

Northwest EcoBuilding Guild - Inland Chapter Newsletter

January 2006

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Alas another year is upon us! There are many approaching great learning opportunities, lectures and workshops provided by the Guild and other networking agencies. Lets encourage and teach the children in our lives and those around us that are willing. Let us have and inspire hope, faith and proactively for living green.

*If you are having problems with any of the hyperlinks, please cut and paste them into your web browser. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Please refer to our website for more information!

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

Events Calendar

January 19, 2006 CHRIS AIKEN-ENERGY STAR 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Has been postponed until further notice

February 16th 2006 Energy Options-Bruce Gage, Avista.

Place and time to be announced. We will be providing information about the options for sustainable energy production and heating and cooling systems for new homes and remodels. We also will outline some of the tax savings being implemented at the beginning of 2006 for energy-saving home improvements.

March 31-April 1,2: Home and Garden show. For times and more information on the Green booths see Don Stephens. Coordinating may need many volunteers see email to Don.

March 18: "Seeding the Future": social gathering and potluck

April 6th: "Global Oil Depletion: Impacts and Local Solutions" The Guild is leading a panel discussion as part of the Seminar on Livable Communities at WSU-Spokane. See below for details."

Earth Day coming in April!

May 18: Film **Independent America** location and time to be announced

Networking

Habitat For Humanity

Final designs of WSU students have been chosen and are being developed for construction. Building volunteers will be needed. Possible straw bale workshop opportunity.

January 22 Green Depot hosting a Green Building and Rastra workshop.

7:30am-4:00pm Olympia, WA. Are you concerned about: Energy costs, healthy indoor air quality, building envelope durability and maintenance costs, insurance costs, and other related building owner expenses. Would you prefer a home that is built to resist fire, moisture issues, earthquakes, mold, bugs, high winds, sound and more? Please see the attached PDF workshop announcement. Pass it on to anyone else you know who is planning to build. Pre-registration required, lunch included. We hope that the date set will work out weather and construction schedule wise. We will notify everyone that registers if any changes occur.

May Your Energy Be Always Abundant

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SFCC is hosting a long-term sustainability resources page that goes beyond their Sustainability Symposia.

http://www.spokanefalls.edu/College/Theme/default.aspx?men_u=3&page=SustainabilityResources

Other Events:

Seminar on Livable Communities at WSU-Spokane.

Free for professionals to attend the lectures, but if interested in receiving 1.5 CEU credit for each lecture attended; Please bring Professional organization ID and cash or check for 10\$. A number of Guild members are presenting during this seminar. More information please contact Pam Medley@ 358-7920. Location is the River point south campus facility or the Bookie building RM#250

Livable communities are those communities that in their political, socioeconomic, cultural and environmental characteristics enhance the quality and sustainability of life in a just manner

Course Schedule

Week 1: Th 12 Jan Course Introduction for students

Week 2: Th 19 Jan Designers as Leaders in shaping Livable Communities: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and the United States Green Building Council (USGBC)

Guest Speaker: *Rod Butler, Zeck Butler Architects Chair, Spokane Branch of Cascadia Green Building Council*

Week 3: Th 26 Jan Sustainability, Advocacy & Activism

Guest Speakers: *Juliet Sinisterra, President, Architects, Designers & Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR)– Spokane Matt Cohen, Advocacy Committee Chair, Spokane Preservation Advocates Tom Angell, Pres., Inland Northwest Chapter of the Northwest Eco-Builders Guild*

Week 4: Th 02 Feb Successfully Aging in Livable Communities I

Guest Speakers: *Bob Scarfo, Assoc. Professor of Landscape Architecture*

Week 5: Th 09 Feb Successfully Aging in Livable Communities II

Guest Speakers: *Bob Scarfo, Assoc. Professor of Landscape Architecture*

Week 6: Th 16 Feb Livable Communities: Walkability

Guest Speaker: *Kerry Brooks, Assoc. Prof. of Landscape Architecture*

Week 7: Th 23 Feb Growth Management and Livability

Guest Speaker: *Gabor Zovanyi, Eastern Washington University*

Week 8: Th 02 Mar NO CLASS – Required attendance at the EDRA/PLACES Plenary on Mon, Feb 27.

