

# Northwest EcoBuilding Guild - Inland Chapter Newsletter

April 2006

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## Events Calendar

**April 6th:** "Global Oil Depletion: Impacts and Local Solutions."

How will Peak Oil impact our region? How should we respond to be more proactive in our community's future growth? The NW EcoBuilding Guild - Inland Chapter will head a panel to discuss the environmental, economic, and social issues that are all interdependent in our way of life. Panelists are as follows: Melissa Ahern, Associate Professor and Economist, WSU Spokane; Jim Armstrong, Spokane County Conservation District; Bob Lutz, MD MPH, Empire Health Services and Clinical Assistant Professor, Health Sciences Program, WSU; and Tom Angell, architect and President of Northwest EcoBuilding Guild - Inland Chapter.

This is part of the Seminar on Livable Communities at WSU-Spokane. See below for additional information.

Contact Tom Angell [tomangell@earthlink.net](mailto:tomangell@earthlink.net) or (509) 747-7647 with questions.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Earth Day Riverfront Park 10am-4pm, Spokane. Contact: Deborah Warner (208) 683-1649 or [sonrisedesign@icehouse.net](mailto:sonrisedesign@icehouse.net) For information about the Coeur d'Alene event, contact Ryan Zane [jrzane@ztc.net](mailto:jrzane@ztc.net) Needing volunteers for both events approximately 2 hours of time. Bring your good guild energies!

**June:** Riverfest participation at High Bridge Park. Booth and possible building event.

**May and June:** Volunteer opportunities abound with the start of the Habitat for Humanity straw bale home. Instead of holding our regular monthly meetings for these two months, we ask our members to volunteer their time and energy to help out with this collaborative effort of the Guild, Habitat for Humanity, and WSU-Spokane. See Networking for more information.

## Networking

- Habitat For Humanity

Construction has finally begun on the Habitat for Humanity straw-bale house! There will be a straw bale workshop for anyone interested in learning more about straw bale and how simple and fun it can be.

When: April 22nd, 8:45am sign in, 9:00am-9:45am orientation

Where: 1915 N. Waldo, Spokane Valley (two blocks north of East Trent, near Felts Field) What to bring: work gloves, tape measure, utility knife, water, lunch. Wear long sleeves. For more info: Habitat for Humanity, 509-534-2552

Tentative construction schedule follows below.

April 6	ID415 Section 2 meets on-site to begin truss installation
April 7-12	Truss installation continues with Habitat staff and volunteers
April 13	ID415 Section 1 meets on-site to begin roof sheathing
April 14-19	Roof sheathing and papering continues with Habitat staff and Volunteers
April 20	ID415 Section 2 meets on-site. Bales delivered, first course of bales laid in place.
April 21	Electricians lay in romex and electrical boxes over first course of bales for outlets.
April 22	Public straw-bale wall raising and work party (ID415 students are encouraged to attend)
April 24-26	Window installation by Habitat staff and volunteers
April 27	ID Section 1 meets on-site to begin stucco prep: detailing interior window jambs and install metal stucco mesh
April 28 - May 31	Habitat staff and volunteers continue stucco prep, rough electrical and plumbing, roofing, etc.
June 1-16	Exterior and interior stuccoing during Habitat building blitz, sheet rock, interior finishing, etc.
June 31	Project completed before the start of Habitat's new fiscal year.

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

<http://www.spokanefalls.edu/College/Theme/default.aspxmenu=3&page=SustainabilityResources>

- 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. 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 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

## Have You Seen This?

Local solutions to keep land fill at bay:

<http://www.2good2toss.com/>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FreecycleSpokane/>

For more information on e-waste, please see: <http://www.WasteNotWashington.org>

Gov. Gregoire announces Energy and Cost-Saving Tips Site to Aid Washington Residents and Small Business.

The new site, [www.energytips.wa.gov](http://www.energytips.wa.gov)

"50 Ways to Thrive and Survive the Next 10 Years"

[www.yesmagazine.org/article.asp?id=1423](http://www.yesmagazine.org/article.asp?id=1423)

## Other Events

Interplayers Theatre presents a benefit play for KYRS-Thin Air Community Radio: "Laughter On The 23rd Floor" by Neil Simon Directed by Andrew Ware Lewis Saturday, May 13th, 8:00 PM at Interplayers (174 S. Howard St) Max Prince is a TV comedian under pressure. The network wants to cut his show, his gag writers want to keep their jobs. Max just wants to keep sane. Each week, a team of neurotic, egocentric scriptwriters, equipped with their armory of gags and one-liners, battle against all odds to produce television's funniest variety show. But the real enemies, network bosses, rising production costs, low ratings and the specter of McCarthyism, are closing in. The play depicts the period in the 1950s when Neil Simon was a member of the writing team for one of the milestones in American TV comedy, Your Show of Shows, headed by comedian Sid Caesar. This play is Simon's tribute to those writers, including Mel Brooks, Woody Allen and Sid himself. \$16 tickets, that's \$4 off the regular box office price! Very limited supply! Get them while they last!! A portion of ticket sales goes towards supporting KYRS -Your Radio Station! Tickets available soon, call 251-2731 for more information.

