



A PLACE TO

- TALK ● LEARN
- INSPIRE ● CHANGE

Sustainability Salons

Mondays, 5:30-7pm, Rogues Harbor, Lansing



Join your neighbors in a community discussion of sustainability at a “conversation café” near you. Come to a hosted salon to join a conversation on what we can do as a community to promote sustainable economic, environmental, and social well-being on a personal and regional scale.

You bring the ideas, we provide the place and time to gather. The six-week series of Sustainability Salons, held in coffee-houses and restaurants around Tompkins County, will be starting the week of March 29.

Sustainability Salon Process:

Assemble up to 8 people plus host, hearty topic, “talking object,” and time (60-90 min.). Host explains process and agreements.

Round 1: Pass around the talking object; each person speaks briefly to the topic, no feedback or response.

Round 2: Again with talking object, each person deepens their own comments or speaks to what has meaning now.

Dialogue: Open, spirited conversation. Use talking object if there is domination, contention, or lack of focus.

Final Round: With talking object, each person says briefly what was meaningful to them.

(process and agreements borrowed from www.conversationcafe.org)

Sustainability Salon agreements for great conversations:

- suspend judgement as best you can
- listen... with respect
- seek to understand rather than persuade
- invite and honor diversity of opinion
- speak what has personal heart and meaning
- go for honesty and depth--without going on and on