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Applying Thoreau to Life Today



Valley Stewardship Network and Thoreau College are partnering for an evening of discussion and contemplation of the life and work of Henry David Thoreau. We will begin by watching *Walden*, a short documentary film by Ken Burns, on the life and work of Thoreau and conclude by sharing and hearing stories about how to become stewards of the land.

In a society that is moving farther away from knowing where its food comes from, we are curious to discuss what it means to be “connected to the land”. Why is it that, after years of living in large cities, there are those that have a sudden urge to go “back to the land” and re-discover what it once meant to live on and for the land, instead of for oneself? When we take from the land, what effect does this have and what power do we have to restore the soil of the vital nutrients needed to keep the cycle going for future generations? Henry David Thoreau went into the woods to discover for himself the answer to some of these questions in the simplicity of nature. Now, we’d like to hear what the members of the Viroqua and wider community have discovered in their own experience.

Join us for this family friendly event at our Conservation Connections office at 110 South Main Street in Viroqua on Thursday, June 14th, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. We will think about how we might learn from Thoreau's example and apply to our situations today. For more information, please contact Bryan Heystek at 608-637-3615 or bryan@valleystewardshipnetwork.org. You can register online at <http://valleystewardshipnetwork.org/product/applying-thoreau-to-life-today/>. Registration deadline is June 13th, but feel free to also drop in.

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Valley Stewardship Network is celebrating 18 years of land and water stewardship in the Kickapoo Valley and adjacent watersheds. Best known for its water quality monitoring programs, VSN also offers outreach and education programs to help farmers, landowners, residents and visitors understand and support our local ecology for the health of our communities. More at www.valleystewardshipnetwork.org