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Art History & Crafts with the Zuccaire Gallery
Is this A Sculpture?
Wheatfield - A Confrontation: Battery Park Landfill, Downtown Manhattan (Next to Wall Street)
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Who Is She?

- Born May 31st in Budapest Hungary
- Family Moved to Sweden
- In the 1960’s Agnes commits herself to the task of trying to understand, systemize & visualize all human knowledge.


Visual Philosophy 1968
Isometric Systems in Isotropic Space: Map Projections - The Hot Dog
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Model for Teardrop - Monument to Being Earthbound
Commissioned by The Shed, New York ©1984-2019 Agnes Denes
Post Modern Artist in a Post-Modern World

- Land Art
- Earth Art
- Environmental Art

The Art Scene in the 1960s was heavily male dominated. Very Classist, Racist and Sexist.

Tree Mountain - A Living Time Capsule-11,000 Trees, 11,000 People, 400 Years, 1992-96, (420 x 270 x 28 meters) Ylojarvi, Finland
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A Gift to the Future: Tree Mountain by Agnes Denes
IN THE WORKS | THE SHED

https://youtu.be/nmVFGwNeWcc
Rice/Tree/Burial was first realized in 1968 in Sullivan County, New York, in a private ritual. It was a symbolic "event" and announced my commitment to environmental issues and human concerns. It was also the first exercise in Eco-Logic—½ an act in eco-philosophy. I coined the words to be used this way emphasizing the importance of eco-logical thinking. This work is considered the first ecological realization in public art.
A Forest For New York

What is the Nature of time?
What is the nature of growth and decay?
Where are the connections?

Mathematic is the engine maybe the soul of her art practice.

It is a true eternal form of communication.

A FOREST FOR NEW YORK - A PEACE PARK FOR MIND AND SOUL
A Project for the Edgemere Landfill, Queens, New York © 2014 Agnes Denes
● **Personal carbon footprint**: the total amount of greenhouse gases (including carbon dioxide and methane) that are generated by our actions.

● The average carbon footprint per person in the United States is estimated to be **16 tons** per year.
  ○ 1 ton = 2000 lbs

● According to a 2017 report done by the Carbon Majors Database in partner with the Climate Accountability Institute, identified 100 energy companies that are responsible for contributing **71% of all industrial emissions**.

● The top 15 U.S. food and beverage companies generate nearly **630 million metric tons** of greenhouse gases per year (Ceres, 2019).
  ○ 1 metric ton = 2205 lbs
- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets**: a goal to reduce emissions by a specific amount by a predetermined date.

- **Net Zero Projections**: a goal to balance the amount of greenhouse gas emissions released by an equal amount being taken out of the atmosphere.

Source: Natural Resources Defense Center (NRDC)
What Can We Do?

- Vote!
- Stay updated on current events
- Sign Petitions
- Volunteer
- Try to reduce before recycling or reusing

Sources:
https://engagethechain.org/top-us-food-and-beverage-companies-scope-3-emissions-disclosure-and-reductions
Craft: Repurposed Tote and Leaf Patch

Materials (Tote Bag):
- Old T-shirt
- Scissors

Materials (Felt Patch):
- 2-3 Pieces of Felt Fabric
- Embroidery or Sewing Needle
- Embroidery Floss or Single Cotton Thread (~1-2 yards)
- Scissors
- Ballpoint Pen or Marker
- Patience!!!

Step By Step Instructions: https://happiestcamper.com/how-to-make-a-no-sew-t-shirt-bag/