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Are you willing to share your energy and dedication with the Northwest EcoBuilding Guild?

The Northwest EcoBuilding Guild (NWEBG) board of Directors is experiencing an exciting time of growth and expansion. We invite you to consider this unique opportunity to join our region-wide, dynamic Board. We are seeking leadership-oriented individuals with expertise in one or more of the following areas: fund-raising, grant writing, publishing, Web site development, public relations, non-profit development, non-profit legal issues, financial management, volunteer coordination, public education and outreach and leadership roles. Please submit your resume to one of your board members.



NWEBG believes that environmentally responsible building practices are essential for creating Northwest communities that foster human health, enhance resource conservation, and enjoy long-term economic vitality. We hope you will consider joining the Board and actively serve in advancing our mission to help Guild members, building industry professionals, and the public implement environmentally responsible building technologies in residential and light commercial construction through a unique educational and networking forum.



For those who missed it...May.

Green Building Lecture Series “Water Efficiency for the Inland Northwest” Using water wisely is important to the Spokane River and our aquifer. Tonie Fitzgerald from the WSU extension lectured and provided an overview of water efficiency practices.

Events:

Saturday, June 16 Post Falls Library 10am-5pm, “The Inland Chapter Board retreat” This is a very important meeting for our Chapter, as we need to plan for next year and the years to follow. I encourage everyone to attend. The more participation we have, the more energy we will have and the more we will accomplish.

<http://local.google.com/local?f=q&hl=en&q=821+N+Spokane+St,+Post+Falls,+ID&om=1>

They have a trellised patio outside the meeting room. You are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch. We will also be ordering from the White House Grill across the street. They serve Mediterranean, Greek and Turkish cuisines.

Questions, please call Tom Angell at 509-747-7647.

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Networking Events



“Restoring the Spokane River Workshop” June 16th, 8:30am to 12:30pm Gonzaga Law School, 921 N. Cincinnati, Spokane

Status Report on PCBs, PBDEs, Dioxins/Furans and Heavy Metals in Our River. Presentations and Q&A with National, State and Local Experts, and Discover Options for How You Can Help. RSVP: Shallan at 835-5211 or sdawson@cforjustice.org

Fun, Frolic & Exhibitions! **Free Event Music Crafts Festivities Saturday, June 16th, 11 'til 8 pm Spokane South Hill 25th & Monroe**

Local Flair Street Fair “Sowing the Seeds of Sustainability” local artists & farmers, activities for kids, gardening, local safe

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.

1ST TRAINING ON CTED'S NEW EVERGREEN STANDARD The Evergreen Sustainable Development Standard for Affordable Housing **June 13th** in **Spokane** Oxarc Training Center at E.4003 Broadway. "Green Building 101" will cover the new criteria and how to meet them. These criteria will take effect for the HTF fall round of 2008.

Seating is limited for reservations contact Reta Chamberlain email: re-tac@commongroundwa.org Phone: 509/326-3678

Inland branch LEED User Group Wednesday June 13th 7:30-8:30 am At Coffman Engineers 10 North Post Street #500, Spokane. Lisa Hufnagel, Bank & Office Supply will be the moderator. This is the last LUG-IN until September. TOPIC: How raised floor systems can be used to improve Indoor Environmental Quality and attain LEED points. Light refreshments will be provided.

Contact Allison Gray at agra461@ecy.wa.gov 509.329.3448 for more information

Community-Minded Enterprises presents Milonga. Saturday June 30th at CenterStage. Tango Strings will play. There will be two singers, Marcelo Solis and Romina Hahn, performing with the group. There will be incredible dancers from San Francisco. There will be dancing til midnight, and food and drink available

Olga Vives: Organizing for Northwest Women of Color Gathering and Immigrant Women's Rights June 18, 2007 5:30 pm Auntie's Bookstore 402 W. Main, Spokane, WA 99201 2nd Floor Auditorium. We need volunteers to help with this event!

To volunteer or find out more about NOW, contact Lisa Logan at 362.4449 or loganfamily@comcast.net today!

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING ADVISOR PROGRAM \$250 Early Bird Registration Discount Ends June 15, 2007! New session begins September 21st — Visit our website www.iel.spokane.edu/bct/sbap for schedule and additional program information.

Related Links

National Sustainable Design Expo: <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/p3/expo/index.html>

International Conference on Design Education please visit: <http://www.connected2007.com.au/>

Have You Seen This?

WSU and Habitat for Humanity Team Up for Sustainable Multi-Family Housing.

Washington State University Spokane design students along with Habitat for Humanity-Spokane (HFH) will begin construction this July of an eight-unit multifamily sustainable residential prototype. The project is the result of a two-year partnership between WSU Spokane and HFHS. The design is a collaborative effort between architecture, landscape architecture and interior design students, who will participate in all aspects of the construction process under the direction of HFHS.



"The design is made affordable through simple, repeatable modular construction. It minimizes material waste through repetition. It is also adaptable to meet specific homeowner needs. The design can be built using insulated concrete forms, straw bales or prefabricated panels. As a result, it can respond to locally available materials and labor," says Matthew Melcher, WSU Assistant Professor and project coordinator. The design responds to specifics in local site conditions, and addresses everything from storm water management, passive solar energy and ventilation to non-toxic finishes and post-consumer recycled products. Melcher, along with the students, is in the process of completing a Homeowner's Manual that will be distributed to residents at the time of occupancy. According to Melcher, the design allows Habitat residents to incorporate sustainability into their daily lives.

With interest in the project growing, Melcher along with the student design team recently, presented their prototype in Olympia, WA to State legislators and in Washington, D.C. at the National Sustainable Design Expo. Melcher also plans to present a research paper on the project this summer at the International Conference on Design Education in New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.



"We can support a culture of sustainability through design and education, raising awareness. The project will provide Habitat for Humanity-Spokane with a new precedent in building design and construction, and provide a focus point for innovation and sustainable housing in the Inland Northwest," says Melcher. // **Juliet Sinisterra**

Member Spotlight

If you would like to share your guild experience and be in the spotlight please contact Laura White



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*****