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Who knew that watering cans also serve as alien masks? These young boys were only too happy to demonstrate at the summer garden program held at Lowell Elementary, MST last summer.

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Growing Opportunities

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Spring Solstice Celebration Auction Fundraiser



Thursday March 22, 2012 Appetizers and Social time at 5:00pm, Supper at 6:30pm, Auction at 7:30pm

Location: 2001 East 8th St. Sioux Falls. (SDSU Extension office building. Formerly known as the School for the Deaf)

An entire list of auction items coming soon, you will not be disappointed!

Join **Ground Works** to impact 1,500 children in the Sioux Empire with the launching of 2 new school teaching gardens. School teaching gardens enhance: academic skills, scientific inquiry and discovery, healthy eating, family connections, and creative neighborhoods.

Come and celebrate Spring! March 22nd!

Meal prepared by Time at the Table

Music by the Hegg Bros.

More than \$5,000 worth of donated auction items with celebrity auctioneer Jon Michaels of Backyard Broadcasting.

Cost is \$40 per plate. Please RSVP by March 20th. Please bring cash or check for your reserved seat to the event.

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Ground Works at Sioux Falls Lawn and Garden Show, March 16-18!

Ground Works will partner with the Sioux Falls Lawn and Garden Show held at the Sioux Falls arena on March 16-18. Cost to attend is \$6 and hours are: Friday March 16 12- 8pm, Saturday March 17 10am-7pm, and Sunday 11am-5pm.

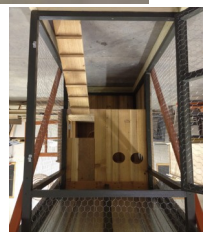
Almost 12,000 people attended last year's event and this show promises great landscaping and garden ideas, nature seminars, and the 5th Annual Nature Photo Contest.

Ground Works will be in attendance with worm compost bins and projects for the kids as well as 2 items from the upcoming fundraising auction to be held March 22.

Sioux Falls Sustainability Office has donated a rainbarrel and Confluence Landscaping has built a chicken coop from scrap lumber. Both items will be open for bidding on Friday the 16th at the Sioux Falls Lawn and Garden Show.



Confluence Landscaping chicken coop. One of many items to be auctioned on March 22, 2012.





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"My favorite thing was watering the plants." We could not have said it any better!

You Asked, **Ground Works** Answers

Many have asked, "What does **Ground Works** do?" **Ground Works** is a resource for school teaching garden teams.

What is a school teaching garden?

It is an outdoor classroom from which academic skills such as: science, math, social studies, English, and the arts come alive for students.

Through honing the methods of scientific inquiry and discovery, students learn to put their questions to the test and find the answers through active engagement in a teaching garden.

By working as a team they also practice effective leadership, communication, and conflict resolution abilities.

*What does **Ground Works** provide?*

Ground works brings practical expertise and resources in team building, garden management, curriculum application, coaching, and fundraising.

Ground works strives to be an effective resource in all steps of the school garden process-from beginning conversations to garden celebrations.

Ground Works encourages teams to dream big and helps each site adapt to its school and neighborhood needs.

Congratulations **Ground Works**. We Celebrate!

The last month has been a whirlwind of activity for the staff at **Ground Works**. Conversation, planning, and dreaming for the future continues, with more partners coming onboard:

Welcome to *Cole Shawd*, of **Mixed Go Green!** in Sioux Falls as our first sustaining corporate sponsor. **Mixed Go Green!** focuses on fast-casual, made-to-order salads that are green and healthy.



Thank you to the *Sioux Empire United Way* for the generous grant for **Ground Works** to impact 1,500 children in 2012. The Community Impact Grant will help with programming and start-up for 2 new gardens this spring.

Thank you to **Water Billboards**, **Mixed Go Green!**, **The Natural Foods Co-op** and **Sunshine Foods** in Lennox, for your donations for the meal at the March 22, 2012 Spring Solstice Celebration and Fundraiser. We could not have done this without you!

Ground Works remains excited to work with newest school teaching garden at Hayward Elementary. Conversations continue to take place in Lennox, SD, Worthington, MN and other Sioux Falls schools.

Watch for a full list of auction items coming this week. **Jon Michaels of Backyard Broadcasting** will have a full slate of goods and services that you will want to bid on.

GROUND WORKS' school teaching garden model exists to help students to become better students, to become good neighbors, and to bring opportunities to families and local neighborhoods.

Please consider one or more of the following **three** sponsorship options:

Sponsor a portion of one of the 40 square foot growing beds at three current sites, Lowell MST Elementary and Hayward Elementary Schools, Sioux Falls, SD, and Lennox Elementary School, Lennox, SD. This sponsorship pays the costs of growing bed maintenance, garden seeds, plants and supplies, curriculum, school year and summer garden programs. Sponsors will be recognized at each school site.

Examples:		
½ square foot		\$12.50
1 square foot		\$25.00
4 square feet		\$100.00
10 square feet		\$250.00
20 square feet (½ growing bed)		\$500.00
40 square feet (1 growing bed)		\$1,000.00

Sustaining supporters provide a monthly donation that helps pay ongoing administrative costs of **Ground Works**. For more information, please visit our website at: www.groundwrks.wordpress.com or email Tim Olsen, Executive Director: revtim@groundworks-midwest.com

Corporate sponsors underwrite **Ground Works** events, start-up costs of new teaching garden sites and staff support.

Sponsors will receive recognition letters for tax purposes, sponsor certificate, invitation to **Ground Works** events, name recognition in **Ground Works** publications and Annual Report.

