

## Appalachian Sustainable Development offers Earth Day activities

Abingdon, VA, 4/19/2017 -- To honor Earth Day this year, Appalachian Sustainable Development (ASD) provides community outreach activities. These events are sure to educate, inspire and motivate while teaching about the earth and its bounty. ASD works to keep farmers on their land, teaches people where their food comes from in school and community gardens and provides fresh, local produce to those in need.

### **Abingdon Earth Day Celebration: Underwritten by Blue Ridge Beverage Company:**

**When:** April 22, 9am to 1pm

**Where:** Fields-Penn House, Abingdon, VA

ASD's Learning Landscapes program manager, Michelle Morgan will offer a FREE painting activity that will engage all ages. The newly published 2017 Local Food Guide will be available and well as informative literature.

### **Spring Garden Fair: Underwritten by Citizen's Bank**

**When:** April 30, noon to 5pm

**Where:** Exchange Place Living History Farm, Kingsport, TN

Go back in time on this 19th century farmstead with ASD's sustainable forestry staff. Learn about ASD's work with regional native botanicals, understand their medicinal qualities and learn about opportunities to sustainably plant, grow, harvest and process them. Informative literature will be offered.

### **About Appalachian Sustainable Development (ASD)**

Appalachian Sustainable Development is dedicated to its mission to transition Appalachia to a more resilient economy and a healthier population by supporting local agriculture, exploring new economic opportunities and connecting people with healthy food. Since 1995, ASD, a 501 c(3), has been serving northeast Tennessee and southwest Virginia. As ASD's work continues, it will expand its focus to include regional partnerships that build important connections to increase market access and bring necessary resources to the rural communities in its physical footprint. ASD operates programs that create jobs in farming and agriculture and address food insecurity. For more information, visit [www.asdevelop.org](http://www.asdevelop.org), Facebook or Twitter.

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