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**Awww..Remembering The Day We Were Born... INDIGO's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Party!**

Birth is hard work, just ask any mother. And so it goes, we should celebrate together the effort it takes to create something special. And so it also goes, since we think that you are something special to have helped us stick around for one more year we are throwing another party...for ourselves (and you too!) Please come check out the local businesses, non-profits, workshops, local food vendors and music on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm at INDIGO. Fun WILL be had.

**Sale! Bamboo Flooring Sales for EcoTimber and Boya**

Not all bamboo flooring is made equally or for that matter, grown that way. The Moso bamboo which grows mostly in SE Asia is used by both Boya and EcoTimber from bamboo plantations- not wild habitats. Mature stalks (harvested at 5 years, not 3), formaldehyde-free or strict European E1 air quality standards for adhesives, precise milling, stable moisture content for even Florida climates, and high tech aluminum oxide urethane finishes are what make these bamboo floors both green and superior products. Also voted one of the top ten green Earth Day products of 2009, check out EcoTimber's exotics on GreenBuildingPages' Sustainability review [here](#).

**EcoTimber:** Bamboo Flooring Sale: Starts May 6<sup>th</sup> Solid Horizontal and Vertical: \$4.79/sq ft. with a coupon available at [www.ecotimber.com](http://www.ecotimber.com)

**Boya:** Engineered Vertical Click-Lock Floating: \$4.58/sq Ft Engineered Vertical Click-Lock Floating: \$4.42/sq Ft

Solid Vertical: \$3.76/sq Ft -Solid Horizontal: \$3.59/sq Ft Solid Woven: \$5.08/sq Ft

**CUSTOMER SPOTLIGHT!**



It's called "The Geneva" and is located at 775 SW 134th Way in the Town Of Tioga. Although our meager words can hardly do it justice here, the beautiful home was showcased in this year's BANCF Parade of Homes and featured EcoTimber honey woven bamboo floors and Ecofinishes 100% recycled carpet from INDIGO. Priced at a modest \$1,168,860, the 5,232 sq. ft. of conditioned space 6 BR / 7 Bath + home is an amazing example of the Dibros Corporation's style and craftsmanship. The Energy Star rated home features a full apartment suite over detached 3 car garage, covered pool/spa, a central vacuum system, adjoining walking promenades, gourmet kitchen features, spacious media/home theatre room, built-in stainless steel appliances, Eco-Timber woven bamboo wood & slate flooring, cased out windows and dual flush Kohler toilets. The home also has three separate minimum 15 SEER A/C units with zone system, and Icynene insulation. Wow. Dibros Corp's president Luis Diaz has this to say about his work: "I try to be different. I resist being labeled," which doesn't mean he builds only contemporary designs. He has an appreciation for both modern and traditional home design and has built both. But no matter what style of home he happens to be building, he works to bring in unusual elements. "I like to play with interiors and find ways to add more light, to give the home something that makes it out-of-the-ordinary." We are proud to have added what we could to this truly stunning home. Thanks Dibros Corporation!

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## Product Spotlight

### Custom Concrete Countertops By Casting Impressions



If you haven't been in our showroom in a while (shame on you) and haven't had a chance to see some of the stunning examples of Casting Impressions' work you are missing out on something special. Coming from both an artistic and an engineering perspective, they are both beautiful and structurally sound. Very durable, using up to 85% of locally-sourced recycled content and with a variety of sealers available it is one of the most versatile and unique, seamless countertop options available. Starting at an installed price of \$75/sq ft Casting Impressions can also cast that old shell or bottle collection into the mix and make flooring, fireplace surrounds, mantles or even tables and chairs. As the artist himself Mr. James Catabia says, "if we can make a form for it, we can cast it". Check out his website [here](#) for answers to FAQ's on concrete and to see some of his work or (ahem) come by INDIGO to see the work firsthand.

#### NEWS

**Local:** The Florida Wildlife Federation is proud to announce the Kid's Wildlife Habitat Program! Every 6 months we will award a prize of a gardening book to the Floridian under 12 years old with the best wildlife habitat. The habitat will also be featured on our website and in our newsletter!