Max at Mirabeau welcomes natural world artist Glenn Probert on April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5-7pm located @ Mirabeau Park Hotel located @ 1100 N. Sullivan Rd just off I-90 exit 291-B. Enjoy complimentary wine tasting and appetizers. Meet the artist! Enjoy eco-community socializing. Special discounts on Barrister winery wines. For a sneak preview: [www.americanfineart.net](http://www.americanfineart.net)

The Growth Management delusion April 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 pm, Free. The Gardenia Center 400 church St. Sandpoint ID. Join Dr. Gabar Zovanyi & Paul Haeder for a discussion on the fallacies of growth management & community strategies for limiting unsustainable growth in your community. Brought to you by SCA. The Washington State Department of Transportation presents: Context Sensitive Solutions Building Successful Projects Through Collaboration, Consensus, and Community Involvement April 4-5, 2006 (#1049) WSDOT Eastern Region Hdq., 2714 N. Mayfair St. Spokane, WA 99207 (509) 324-6000

Free Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Class Size: 30 This course will provide the knowledge and skills to collaboratively develop transportation projects addressing the needs of a broad range of users and interested parties. Participants will learn to identify critical issues, involve stakeholders, evaluate alternatives and minimize tort liability when developing solutions to transportation issues that are specific to individual sites.

Course Objectives Instructors: John Heinley, WSDOT Highways & Local Programs Division, and Robert Kutrich, WSDOT Northwest Region Trainer.

Questions?

Local Agencies and consultants contact Laurel Gray at (360) 705-7355 or [GrayL@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:GrayL@wsdot.wa.gov).

WSDOT employees contact Blane Long at (360) 705-7397 or [LongB@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:LongB@wsdot.wa.gov).

## Of Interest?

- "Friends of the Farmers' Market" the first goal is gaining supporting and strengthening our farmers' market. The second goal is to educate the public about the social, economic, ecological, and health benefits of a local, sustainable food system. People who are interested in helping or being involved can contact Eli Penberthy at (509) 951-4361, by email at [elipenberthy@gmail.com](mailto:elipenberthy@gmail.com), or at 35 W. Main Ste 310 Spokane, WA 99201.

- Greener Choices: Products for a Better Planet Consumer Reports has launched new website [www.GreenerChoices.org](http://www.GreenerChoices.org). The free site is designed to help people consider the environment when they choose, use, and dispose of products.

- 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>

- Ballot Initiative for clean, secure, and affordable energy. We need you to help gather over 300,000 signatures to get this important issue on the 2006 Ballot! Please call the campaign headquarters at 206-283-3335 or go to <http://www.energysecuritynow.org> now to get involved.

If you are involved in the design or construction of schools you might take a moment to view the draft update of the State Board of Health School Rule for Environmental Health and Safety, Kindergarten -Twelfth Grade. This rule has not been updated in 30 years and it refers to what standards schools will be built to in the future. They are currently accepting public comment.

The Washington State Department of Health accepting comments on the Informal Draft of Chapter 246-366 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), The informal draft will be available through the DOH School EH&S Website (<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/School/default.htm>) beginning March 7, 2006.

Comments on the informal draft must be submitted through the web at <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/policyreview/> or by email or in writing to Nancy Bernard by April 15, 2006.

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<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/School/s-rdc/default.htm>

Please tell your senator that you oppose the national food uniformity act, which removes the rights of states to require labeling on foods. Go to the link below to sign a pre-prepared email from the Organic Consumers Association.  
[http://www.democracyinaction.org/dia/organizationsORG/oca/campaign.jsp?campaign\\_KEY=2752](http://www.democracyinaction.org/dia/organizationsORG/oca/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=2752)

## Lets hear from you

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, we are looking for a volunteer for professional filming of events.

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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## Guild Resources:

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[http://www.ecobuilding.org/chapters/inland\\_northwest/board/](http://www.ecobuilding.org/chapters/inland_northwest/board/)

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