Celebrate Sustainably Workshop
~ Nov. 12th 2012 ~

Gifting Ideas:

❖ Encourage gift exchanges that lessen the focus on the gifts and more on the giver and receiver relationship: draw names, exchange gender/age specific gifts, set a price limit, use a theme: (Goodwill, color green, fair trade); draw numbers to see who picks first and allow bartering to create an interesting “being together” dynamic.

❖ Attend classes or workshops to make gifts, such as cards, crafts, etc.

❖ Have a book exchange – each participant brings in a wrapped book they are done reading and ‘exchange’ it with others for new books.

❖ Grandparents - give memorabilia or family heirlooms to the kids and grandkids, perhaps with a short story included. Even if the grandkids don’t like it now, they will treasure it later 😊

❖ Buy a cow! Purchase animals and other forms of support for areas in need in honor of someone (ie www.heifer.org).

❖ Shop locally to support our communities; shop fair trade when possible.

❖ Give people the gift of time, one of the most precious gifts we can give. Consider gifting services such as babysitting, cleaning, or computer help.

❖ If you are purchasing items, make sure they are well made so that they will last a long time. Also, consider giving handmade items and/or practical green items, such as reusable cleaning clothes.