

PROJECT LIST

Discussion Starters & Things-to-Do

Here are some questions that you might ask if you are having a hard time getting the conversation started:

- ◆ *What would the world look like if every household had a dryer?*
- ◆ *Should we have a “right” to dry?*
- ◆ *What local rules in community associations and municipalities affect “green” behavior and how can we change them? How can we change people’s attitudes to overcome objections?*
- ◆ *What are the common barriers to line-drying?*
- ◆ *What are the common barriers and objections to cold-water washing?*
- ◆ *What are some other ways that we can save money and energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that relate to clothing and fashion?*
- ◆ *What is your favorite image of a clothesline?*
- ◆ *Why is no wooden clothespin made in the USA?*



Bright Sun after Heavy Snow

The shadow of smoke rising from the chimney moves abruptly over the yard.
The clothesline rises in the wind. One wooden pin is left, solitary as a finger; it, too, rises and falls.

a stanza from Jane Kenyon, *The Boat of Quiet Hours* © Graywolf Press, 1986

Play music and sing songs that mention laundry. Play the washboard.

Read poetry and essays, books, or stories in advance and discuss them at the meeting.

Discuss clotheslines and washing images in art history and current works. Organize a clothesline art show or a design competition for the best clothesline contraction.

Organize a performance of Margaret Langston’s award-winning play, *Out to Dry*.

Play with clothespins. Discuss inventions.



Project Laundry List provides links to laundry-related music, writings, history, and visual art on its website at:

www.laundrylist.org