Week 9: Th 09 Mar The Cultural Footprint on Sustainable Communities

Guest Speaker: *Nancy Blossom, Professor of Interior Design*

SPRING BREAK

Week 10: Th 23 Mar Straw Bale Construction around the World

Guest Speaker: *Kelly Lerner, One World Design*

Week 11: Th 30 Mar Critical Regionalism & the Yaodong

Guest Speaker: *David Wang, Associate Professor of Architecture*

Week 12: Th 06 Apr Global Oil Depletion: Impacts and Local Solutions

Guest Speakers: *Tom Angell, Pres., Inland Northwest Chapter of the Northwest Eco-Builders Guild*

Week 13: Th 13 Apr Livable Housing: Habitat for Humanity (Site Visit)

Guest Speaker: *Matt Melcher, Asst. Professor of Interior Design*

Week 14: Th 20 Apr Student Debate

Week 15: Th 27 Apr Student Debate / Wrap-up

January 20, 2006, The Center for Justice is hosting a presentation by Jonathan Todd on ecologic engineering and design. 2:00 p.m. (possible evening time to be announced) The City Council Chambers, City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA,

Jonathan Todd is the Senior Partner of John Todd Research and Design, Inc., a leading firm in the development of ecological technologies for food production, waste purification and conversion, environmental restoration and systems integration for architecture and eco-industrial parks. The award-winning firm provides cost-effective, sustainable alternatives to wastewater and storm water treatment and bio-solids conversion, among other things. Projects include an advanced ecologically engineered municipal wastewater treatment system in Vermont, treatment of a pond contaminated with toxic leachate, the treatment of high strength waste from a poultry processing plant, ecologically engineered buildings that treat, recycle and reuse wastewater and restoration of a canal in China polluted by raw sewage. For more information see

<http://www.jtecodesign.com/index.html>; and www.oceanarks.org.

We believe these technologies may provide environmentally sound solutions to some of the region's problems. So please save a spot on your calendar and plan to join us for this presentation.

January 28, 2006 KYRS is showing "Independent America: The Two Lane Search for Mom & Pop" For more information.
<http://kyrs.org/article.php/20051216121038882>

Harvesting Clean Energy 6 February 27-28, 2006

Spokane Washington

What: Hear from experts and farmers with direct experience in wind power, ethanol and biodiesel, biopower and money saving on farm energy technologies. Learn how to assess feasibility, finance and market clean energy power and fuels. Find valuable technical and financial resources, and meet potential partners.

Who: Farmers, ranchers & other rural landowners. Agricultural organizations. Utility representatives. Rural economic development leaders. Elected officials & agency staff. Tribal representatives. Clean energy firms, consultants & supporters.

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Have You Seen This?

The World's Coolest Skyscraper

In the heart of New York City, the Bank of America's towering headquarters will be greener than a hundred dollar bill.

From your sun-drenched room, gaze at the Manhattan skyline through floor-to-ceiling windows, adjust the temperature to suit your mood, breathe air that's cleaner than what's outside: Sounds more like a posh New York hotel than an office tower. But such features will make the Bank of America Tower the most environmentally friendly skyscraper ever built when it opens in 2008. The architectural firm Cook+Fox plans to outfit the gleaming, glass-sheathed structure with resource-saving measures from the deepest reaches of the basement to the roof of the tower's 54th floor. The building's eco-friendly features add up to less than \$6 million -- not even one percent of the project's \$1 billion price tag. Federal energy-efficiency tax credits more than cover the difference, so in the end, the tower will cost less than a traditional skyscraper. And by using 40 percent less water and 40 percent less energy, tenants will reap savings for many years to come.

Taken from NRDC "ONEARTH", Winter issue. For a drawing of building, go to

<http://www.nrdc.org/onearth/06win/livgreen.asp>

Check out these images! In 2005 this body of work was exhibited in Los Angeles, New York, Milano Italy and Seattle, and in group exhibitions in the US and internationally. These images have appeared in magazines, newspapers and weblogs around the world, as well as receiving coverage on CNN and in three documentary films.

<http://www.chrisjordan.com/>

Of Interest?

SFCC and some local religious groups working on getting a simple, inexpensive water well dug for a displaced tribe (15,000 refugees) in Africa near the "Dafur region." It's all about water, as many of you stated. Maybe Dave can try and get some photo space for the photographer (at the community building) and a 50-minute PowerPoint, slide and live talk with these folk set up which we (some of us) could chip in on. Agwa Taka, the Anuak tribesman, is fantastic as an advocate for his people.

U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is now soliciting comments on the first draft of the LEED for Core and Shell Rating System (LEED-CS). The first public comment period will be open for 42 days, starting **Tuesday, December 6, 2005** and continuing through **Monday, January 16, 2006** at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. To participate in the comment period click on the link below. http://www.usgbc.org/LEED/Drafts/drafts_main.asp

Post Carbon Institute's website to start up Outposts develop knowledge, infrastructure, and working relationships that will be valuable in the post-carbon world. Projects focus on making immediate improvements to your community such as urban farming, car share, and local money.

<http://www.postcarbon.org/relocalization>

Lets hear from you

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

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

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Adios, Laura White