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## Green Certification Newsletter - August 2021

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**Welcome ArtLink**  
*Latest Organization to Become Certified*

The Green Certification Program held a green ribbon cutting on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate ArtLink joining the Program. ArtLink is the 138<sup>th</sup> organization to become Green Certified.

ArtLink is a local nonprofit that works to unite the community by igniting passion and inspiring creativity. The studio is located on Strawberry Alley and offers a wide range of workshops, such as candle making, macramé and painting, as well as classes, like mom-and tot time and dance fitness. In addition to inspiring the community, ArtLink also promotes reusing materials rather than throwing them away. It was this dedication to reuse and recycling that qualified ArtLink for certification. Reused materials include magazines, metals, cardboard, egg cartons, plates and more. Any object can be transformed.

Stephanie Belanger, ArtLink Board President, said “We are so excited to have our certification and continue to promote reusing materials. When visitors enter the studio, they have access to a wide variety of materials to use. Whether that is creating their own art or participating in one of the classes.” Stephanie also mentioned that in addition to reusing within ArtLink they also are willing to accept donated materials from community members.

To learn more about ArtLink visit them online at <http://artlinkclarksville.com> or stop by their studio at 116 Strawberry Alley Wednesday through Saturday.

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## **Registration Now Open for Annual Banquet**

*Banquet will be held on 9/28*

The Green Certification Annual Banquet will be held on Tuesday, September 28th from noon to 1 p.m. The event will be virtual and there will be no cost to attend. In order to receive the event link and password you must register in advance. Please register at the link below.

The Banquet will include recognition of new and recertifying organizations along with the annual awards. We encourage organizations to consider hosting a viewing party lunch for staff so they can learn more about the Program and the organizations involved.



## **Residential Solar Webinar**

*August 24th at 6:30 p.m.*

A second free solar panel educational webinar will be held for residents next week. This will be a follow-up to the residential solar panel webinar held earlier this year. The focus will be on solar economics and will be held online on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees will join presenter Jared Combs, of CDE, as he explores the economics of home solar panel arrays. Topics covered will include ownership costs, energy produced, selling power and battery storage. A short question and answer session will be held after the presentation.

There is no cost to attend the webinar, but pre-registration is required. Registration will close 30 minutes before the webinar begins. The

There are still a few sponsorships available for the Banquet. If your organization is interested in becoming an award sponsor for \$100, please [email Carlye](#).

**Register Now for the Banquet**

webinar will be recorded and will be provided to all attendees.

**Register Now for the Webinar**

## Did you know...

DriveElectric TN and Tennessee Clean Fuels have different electric vehicle (EV) owner chapters throughout the state and they're interested in starting a Clarksville chapter. Additional details will be provided in a future email but if there are any EV owners that are interested in a possible Chapter please [email Carlye](#) and she will get you added to list.



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