

LP's first-ever Eco Fair a success

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According to event organizer Sunny Rozakis, Lake Placid's first-ever Eco Fair, held at the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort, was a resounding success, attracting about 200 people.

"The people that are coming," she said, "are all green people. It boggles my mind. They're all coming out of the woodwork."

The Eco Fair, held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 31, featured 12 vendors who were not only peddling their wares, but handing out free information and educating attendees about going green as well. The table Rozakis manned displayed the different types of plastic, identified which contain known carcinogens and how to recycle or safely dispose of each type. She also showed off creative re-uses for plastic shopping bags.

The Nature Conservancy, the Wild Center and the U.S. Postal Service were among the other representatives. Some people, Rozakis said, traveled from Potsdam and Canton to take part.

"It really shows how much people care," she said.

Rozakis, also a program specialist for the Golden Arrow, said she had envisioned an event that would bring together everyone she could find that did "eco stuff." In January, the resort was awarded four-leaf-status by the Audubon Society for its commitment to sustainable practices.

Since this year's fair was well-attended, Rozakis said she would like to do it again next year and even has hopes of organizing an eco-chic fashion show in the future.

"It gets people interested in doing it themselves, and that's the point," she said. "This is the place people should come to be green. We are in the Adirondacks."



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Above, Eco Fair organizer Sunny Rozakis shows off a durable, crocheted handbag made entirely of plastic bags. Demonstrating to attendees how they can reuse and recycle plastics and other waste materials was a theme of the day.