



Inland Chapter -Northwest

## Eco-building Guild

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## Are you willing to share your energy and dedication with the Northwest Eco-Building Guild?

What does being a member of the Guild mean to you? How do you define the Inland Chapter of the Guild's role? How do you see the Guild working in the future? What do you want the Guild to be? The chapter board members and other interested local members met to discuss these questions and others. The goal of the retreat was to begin a dialogue about where the chapter has been, reflect on the mission statement and discussing details of programming for the next year, it was a productive discussion.

The group felt strongly that in order to continue to be leaders in sharing the principals supported by the Guild's mission, we need to continue to serve as a social network and have fun, as well as provide the educational opportunities that have been the focus for the last couple years.

The proposed schedule for 2007-2008 focuses on program ideas that vary in purpose, targeting four educational events for the year, and three that are solely organized as social activities. The Guild will continue to have a presence at fall and spring building and home events to share our ideas and expertise. A proposed desire to have both Idaho and Spokane events is in need of members from each area to lead this charge.

In order for the guild to move forward, the Board needs to grow, and provide opportunities for others in the community to participate, while allowing some of the current board members respite and be able to focus on other areas. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact a board member and/or attend a future board meeting, see what the board is all about, and share your time and talents to make this Chapter strong.

The NWEBG's mission is to function as an educational forum to facilitate building practices that: protect human health, encourage sustainable resource usage, and foster long-term economic vitality.

## Events:

The Northwest Eco-Building Guild - Inland Chapter is proud to present a LIVE PRESENTATION of the slideshow that's changing America's mind: **An Inconvenient Truth: A planetary emergency of climate change and what we can do about it.** Wednesday October 3, 2007 at 7 PM The Magic Lantern Theater 25 W. Main, Spokane, WA. Suggested donation: Members \$5; non-members \$10.

Contact: Allison Gray 509-329-3448 or visit [Theclimateproject.org](http://Theclimateproject.org)

**Northwest Eco-Building Guild Retreat** Join us October 19th-21st at Pilgrim Firs Conference Center outside Port Orchard, Washington for a weekend full of fun, learning and camaraderie!

**Register Online here by Oct. 8th!!:**

<https://www.ecobuilding.org/members/registration>

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**STRAWBALE WORKSHOP** Saturday, October 6th, 2007, Spokane, WA. Learn to build straw bale walls for a post-and-beam house with straw bale in-fill exterior walls. A 7 hour, 1 day workshop will be offered on This will be a great opportunity to learn about Straw bale building techniques and other sustainable building practices. Instruction will be led by straw bale building expert and architect Kelly Lerner, straw bale home building contractor Mark Hamlin of Sustainable Structures, and designer/builder Kurt Rathmann of Rathmann Design. The workshop will be limited to 50 registrants. We are requesting a \$25.00 donation to cover costs. To help with the preparations, advanced registration is required. No "walk-ins" please. Contact Jacci Bottler at 509-456-5966 or [jaccib@hotmail.com](mailto:jaccib@hotmail.com) for registration information. Please note that this is NOT a Northwest EcoBuilding Guild or an Inland Chapter-sponsored event.

## Networking Events

**Bioneers Spokane Conference! October 19,20,21st** Spokane Falls Community College 3410 W. Fort George Wright Drive

For more information or register [www.sustainspokane.org](http://www.sustainspokane.org) or call (509)-209-2394

## 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.

**Solar Hot Water Class:** If you are interested in Solar Hot Water, our next class is October 13th, 2007. Hours 9:00 am to 12:00. Learn the basics of Solar Hot Water and what is required to get started saving utility dollars. Class is limited to 20 people, so register as soon as possible. Cost is \$35.00 per person and will include material and handouts. Email Nadine at [nadine@ecodepotinc.com](mailto:nadine@ecodepotinc.com) or call 509-924-8803.

**LEED for New Construction Technical Review Workshop:** Friday, October 26th 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Spokane Convention Center W. 720 Mallon Room 201 AB. Increase your understanding of the LEED for New Construction Rating System and green building strategies, benefits and resources.

For more information visit: <http://www.cascadiagbc.org/resources/events-flyers/october%20events/leed-nc-spokane-flyer>

## Related Links

**Recycled Content:** [Recycled Content: What is it and What is it Worth?](#) (2.81MB PDF) 11/15/05 - Government programs have encouraged the use of recycled-content products to deal with solid-waste concerns, and green-building rating systems reward designers for specifying these products.

### How to buy green electricity **HOW TO CHOOSE GREEN**

**POWER -Search online.** Use the [Department of Energy's searchable map](#) to determine whether you can buy green power in your state through your utility or a green-power company. Or call your utility to ask about green-power options in your area.

**Consider the source.** Green power is derived from many different renewable resources. Wind, solar, and geothermal power are environmentally preferable sources. The NREL provides [a basic overview of renewable energy sources](#).

**Compare costs.** If you're considering switching to green power, compare the cost per kWh of each option. *For home energy-saving tips and more, visit [GreenerChoices.org](http://GreenerChoices.org).*

## Have You Seen This?

[www.buildinggreentv.com](http://www.buildinggreentv.com)

Now you can have a blog on [Building Green TV](http://Building Green TV) What can you do with your own green building blog? Have a green building project or renovation? A blog can be a great way to document your progress to share with family and friends as well as the public. Have a great product find or DIY technique to share? Other readers would love to hear about it and leave their comments. Have a question for the Building Green community? There's a special section just for your questions. Post yours, and other readers can chime in. Building Green's resident experts will also be trolling the questions and lending their wisdom. Your name in lights. Building Green TV's editors might just pick your blog post to feature on the site's front page.



**The Master Home Environmentalist Program and the In-Home Assessments:** The Master Home Environmentalist program (MHE) is a program offered by the American Lung Association that helps people identify things in their homes that may be making them and their families sick, and suggesting an action plan filled with low-cost and no-cost solutions to make their home a healthier place. Contact the **American Lung Association® of Washington's** Spokane office: Call (509) 325-6516. You can also email their trained MHE volunteer, Larisa Hook, at [lhook@alaw.org](mailto:lhook@alaw.org)

**The Saranac Aims For LEED Platinum.** Only a commercial interior space, not even an entire building so far, has received coveted LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum designation in Washington State. The recent renovation and reuse of Spokane's historic Saranac Hotel might just be the first entire building to achieve Platinum status statewide. "We are halfway there right now. We submitted for design credits online and received 26 out of 27. We are going to submit for what would be a Platinum building--and that is tough. At worst we are going to be very high end Gold," says Randy Van Hoff, Project Architect from Zeck Butler Architects. Go Green Directory Juliet Sinisterra.



## 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/](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\*\*\*\*\*