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Green News

Mountain Gear, Inc. has earned LEED Gold status for their warehouse in east Spokane from the U.S. Green Building Council. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design awards are given to new or existing buildings for meeting the highest standards of green building practices. Their building has green elements such as high performance and energy saving features, motion and daylight sensors, low-emitting sealants and paints, and sustainable water features such as rainwater capture to supply drip irrigation. According to Wikipedia's article, this structure is helping to prevent 220 barrels of oil and 2,400 kilowatt-hours of electricity from being used annually. To learn more about the LEED program that state and local governments across the country are now adopting, see the Green Building Council's website at www.usgbc.org.

KYRS Thin Air Community Radio 89.9 and 92.3 features a weekly broadcast of the Earth and People Sustainability Forum. The broadcasts are from the original public meetings held in 2006 by KYRS, PEACH, and Out There Monthly. Tune in Thursday mornings through January and February at 9:00am. The shows run around 2 hours and 15 minutes. See schedule below:

February 7 Inland Region Eco-Enterprise: Healthy Localism
February 14 How Soon Lifestyle Change? Like It or Not!

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Events:

Inland Chapter General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 7-9 pm Eco Depot, Inc. 1326 East Sprague Avenue. Larry Hagel, Industrial Hygienist for Kyron He will present "Infrared Thermography for Building Diagnostics ". The use of thermal infrared (IR) imaging is a valuable tool for inspecting and performing non-destructive testing of building elements. This presentation is co-sponsored by Thomas Hammer Coffee Roasters of Spokane. Come sample some of their EcoBrews: shade-grown, organic and fair trade!

February 23, 2008 - Solar Hot Water Class

Get started with your Solar Hot water project by learning about the basic hardware, operation and installation of Solar Hot Water. Class is 9 am to 12 noon at 1326 E. Sprague Avenue, Spokane, WA. Class is limited to 20 students and the cost of the class including handout material is \$35.00. Contact Nadine Sullivan at 509-924-8803 or email nadine@ecodepotinc.com.

Networking Events

Cascadia Inland branch LEED User Group (LUG-IN) is Wednesday February 13th 7:30—8:30am Coffman Engineers 10 North Post Street #500, Spokane. Commissioning for LEED with Ed Simpson with Testcomm. He will discuss what is required for the basic commissioning requirement and the advanced commissioning EA Credit 3. Donuts will also be provided.

Contact Mike Dillon or at mike.dillon@avistacorp.com 509.495.4260 for more information

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.

Turf, Tree and Landscape Conference at Coeur d'Alene Resort 2/7 & 2/8. To register call 329-3748

"**Let's Talk Food**" discussion February 11th 7-8:30 presented by Slow Food Spokane River on the 3rd floor Saranac Building; 25 W Main. A discussion about King Corn, playing at the Magic Lantern Theater for two weeks beginning 1/23/08. Bring snacks to share. Call Riverfront Farms at 325-3104.

Do-It-Yourself Home Repair Classes for women and low-income. Offered by Living Green with SNAP 2/20/08 9-11 am; call to reserve your spot at 744-3370 ext 242.

Making Paper at the Spokane Public Library in February!

2/6 East Side Library 4 p.m.
2/7 South Hill Library 4 p.m.
2/9 Downtown Library 11 a.m.
2/9 Shadle Library 2 p.m.
2/13 Hillyard Library 4 p.m.
2/14 Indian Trail Library 4 p.m.

Downtown Winter Market every Thursdays are selling free range eggs, honey, local beef, artisan bread and crafts. In the Community Building, 35 W Main; 11am-3pm

Related Links

On Monday night, House Bill 3120 was introduced. The bill proposes a sales tax rebate on certified green buildings, both commercial and residential, based on level of certification. A link to the bill: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/Summary.aspx?bill=3120&year=2007>

Have You Seen This?

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Hawaii sets the U.S. pace for green energy initiatives

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

HONOLULU — Thirty minutes from the conference center where world leaders are gathering today to discuss climate change, workers at the HPower incineration plant here are converting yesterday's garbage into this afternoon's electricity.

On the shores of Hawaii's Big Island, government researchers and private companies are developing ways to turn algae into biodiesel fuel for trucks and cars. On Maui, wind farms generate enough power for 11,000 homes and replace the need for 236,000 barrels of imported oil annually. Elsewhere, companies are tapping into vents beneath the sea and under Hawaii's volcanoes to generate geothermal power.

It might be known for surf and sunshine, but Hawaii also is quickly earning a name for itself as a national hot spot for alternative energy.

The island state's push for alternative energy is one of the reasons the White House picked Honolulu for a meeting of world economic leaders today and Thursday to discuss climate change and energy security. Diplomats from the world's 15 biggest economies, along with the United Nations and the European Union, are expected to attend.

It's also why the U.S. Department of Energy and Hawaii signed an agreement on an unprecedented project to produce 70 percent of the state's energy from renewable sources by 2030.

Through state and federal investments, tax credits and new energy policies, the Energy Department and Hawaii hope to attract billions of dollars in clean energy development to Hawaii and turn the state into a national test bed for renewable energy.





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*****