It's easy to enter! [Click here to find out more...](#)

**State: Overtaxing the St. Johns.** At least nine Space Coast public drinking wells grow saltier every year at "critical" rates, regional water planners say. [Melbourne Florida Today](#), Florida.  
<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20090407/NEWS01/904070337/1006>

**State: Toxic dolphins worry environmentalists.** Miami's iconic wild dolphins, especially those who live near downtown Miami, are chock full of toxins especially Brominated Fire Retardants, a new government study finds. Scientists worry about their long-term survival, and also what the polluted water of Biscayne Bay may do to humans. [Fort Myers WBBH TV](#), Florida.  
<http://www.nbc-2.com/articles/readarticle.asp?articleid=28025&z=3>

**National: Tainted drywall from China is driving owners from their homes.** A toxic substance is suspected of causing corrosion, health problems, and foul odors, bringing lawsuits and calls for government action. [Christian Science Monitor](#)  
<http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/0404/p99s01-usqn.html>

**National: Leaks, wasteful toilets cause cascading water loss.** The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that more than 1.25 trillion gallons of water — equivalent to the annual water use of Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami combined — leak from U.S. homes each year. Locally, there are energy auditing services such as [Drops and Watts](#) and non-profits such as the [Community Weatherization Coalition](#) that can help you identify unintended water losses. [USA Today](#)  
[http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/2009-04-05-water-toilets\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/2009-04-05-water-toilets_N.htm)

Wondering what to do with all your old furniture but don't want to hold a yard sale? Post it!  
<http://www.alachuaexchange.com/>

Need some bamboo? This guy in Miami does it all from fencing to trellis to posts.  
<http://www.bamboobarry.com/>

**Greenbird Wind Powered Vehicle Breaks World Record** <http://www.inhabitat.com/2009/03/31/greenbird-wind-powered-vehicle-breaks-world-record/>

Snack On This- To see the Five Snacks to Avoid, [Click Here](#). To find better snack options, [Click Here](#).

Testing for Toxicity Now More Ethical? [EPA Moving Away from Animal Testing to Assess Chemical Toxicity Risk](#)

Ways To Spring Clean With Zero Waste [http://planetgreen.discovery.com/home-garden/spring-clean-waste.html?dcic=daily\\_nl](http://planetgreen.discovery.com/home-garden/spring-clean-waste.html?dcic=daily_nl)

Sustainable UF <http://www.sustainable.ufl.edu/>

May is Officially "Hang Out Your Laundry Month" in Alachua County. Props ECSC!  
<http://www.alachuacounty.us/documents/boccalendas/2009-04-28/d229954f-7b85-4b9d-afbf-0498ee48fd2c.pdf>

And now a word from our NEWSLETTER sponsors:

**DON'T TOSS IT!  
POST IT ON  
ALACHUA EXCHANGE.COM!**

Wondering what to do with all your furniture and household items when you leave for the summer? Give your old stuff a new home through [AlachuaExchange.com](#). It's free and easy to use!

**Alachua County Office of Waste Alternatives  
352.374.5213**

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PRESENTS  
**ORGANIC SQUARE FOOT GARDENING**  
WITH RYAN BROUILLARD, ABUNDANT EDIBLE LANDSCAPES

Square foot gardening, as set forth by Mel Bartholomew, is a great way for beginning and seasoned gardeners alike to get their green thumbs moving in the springtime dirt. Square foot gardens, planted in a 4x4 foot grid, require 80% less space than conventional gardening, use less water, produce five times more than conventional gardens, and make a great family project.

Square foot garden kits will be made out of Accoya® wood products. The class includes the kits for you to take home! There will be an \$85.00 FEE THAT MUST BE PAID BY APRIL 30TH in order to attend. Please contact educationdept@indigogreenstore.com to sign up.

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**Saturday, May 30, 2009**  
**10am - 12pm at INDIGO**  
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INDIGO: Locally owned & operated. Locally committed. Locally sourced. Locally grown. For 100% Green. You're invited.

