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Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art presents:

What: Earth Day Expo

When: April 24 – 10 am to 2 pm

Where: Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640

Cost: FREE

Information: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org



MIDLAND - Join the fun at Midland Center for the Arts on Saturday, April 24, as Earth Day celebrates its 40th anniversary. This year's theme is **"Plants: The Green Machines."** The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art, Chippewa Nature Center, Midland Volunteers for Recycling and the American Chemical Society (Midland Section) are co-hosting this FREE event, which runs from 10 am to 2 pm and is open to the public. Visitors will also have the opportunity to visit two special exhibits on display at the Museum: *WaterWorks: Soak Up the Science!* and *The Art of Water*. Regular admission fees apply for the Museum exhibits.

Lots of Earth Day activities for all ages will be available in the brick lobby at the Center including informational booths and hands-on activities like learning about edible seeds, making seed balls, and starting cuttings. Chippewa Nature Center will present their puppet show "Recipe for Soil" and Mark Torregrossa of WNEM TV5 will be there with the WNEM TV5 Weather Garden promoting organic gardening. The Midland Volunteers for Recycling truck will be accepting household recyclables – including batteries – and there will be fun fashions made of recycled materials! Earth Day Expo is a part of Family Discovery Days, sponsored by Arbury Insurance, Inc.

The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art (ABDM) celebrates discovery, creativity and individual expression through art, science and the interplay between them. Exhibitions in the Museum, classes at the Museum School, multiple outreach programs, a permanent collection and various special events are all components in the ABDM programming.

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