

2014 Reel to Real Festival to feature JISC's *Nebraska Nexus*

The 2014 Reel to Real Sustainability Film Festival will feature *Nebraska Nexus: Resources, Conservation, Development and Change* on Wednesday, November 5, at Aksarben Cinema, 2110 S. 67th Street, in Aksarben Village.

Sponsored by the Green Omaha Coalition in association with Green Drinks Omaha/Lincoln, and the Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities and Aksarben Cinema, the event promises to be an evening of innovative film and lively conversation. The festivities begin with a networking hour 5:30 pm complemented by appetizers from Jimi D's.

Nebraska Nexus explores five critical resources—food, water, energy, land and materials—and their interconnectivity in the face of global flux. Produced by JISC, this film is intended to spark consciousness-raising dialogue on how best to develop and conserve our state's natural resources.

Dale Gubbels, Chairman & CEO Firstar Fiber, President Nebraska League of Conservation Voters, Governing Board Business Ethics Alliance, will moderate a panel discussion following the film screening. Panelists include State Sen. Rick Kolowski (District 31); Jay Leichter, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communications Studies at Creighton University; Don Nelson, publisher of *Prairie Fire* newspaper;



and Katie Torpy Carroll, Office & Program Director, Joslyn Institute.

Registration opens at 5 pm, followed by a catered social hour at 5:30 pm. The 1.25-hour film will begin at 6:30, followed by the panel

discussion at 7:45.

Tickets are \$12. Seating is limited. Reserve your spot today—**RSVP online!** GOC members will be admitted free. Memberships start at just \$15. [Join here.](#)

Nebraska Wind and Solar Conference slated for Oct. 29–30

The seventh annual Nebraska Wind and Solar Conference and Exhibition is scheduled to be held Wednesday, October 29, and Thursday, October 30, at the LaVista Conference Center in LaVista.

Since 2008, volunteers from farmer and rancher organizations, state agencies, public power utilities and higher education professionals have shaped this educational networking conference and exhibition to advance the wind and solar industry of Nebraska. The conference includes top quality speakers and timely presentations. Preregistration is encouraged.

[Click here](#) to register and find more information. Tom Steenson is the contact person: phone 402.346.3950 or [email](#) him.



Understanding Climate Change: Implications for Nebraska now online

Globally, we face significant economic, social, and environmental risks as we confront the challenges associated with climate change. The magnitude and rapidity of the projected changes in climate are unprecedented, and their implications for the health of our planet and the legacy we will leave to future generations are of vital concern. We need to develop strategies now to adapt to the changes, and this process must begin at the local level.

Understanding and Assessing Climate Change: Implications for Nebraska documents many of the key challenges that Nebraska will face as a result of climate change. Commentaries from experts on Nebraska's water resources, energy supply and use, agriculture, forests, health, ecosystems, urban systems and rural communities, and infrastructure and vulnerabilities raise serious concerns about the impacts of projected changes in climate, but they also provide a starting point for discussions about the actions that we can take to overcome these challenges.

[Click here](#) to read the report in PDF form.

Recycling in Nebraska to be topic of statewide meetings

All interested Nebraskans are encouraged to take part in strategic planning workshops to enhance recycling throughout the state.

Meetings will be held in North Platte, Grand Island, Norfolk, and Omaha over the next month to hear the results of the statewide recycling study that's been conducted by the Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communications, the Nebraska State Recycling Association, and the University of Nebraska.

The four free regional meetings will be forums for discussing the survey results, identifying strategies to increase and better recycling in Nebraska, and to determine next steps.

The meeting schedule is:

North Platte
1–4 pm, October 23, 2014
Harbor Lights Gatherings Center
711 North Lake Road

Grand Island
1–4 pm, October 30, 2014
Grand Island Public Library
211 North Washington Street

Norfolk
1–4 pm, November 12, 2014
Norfolk Arts Center
305 North 5th Street

Omaha
1–4 pm, November 13, 2014
Omaha Public Library – Abrahams



Branch
5111 North 90th Street

[Click here](#) to register, or contact **Hayley Sutter** for more information and questions.

Road to Zero Waste Sustainability Summit set for October 28–29

WasteCap Nebraska's 2014 Sustainability Summit will be held October 28 and 29 at the Embassy Suites in downtown Lincoln. The program will focus on the Road to Zero Waste.

Zero Waste is the 21st Century solution to rebooting our waste management system. It includes solid waste minimization, reuse, recycling, organic waste composting, hazardous waste management, pharmaceutical take-back programs and more. A Zero Waste system is the most cost-effective and equitable solution for local governments, businesses and citizens to reduce the negative impacts of unconstrained resource consumption and disposal. Zero Waste programs can

reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect groundwater and human health, and create green jobs.

The 2014 Sustainability Summit will have two tracks, one for communities and one for businesses. Keynote speaker Eric Lombardi will offer insights and inspiration from his extensive experience throughout the world with resource management and zero waste strategies. New for 2014: two pre-conference workshops and five tours of local businesses.

Attendees are encouraged to

preregister. [Click here](#) to register for the conference. For more information on the Summit, [click here.](#)