**Organic Square Foot Gardening**

**Saturday, May 30th from 10AM-12PM AT INDIGO 322 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville 378.2285**

**Cost: Free to Audit**

Join Ryan Brouillard of Abundant Edible Landscapes as we make square foot gardens as set forth by Mel Bartholomew. A great way for beginning and seasoned gardeners alike to get their green thumbs moving in the springtime dirt. Square foot gardens planted in a 4x4 foot grid, require 80% less space than conventional gardening, use less water, produce five times more and make a great family project. We will make our boxes out of Accoya wood which uses a non-toxic vinegar based treatment to preserve the FSC-certified wood. Unfortunately, we had to order this wood before April 30th and so no more boxes are available for this class which you are welcome to attend free of charge, but you will not be able to take a kit home with you. See [www.accoya.com](http://www.accoya.com) to learn more about the wood we have chosen to use

RSVP to: [educationdept@indigogreenstore.com](mailto:educationdept@indigogreenstore.com) to attend this workshop.



**INDIGO's 2nd Annual Anniversary Party**

**Saturday, June 6th 12-4pm**

**INDIGO 322 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville 378.2285**

**Cost: FREE!**

It goes without saying that a business cannot survive without patrons, but an entire movement cannot survive without passion. To thank you for helping keep this movement of sustainability alive in our unique community we're inviting you to help celebrate INDIGO's 2nd birthday with us. Like last year, there will be tabling by local businesses, municipalities and non-profits, food from nearby restaurants, live music, kid's activities, and workshops on sustainable living.

**Green Tip:**

Save your receipts: Federal Tax Credits for energy efficiency.

Federal tax credits for energy efficiency put into service between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010 are now available for many products either available through INDIGO or through local businesses [here](#) including Energy Star roofs, solar energy systems, water heaters, and insulation. Most products are covered for 30% of the cost up to \$1,500 and cover the material and sometimes the labor but check our website here for details and here for updates to the tax credits: [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr\\_tax\\_credits#s1](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr_tax_credits#s1).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS BELOW



### Recycled Latex Paint Giveaway Saturday, May 2nd from 8AM-12PM Leveda Brown Environmental Park, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Gainesville

The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department is holding the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycled Latex Paint Giveaway until all paint is given (no later than noon) at the Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center, located at the Leveda Brown Environmental Park, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Gainesville (2 miles north of 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, off Waldo Road). The event will distribute 3,600 gallons of 75% post consumer recycled latex paint to community organizations, civic groups and people with special needs, free of charge. The paint is used for homes and businesses that cannot afford the cost of new paint. The recycled paint is given away on a first-come, first-served basis and will be available in 5 gallon pails with six colors to choose from: off white, beige, gray, terra cotta, green and blue. There is a 10 gallon limit per resident. For more information, please call the Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center at 352-334-0440.

**Alternative Futures:** Community Conversations will be held at the following locations:

Monday May 11, 2009 : Irby Elementary School 13505 NW 140th St, Alachua 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday May 18, 2009: Gainesville High School 1900 NW 13th St, Gainesville 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Gainesville Green Drinks First Wednesday of Each Month 6-8pm Ti Amo, 12 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Gainesville 378.6307

**Gainesville Green Drinks** will provide a meeting place for those interested in or involved with environmental issues to learn about one another's programs and how they might work together. Come share news about your green project, or something like you'd like to see here in the Greater Gainesville area. The meeting is open to anyone interested in environmental issues – bring your friends! We'll continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month at **Ti Amo**, 6 – 8 p.m. **PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!** Contact: [trishriley@gmail.com](mailto:trishriley@gmail.com) or [jstelethg@comcast.net](mailto:jstelethg@comcast.net) or see [www.gogreenalternatives.com](http://www.gogreenalternatives.com)

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Are you a local business that would like to sponsor a class? Send us an e-mail if you are interested to: [educationdept@indigogreenstore.com](mailto:educationdept@indigogreenstore.com) Would you like to put your banner on our website? Send another e-mail here for pricing info: [purchasing@indigogreenstore.com](mailto:purchasing@indigogreenstore.com)

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