



Inland Chapter -Northwest

Eco-building Guild

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ANNUAL MEMBERS' RETREAT

October 20-22, 2006

Register Online Now @ www.ecobuilding.org

Mark your calendars now! Save the Date!

This year's Retreat is going to be Great!

Join us at Pilgrim Firs Conference Center outside Port Orchard, Washington for a weekend full of fun, learning, and camaraderie! We've put together a great program.

This year's topics focus is Healthy Homes and Healthy Planet. Paula Baker-Laporte is our Saturday Keynote speaker. Paula has dedicated her Santa Fe-based architectural practice to the design of environmentally sound and health enhancing home design. David Johnston, president of What's Working, an international design and consulting firm specializing in environmental Construction technology, will give our Sunday Keynote presentation. Others to speak: Mike Broilli of Living Systems Design, Steve Loken of Loken Builders in Montana, and Tom Bender, architect and author.

All the details are online at the Guild site.

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Events:

July 15th Green building tour. We had a nice tour of Tom Bristol's RASTRA home in Lower Crossing, Spokane, and Don Stephen's Rice Hull Studio, Spokane. This was a great opportunity to see these techniques in person. For those who missed the tour, we are in the process of posting pictures on our Chapter site.

http://www.ecobuilding.org/chapters/inland_northwest/pasttours/

Don has more information and pictures of the Rice Hull Studio at this site:

<http://www.greenershelter.com/index.php?=6>

August 2006

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August 19 -Green tour

Warner House Athol ID,
Small 100W PV installation.

9 AM to 1 PM

RSVP Deborah 208-683-1649

Click on the link below for more details.

http://www.ecobuilding.org/chapters/inland_northwest/events/?event_id=73

Networking Events

August 19 –Glass on the Grass

This annual event is being held for the first time on the Gonzaga Campus Jundt Museum Lawn and has added promoting GREEN alternatives. We will have our booth there and need help. Please contact Don Stephens, 838-8222 or email dsteph@sisna.com



The Eco-Building guild is designed to bring sustainable building professionals and sustainable interested persons together to network and educate the general public on green building and promote the sustainable ideas centered on building & development.

Other Events Of Interest

The Land's Council would like you to know that the Bush Administration has announce a series of public hearings or "listening sessions" on what it calls Cooperative Conservation. According to the website, www.cooperativeconservation.gov, "cooperative conservation describes the efforts of landowners, communities, conservation groups, industry, and governmental agencies who join together to conserve our environment." The first public meeting is here in Spokane. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne is expected to be there.

What: Listening session with Sec. of the Interior
Dirk Kempthorne

When: Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006

Time: 10 a.m.-noon (sign up 9:15-9:45 am)

Location: Spokane Convention Center

Community-Minded Enterprises is developing a small-scale biodiesel model to use as a neighborhood and community development tool. We are having an open meeting about this model on Thursday, Aug 10, from 8-9:30 am, at the Deaconess Health and Education Center, 910 W. 5th Avenue, Room 267. If you are interested in supporting the development of biodiesel as an ingredient of neighborhood and rural community re-vitalization, please join us to lend a hand toward an exciting project. Please RSVP to Mickey Hardin at mickeyh@community-minded.org or by phone at 444-3088, ext 246. Thanks!

Dr. Kevin Danaher, co-founder of Global Exchange, will be visiting the Community Building on Friday, August 11. At 5pm he will be in the lobby to meet people and to give a talk on sustainability and the green economy. Visit www.globalexchange.org to learn more about the work of Dr. Danaher and his organization.

Related Links

Sustainable Travel International

Promoting responsible travel & ecotourism, supporting sustainable development, and helping travelers and travel providers protect the cultures and environments they visit.

<http://www.sustainabletravelinternational.org/>

Sustainable Wood Network

This is a project under development. It's purpose is to help speed advancement of the quality and native diversity of our woodlands while strengthening the rural economy.

<http://www.sustainablewoods.net/>



Have You Seen This?

"Builder News" Western Region, Aug 2006

National News—pg. 14

***Results of a McGraw-Hill/NAHB survey revealed a 20 percent increase in the number of homebuilders erecting Green Homes. The study further indicates that number will grow by another 30 percent this year. By 2010, the value of the residential Green building marketplace is expected to boost its market share from \$7.4 billion, or 2 percent of housing starts, in 2005 to between \$19 billion and \$38 billion, or 5 percent to 10 percent of residential construction activity.

***Eight out of 10 Americans believe that homebuilders should offer solar power as an option for all new home construction, according to a recent Roper survey commissioned by Sharp Electronics Corp. The survey was conducted in May among 1,004 adults to measure their perceptions of solar power. It showed that two-thirds of Americans are willing to pay a premium for homes that have solar systems installed, when told that solar homes have a proven higher resale value. One-half of those surveyed said they would spend up to 10 percent more for a solar-equipped house.

Guild Resources:

Join the Guild: <https://ecobuilding.org/membership/>

Guild Calendar: <http://www.ecobuilding.org/events/>

Board Member contacts: http://www.ecobuilding.org/chapters/inland_northwest/board/

Contact Us:

If you have any questions, feedback, ideas or comments on this newsletter, events, or any volunteer opportunities, please contact one of your board members.

Film and video: Looking for quality films of previous lectures and event to build a library and share cycles. Also a volunteer for professional filming of events. Please contact Ginger Denning for opportunities.

Speakers Bureau: Looking for volunteer's for spreading the green word in various formats and topics. Contact Ginger Denning for more information.

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