



Inland Chapter -Northwest

Eco-building Guild

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I Love the Spokane River Raft and Paddle Expedition



When and Where: From Lake Coeur d'Alene to the Upper Columbia River. All or part of June 13th - 15th and 20th - 23rd.

Join us for all or part of this 120 mile journey, as an opportunity to experience the Spokane River as never done before.

Expedition members will experience first hand the interplay between environmental, economic development, recreational and cultural values supported by the Spokane River. You will pass through rural, suburban, and urban settings; pastoral, forested, agricultural and industrial landscapes; free flowing waters and reservoirs; diverse geology, vegetation, habitats and sheries; and a rich cultural history.



You will gain a greater understanding of the river's beauty and grace in our lives, challenges facing the river, and opportunities for restoration. Your stories and perspectives will be shared via the web, media, and river gatherings. They will be heard by the thousands of people who play in the river; walk, bike and run by it; or view the river from roads, bridges and overlooks. Collectively, expedition participants can help kindle a dialog about the river's future.

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Events:

Inland Chapter Northwest EcoBuilding Guild Board of Directors Saranac Community Building- 3rd Floor Conference Room & Outdoor Terrace 25 W. Main, Spokane, Saturday, June 21, 8:30AM

8:30 -8:45: Welcome & Introduce New Officers: Tom Angell

9:15: Update on PPG Grant: Cherie Peacock & Kelly Learner

9:15 - 9:45: Update on Youth Community Sustainability Guilds: Juliet

9:45 - 10:00: Break

10:00 - 10:15 Overview of Success of Olympia Chapter (Alli)

10:00 -11:00 Programming Discussion Present Results of Member Survey Monkey (Alli) Present Proposed Schedule (Juliet) Discuss Pros & Cons Brainstorm Needs Next Steps

11:00 - 11:45 Fund Development Discussion Clarify Objectives Potential Outreach Events: Van Jones, Bioneers, Thomas Hammer Fundraiser, Home & Garden Show.

11:45 - 1:00 BBQ: We will provide Meat/Veggie Burgers, Fixins, Buns and Drinks.

(Please bring a side dish or dessert to share)

Please take our short 10 questions survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=8_2f_2fk5f1an45_2buPSatcuClg_3d_3d

Networking Events

June 10th 5:30 pm on **GreenDrinks** at Brooklyn Nights.

June 14th **Urban Chicken Coop Tour** by the Slow Food Spokane River, email for info: sf.spokaneriver@gmail.com.

Other Events Of Interest



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.

June 14th Empyrean Coffee House, 1pm-1:30am; 154 N Madison. **Rocking for a Cause a fundraiser for SNAP.** 15 bands play for charity. \$10 in advance, \$12at the door. For tickets, call 475-8218, or email Nemesisbooking@yahoo.com

June 21st **Natural Home Pharmacy class** hosted by Twin Eagles Wilderness School and Aspen Wellspring 101 N 4th, ste #106, Sandpoint; instructed by Gabrielle Duebendorfer; 10am-4pm. Registration \$65 for individual. Register by 6/16 at 208-265-2213.

June 29th **Barker Reach Clean-up** To help out, call or email Audra at 209-2852 or akrislock@landscouncil.org.

Related Links

The Web site, at careercenter.usgbc.org is free for job seekers, and employers may post their job listings for a fee

Home canning is regaining popularity, with guides and classes widely available.

http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications_usda.html

GREEN BUILDING: Big--box retailers are changing the game for sellers of green home remodeling products

<http://www.sustainableindustries.com/greenbuilding/18670969.html>

CLEAN ENERGY: DOE's investment in cellulosic ethanol biorefineries increases to \$634 million <http://www.sustainableindustries.com/energy/18511269.html>

Real estate agents have the unique opportunity to influence the "greening" of our homes <http://www.sustainableindustries.com/commentary/18672219.html>

USGBC is the nation's foremost coalition of leaders from across the building industry working to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. <http://www.usgbc.org/>

Have You Seen This?



The LEED Green Building Rating System helped to spark a revolution, articulating a new set of integrated, measurable goals that changed the way we approach the design, construction and operation of our offices, schools, hospitals and homes. Over the past eight years, the USGBC has moved it steadily forward, evolving the way we measure and rate building performance and doing so against a backdrop of increasing urgency to find solutions to climate change and energy dependence. LEED 2009, coupled with an expanded third-party certification program and significant enhancements to LEED Online make up a multi-faceted initiative that we refer to as LEED v3. You will be hearing more specifics about all these changes over the next few months, which will include the fruition of an initiative to integrate LCA (Life Cycle Assessment) into LEED credits.

LEED 2009 were designed to create a LEED Rating System that can be part of a continuous improvement cycle and is not a “tear down and rebuild” of the LEED that exists in the market but rather a reorganization of the existing LEED Rating Systems along with several key advancements.

LEED 2009 is the sum of several parts:

- LEED Prerequisite/Credit Alignment and Harmonization
- Predictable Development Cycle
- Transparent Environmental/Human Impact Credit Weighting
- Regionalization

Beyond LEED 2009

As mentioned previously, one of the goals of the LEED 2009 update is to move LEED in to a continuous improvement cycle. With this goal in mind, framework and organizational changes were made to LEED for the 2009 update. Planning steps are underway to create a process that yields a predictable development cycle for LEED. Although USGBC has no intention of treating LEED as a building code, in the past, market feedback argues that LEED move in to a development cycle that more closely mirrors that of the traditional building code’s continuous improvement cycle.

In addition to the creation of a continuous improvement cycle, individual elements of LEED (credits, prerequisites, calculation methodologies, etc) as well as macro level issues (weightings, market sectors served, etc.) will be scrutinized to ensure that LEED maintains its leadership position in the market. The LEED Steering Committee has already planned to revisit the issues surrounding the, only recently completed, weightings exercise. The proposed changes to LEED set the stage for comprehensive but incremental evolution and advancement. Through this structure, USGBC is committed to using LEED as a tool to promote and steward market transformation towards sustainability in the built environment.



Guild Resources:

Join the guild: <https://www.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 a volunteer for professional filming of events to build a share library.

Speakers Bureau: Looking for volunteer's to spread the green word in various formats and topics. Contact one your board members for more information.

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****Please submit any events you would like to see in future newsletter by the 15th of the previous month—Thanks for your support*****