



Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center

Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center is a non-profit organization founded in 1977 and dedicated to providing experiences that teach and promote sustainable and responsible relationships with the natural world and each other. UHEAC's major programs include renewable and efficient energy tours and outreach, an annual state-wide energy conference, an Earth Day Expo, and a wide variety of educational workshops.

Nestled in Nature, the UHEAC provides programs and activities that nurture the spirit and renew the Earth.



Chris Tarr is currently Executive Director of Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center. She has been actively involved with the Center for the past 17 years serving on the Board of Directors for about 7 years, most recently as President. She has also served extensively on the Program Committee and has designed and facilitated many ecology-related programs and workshops over the years. She holds a B.A. in Education with a minor in Math/Science and has taught in public school for over 13 years. In the past several years, she has been working diligently to expand the Center's Energy Education program and components, training docents, upgrading the Energy Tour and working with the Center's Energy Committee to coordinate an upgrade of the Center's renewable energy systems. Chris also organized the last two conferences on sustainable energy hosted by UHEAC.

John Batdorf graduated from MSU with a B.S. in Psychology with high honors. He worked as a fundraiser, retail store manager, and national sales director before founding a healthcare computer systems company in 1987. John designed the company's nationally-acclaimed physician, managed care, and mental health software and developed innovative marketing, service, and employee compensation programs. The company grew to 10 employees, 1.3 million in sales, and 30% profitability before it was sold in 2000. Since that time, John has worked as a consultant and "green" entrepreneur. John is EAC board treasurer and business manager. He was the EAC project manager for both Earth Day Expos held at Oakland University, and was the conference manager for last year's Energy Choices conference.

Lori Pinkleton is a Board Member of UHEAC and its sponsorship coordinator for its major fundraisers and events including the annual Energy Conference and Earth Day Expo. Lori has over 22 years of sales and marketing and is now focusing on sales of renewable energy technologies. She is currently a student at Oakland University with course work in Energy and the Environment.

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