

The logo features a stylized green leaf with a stem on the left. To its right, the word "Spring" is written in a green, cursive font. Below "Spring", the words "Cottage Life" are written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. To the right of "Cottage Life", the word "SHOW" is written in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

# Spring Cottage Life SHOW

**March 28–30, 2008** INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, 6900 AIRPORT ROAD

## *Cottage Life Pays Tribute to Cottagers 'Keeping it Green'*

February 19, 2008, TORONTO, Ont.: Cottage Life will be presenting the Green Cottager Awards at this year's Spring Cottage Life Show. Celebrating cottagers and cottager groups in Canada who are making extraordinary efforts to conserve their natural environment or reduce their ecological footprint, Cottage Life will award \$5,000 to the environmental non-profit group of the recipients' choice.

This is the second year the Green Cottager Awards will honour those who are protecting cottage country for future generations. It is also the second time that the Show has featured the Green Cottage. From wildlife exhibits to composting toilets and eco-friendly cleaning products, the Green Cottage offers a wide range of products and information to help you lessen your impact on your cottage environment.

Below are some examples of the green products and services that you will find at this year's Spring Cottage Life Show:

### **Green Building**

Are you building from scratch or retrofitting your cottage? There are a variety of green building options available:

- Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve – Eco-friendly timber frames made from hemlock
- Canadian Log Home Supply – Water-based acrylic sealants and stains
- Wellington Polymer Technology – Roof shakes made from recycled tires
- Window Quilt (Muskoka) – Insulating window shades

### **Green Cleaners**

You'll find everything you'll need to keep clean and green at the cottage including shampoos, soaps, and skin-care products for your body as well as cleaning solutions for your cottage. The following companies are showcasing products that are biodegradable, all natural, and phosphate free:

- Earth to Body – Natural skin-care products
- EcoEthic – Phosphate-free cleaning products
- Haliburton Soap Factory – Biodegradable bath and body soaps and lotions

## **Green Energy**

Whether your cottage is on a remote island or two minutes from town, think about sustainable energy as an alternative to drawing power from the grid. There are solar, geothermal, and wind-power options for every cottager:

- Bullfrog Power – 100% all-natural energy
- Eden Energy Equipment – Geothermal furnaces and air exchanges
- Light Emitting Design – Highly energy-efficient lighting systems
- Solar Plus – Solar and wind power generation
- Solex Enterprises – Solar power, batteries, and propane appliances

## **Green Water and Waste**

Cottagers are quite familiar with composting, septic systems, and water filtration; these exhibitors will show cottagers how to take it a step further to ‘green’ both waste and water:

- EcoEthic – All-natural septic-system treatments and composting toilets
- Ecoflo Ontario – Peat-based septic systems
- Sancor Industries – Envirolet composting toilets
- SunMar Corporation – Composting toilets and garden composters
- Well Aware and Well Wise – Encourages private well owners to protect their wells and common groundwater supply

## **Educational Seminars include:**

- Alternative Energy
- Spectrum of Green
- Shoreline Restoration
- Septic System and Tile Bed Maintenance

- 30 -

Media Contact:

Stacie Smith

(416) 910-8112

[Stacie@CottageLife.com](mailto:Stacie@CottageLife.com)