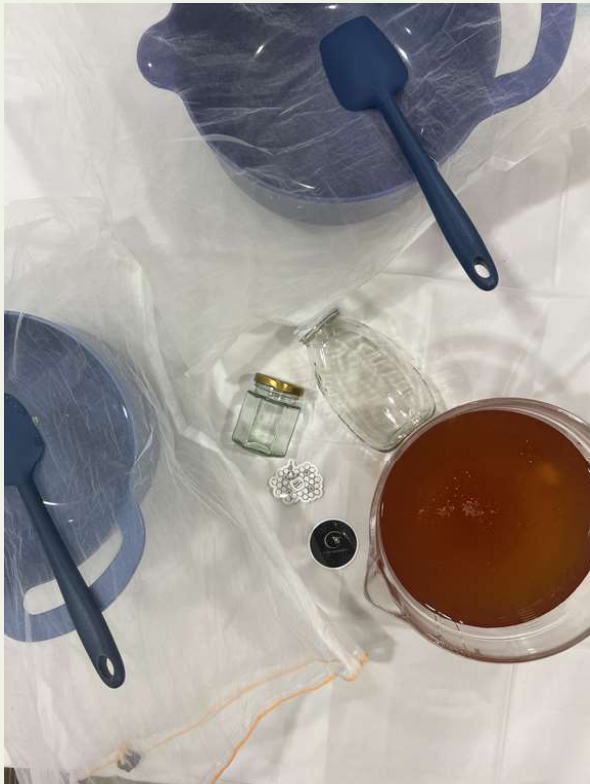
The SEC worked with Christina Threlloff, owner of My Lovely Muse, to learn how to make paper. This hands-on workshop provided students with new knowledge and skills. We love fun events that are tied in with being sustainable and eco-friendly.



Honey Bottling with the GVSU Beekeepers



The GVSU Beekeepers are often hard at work managing the honeybees at the SAP. They hosted multiple honey bottling events where they were able to package up honey produced at the SAP for students, staff, and community members to purchase.



Thank You!

The Office of Sustainability Practices would like to thank everyone who helped to make this month-long celebration possible. It is always wonderful to see our community come together and celebrate sustainability!

Without your support, participation, and dedication, our mission would be incomplete. We look forward to continuing to facilitate the growth of sustainability knowledge and practices across the GVSU campus.



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