

# U.S. Composting Council Press Release:

## Winner of ICAW Poster Contest Announced International Compost Awareness Week May 7-12, 2012

**(Ronkonkoma, New York – January 12, 2012)** - A graphic designer from Iowa has been recognized by the US Composting Council (USCC) as the International Compost Awareness Week poster contest winner! This year contestants were challenged to visually portray the theme, "*Compost! ...Replenishing the Earth for Generations*". Emily Bibler from Chamness Technology, Inc. was selected as the grand prize winner of the 2012 ICAW poster contest.

"Emily's poster truly captured the spirit of composting and of Replenishing the Earth!" said Jeff Ziegenbein, ICAW Chair. Emily wins a prize of \$500 for her entry and her art will be incorporated into the official ICAW 2012 poster. All members of the USCC will receive a complimentary poster. Others may order a poster online for \$5 per copy. Bulk copies are also available.

"This year's poster contest was truly international with each division winner representing a different country. It is exciting to see participation from India to Canada to Mexico in addition to the United States." said Frank Franciosi, President of the US Composting Council. Emily stated that she was inspired by Grant Hill's landscapes and Mexican *amate* paintings and wanted to show the vastly different activities that utilize compost.

The U.S. Composting Council invites everyone to join in celebrating ICAW, May 7-12, 2012. This year activities span the globe with celebrations planned across the United States, Canada, the UK, Europe, Australia and Ireland -- composting advocates will be encouraging everyone to Compost!

ICAW focuses on building awareness of composting and its environmental benefits. . Innovative programs have improved community sustainability and promoted the use of renewable resources in landscaping, horticulture and agriculture. Together, we have put a face on composting.

ICAW is a fun and educational week of events that offer an opportunity to learn more about the many benefits of composting while enjoying other fun activities.. To find out what's going on in your area and for a list of resources to plan YOUR event visit [www.compostingcouncil.org](http://www.compostingcouncil.org).

**ICAW 2011 US sponsors include: The Coca Cola Company, BASF, Chick fil-A, Genpak, The City of San Jose, Pepsico, Ingeo by NatureWorks, Composting News, Reotemp Instruments, MeadWestvaco, Filtrexx, BioCycle, Garick Corp., EcoSafe 6400, Waste Handling & Equipment News, Waste Management, Resource Recycling, BioBag, MSW Management, WeCare Organics, US EPA Resource Conservation Challenge, and A-1 Organics.**

*ICAW - International Compost Awareness Week (est. 1995) is the world's largest environmental education event for composting. ICAW is a multi-media publicity and education initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use. In our 17th year, International Compost Awareness Week has grown in both strength and numbers through its*

sponsors and compost advocates. ICAW serves the important role of bringing the Compost! message to the attention of the public, businesses and other groups. Communities and government agencies, as well as members of the composting industry, utilize the week to promote their specific Compost! messages and programs.

The US Composting Council is a national non-profit organization dedicated to the development and expansion of the composting industry in the U.S. The USCC also directs the Composting Council Research and Education Foundation (CCREF), a charitable foundation, which administers public and private research and education initiatives. For more information about the composting industry and membership in the USCC, visit [www.compostingcouncil.org](http://www.compostingcouncil.org)

International Compost Awareness Week Organizers:

US Composting Council - [www.compostingcouncil.org](http://www.compostingcouncil.org)

Composting Council of Canada - [www.compost.org](http://www.compost.org)

Ireland Composting Association - [www.cre.ie/](http://www.cre.ie/)

Australia-Centre for Organic & Resource Enterprises -[corebusinessnet.com](http://corebusinessnet.com)

European Compost Network - [www.compostnetwork.info](http://www.compostnetwork.info)

Association for Organics Recycling (UK) - <http://www.organics-recycling.org.uk/>

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