



## HAPPY SPRING!



**NEXT.cc receives the United States Green Building Council Excellence in Green Building Education Award**

**NEXT.cc partners with United States Green Charter Schools.**

## NEXT.cc now offers 130 journeys + over 1,500 resources!

**NEXT.cc TEACHER WORKSHOPS: check out the photos on-line!**

**Muskegon Art Museum:** NEXT.cc presented a teacher workshop in conjunction with the traveling exhibit, *Good Design: Stories From Herman Miller*. Teachers created chairs from recycled materials, were introduced to green building principles and taught simple steps for greening their schools.

**Art Institute of Chicago Green Architecture Workshop:**

Teachers toured the *City of Chicago Green Roof*, designed a green roof for their school campus and created physical and digital SketchUp Models for an Earth Day Pavilion in Millennium Park.

**Chicago Public Schools:**

Teachers created an inhabited letter for their journals, abstracted nature patterns into designed objects and transformed design exercises into larger scale ideas.

### Upcoming In Wisconsin

Tuesday March 23 **WI Charter Schools Association, Madison, WI**

Friday April 23 **UWM Visioneer Challenge, Milwaukee, WI**

### In Minnesota

October 24 **US Green Charter Schools Conference, Minneapolis, MN**



## CHECK OUT NEW FOOD JOURNEYS

TOOLS: **Food**  
LANGUAGE: **Food Culture**  
DISCOVERY: **Growing Food**  
DESIGN: **Vegetable Gardens**



### NEXT.cc ENGAGES (!)

We are excited to see the work of students from diverse schools as our on-line community grows. Student work is inevitably what we want to build as by doing so we most deeply develop individual voices for change. At each activity, click on the blinking camera icons to jump directly to gallery work showcasing each journey activity; or, visit the NEXT gallery directly from any page. A gallery submission form is found on the NEXT **gallery main page**.

## DESIGN WITH NATURE ECO WEB WORKSHOPS 2 0 0 9

April 18 The Jane Goodall Institute Roots + Shoots , NIU , Chicago, IL

April 20 WI Charter Schools, Waukesha, WI

April 25 The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

April 30 Great Lakes Constructivist Consortium, MKE , WI

August 11-12 Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

August 25 Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee, WI

October 5 Muskegon Art Museum, Muskegon, MI

October 15 NAAEE w/Earth Day, Kansas

November 3 Niles Township School District, Niles, IL

November 6 Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, IL

Information on upcoming workshops email [www.NEXT.cc@gmail.com](mailto:www.NEXT.cc@gmail.com)

## NEXT.CC INTERVIEWED ON THE THIRD TEACHER

### WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT NEXT.CC

“I looked over your work on NEXT and I offer my congratulations on a great project.”

**Bruce MAU, DESIGN WITHOUT BOUNDARIES**

“I just wanted to let you know that after 2 or 3 years of being on your list of pilot teachers, I am finally using the site in my classroom. My kids LOVE it. They are 12-14 yrs. old and are finding so many great journeys to go on. We are using it as a way to teach independent projects in a more guided way before they leap off in designing their own journeys. I have never seen a group of 7th and 8th grade students so engaged for an hour working independently on their computers... wow. “

**Victoria Rydberg, River Crossing 7-8,  
Wisconsin Green Charter School Teacher of the year 2009**

“www.Next.cc is a brilliant concept encouraging students to be active in their communities. It introduces environmental issues and inspires design and education as ethical practices.”

**Sean Miller, Director of Education, Earth Day Network**

“I find NEXT to be a powerful, intuitive and disarmingly engaging learning platform for students. We have deployed NEXT at SUPAR, and it has been a great vehicle for supporting student directed exploration and discovery.”

**Dr. Kirk E. Harris, Faculty, UWM SARUP  
& Founder, School for Urban Planning and Architecture**

*Like a child, I was excited as I learned so many things in your workshop for using NEXT.*

**Arie Marguerite, 3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> grade art teacher**

*“Your presentation was great and the NEXT web site is fabulous. What a great gift to the rest of us. Thank you! “*

**Richard D. O'Connor Ph.D., Executive Director, Oregon Building Congress**

**MAY YOUR JOURNEY BE FULFILLING!**

