



# The Campus Green

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Rider University 's sustainable newsletter!

## Eco Experience

Looking for a fun weekend activity? The Mercer County Park Commission is hosting an art exhibit called *Second Life*. *Second Life* by Spruha Gupta is a exhibit that displays conversations of color and texture expressed through repurposed objects. This exhibit will be on display at the Tulpehaking Nature Center until April 29. 10 a.m.-4p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and from noon to 4p.m. on Sundays.



Looking to have some family fun? Or maybe are you looking for fresh, delicious fruits, vegetables, and sweets? Look no further than Terhune Orchards, located at 330 Cold Soil Road in Princeton, NJ. Terhune Orchards grows a wide variety of plants, ranging from apples and cherries to potatoes and blueberries, all the way to rhubarb and carrots! Not only does Terhune Orchards have a wide variety of crops, they also grow and harvest their crops with very sustainable practices, including drip irrigation, crop rotation, solar panels, and growing many crops organically. Terhune is not only a great place, but it's a green place too, ensuring that their practices don't harm the environment while being able to create a fun, family-friendly atmosphere.

## DIY: Terrarium



### Materials:

- Succulent plants
- Pebbles
- Pantyhose
- Potting soil
- Glass jar with opening

**Step 1:** Wash & add layer of pebbles to glass jar

**Step 2:** Lay pantyhose over the pebbles to keep soil from settling under pebbles

**Step 3:** Add a few inches of soil to jar

**Step 4:** Plant succulents, make sure terrarium gets 4-5 hours of sunlight a day and water every 2-3 weeks.



## Upcoming Events!

- ⇒ **Trivia Night!**- Wednesday 2/28 @8pm in Rider Pub
- ⇒ **Bra and Clothing Collection**- Thursday 3/8 @11:30am—1pm at Daly's
- ⇒ **Green Film Presentation— A Plastic Ocean** Tuesday 3/20 and Wednesday 3/21 @ 7:00 pm, SWG 115
- ⇒ **Marsh Cleanup**- Saturday 3/24 from 9am-12pm (RSVP to [broncsgogreen@rider.edu](mailto:broncsgogreen@rider.edu) by 3/8)

## Recipe: No Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Bars



### Ingredients:

- Peanut Butter Layer:**
- 1 cup peanut butter
  - 1/4 cup tbs maple syrup
  - 1/2 cup coconut flour
- Chocolate topping:**
- 1 cup vegan chocolate chips
  - 1/2 cup peanut butter

### How to make it:

- 1.) Line baking pan with parchment
- 2.) Mix ingredients for peanut butter layer in a bowl until thickened
- 3.) Transfer to baking pan and smooth into even layer
- 4.) Add chocolate topping ingredients into bowl and microwave until melted. Add on top of peanut butter layer in baking pan.
- 5.) Place pan in freezer for 45-60 minutes or until hardened



## Spotlight: Dr. Jerry Rife

Dr. Rife has taught Fine Arts Music classes at Rider University for 33 years, including film music history, theory, and ensembles. He was the Fine arts chair for 9 years, and is in charge of the Arts Abroad program, in which students travel the world and get experiential learning.

### From your perspective, how has the concept of sustainability at Rider changed over the years?

I would say that sustainability has increased a great deal over the years. New building projects have included the greatest in new green technology, which is very exciting and important to me. I have also seen a large increase in student activism, leading to these changes, and are having a positive effect on the environment.

### How do you blend your interest in sustainability with your interest in Music History?

History teaches us so many things. For instance we now know the cause of why Beethoven went deaf and was mentally incapacitated in the later years of his life. Studies on his hair found trace amounts of lead, concluding that his mental health deteriorated largely because of lead pipe contamination in the water he was drinking. While not this extreme, we face clean water contamination issues all the time, and this is one lesson we can learn from about necessary clean water really is.

I recently heard that you got solar panels installed on your house, how are those working out? What made you want to get them?

I am excited going into the spring with the hope of going fully solar. I recently got them installed, however my solar panels have not been activated yet, but I am definitely looking forward to seeing them in action. My wife and I both have hybrid cars, so getting solar panels just makes sense. Not only is it environmentally friendly, but it will reduce our electricity bill and give the leftover electricity back to the power grid. Natural, solar, renewable energy. It is just so simple and easy to understand, its a no brainer.

### Is there something we are not already doing that you want to see happen here at Rider to reduce our environmental impact?

I'm in favor of anything that helps the environment, but there are a few things that I would like to see done. I think there should be window treatments around campus. In the winter, it gets so cold, that the furnaces pump the buildings full of hot air all day. If treatments were added, less cold air would get in, reducing the need for all that hot air. This would lead to a more efficient HVAC system. I like what the school did with the Bathroom upgrades in North hall, and would love to see those same designs all around the campus. I would also like to see more trees on campus. I see the university has added more over the past few years, but you can never have too many trees. I weed the gardens, would also love to see a full outdoor garden, maybe plants that come up annually, and just see more natural beautification of the campus.



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