



Inland Chapter -Northwest

Eco-building Guild

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

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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: fundraising, 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.

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.

If you are interested or have questions, please call Allison Gray (509) 329-3448, Tom Angell (509) 747-7647, or Bruce Millard (208) 263-3815.

For those who missed it...Feb.

"Using reclaimed building materials" Global Credit Union. Jeff Howard lectured about the Habitat Humanity Re-Use store "Builder's surplus Store" at 860 E. Trent Ave. Jeff lead the audience through the process and about the opportunities to reuse quality materials that other wise would end up in landfills.



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Events:

Indoor Air Quality 101

Mold – Toxics – Radon! Oh my! Did you know indoor air pollutants can be six times higher than outdoor air? David Hales from the WSU Energy Program will introduce possible problems in your home and address strategies for minimizing indoor pollutants.

Tuesday, March 20, 7-9 pm

Global Credit Union Auditorium (in basement)

1520 West 3rd Avenue, Spokane, WA

A free event but we suggest a donation to help us bring in more quality programming: Members \$5; non-members \$10. Need more information? Allison Gray 509-329-3448

This lecture series is sponsored by: Global Credit Union

WALKING YOUR TALK – Saturday 24 March 9:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Sunrise Design Center (SDC) N. 30555 Meadow St. Athol 683-1649

Electricity production - presentation by Steve Willey - population, energy, off-grid. Presentation by Deborah Warner of her grid-intertie photovoltaic system. Then discussion.

Networking Events

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.

Washington State Citizens Advisory Committee March 7, April 4, May 2 – Spokane River Basin Cleanup. 5:30 PM – 8 PM. 914 E. North Foothills Drive, Conference Room. You are invited to learn about clean up of contaminants in and along the Spokane River. For more information: Lloyd Brewer at (509) 625-6968.

Lecture: **Eco-Design on a Dime** March 8th - 7 PM. WSU Academic Center, 600 North Riverpoint Blvd. Rm 20. Eco-architect Kelly Lerner will introduce you to easy, fun ways to green up your home and do your part to reduce global warming. Part of the Eco-Spokane Lecture Series. Info: email julietinisterra@yahoo.com.

Winona LaDuke March 8th -7 PM. SFCC SUB ABC. Anishinaabeg Native American, environmental and former Vice-Presidential candidate and author will speak on sustaining earth's resources for future generations. Her appearance is part of the year-long theme, Sustainability: Promoting a Livable Future. Free and Open to the Public. Free and Open to the public. Info: paulha@spokanefalls.edu.

Planning & Public Health in the Built Environment. March 9th -8 AM – 5 PM. EWU Riverpoint Campus. Learn from experts about current research on the importance of design on physical activity and health. Register by March 2. Info: Wendy Corbin (509) 625-6497 or wcorbin@spokanecity.org.

Living Future Design Competition Registration Deadline. Postmarked March 9. Go online for Entry Form. The AIA Seattle Committee on the Environment (COTE), along with the Cascadia Region Green Building Council (Cascadia) is issuing a challenge to build in a way that will provide all of us with a sustainable future. Competition prizes will be awarded to the applicant teams from within the Cascadia bioregion (OR, WA, ID, MT, BC or AK) who best meet the Living Building Challenge. Open to all building owners, architects, engineers, design professionals, students and emerging green builders (EGB). Info: www.cascadiagbc.org.

Nike Re-Use-a-Shoe Collection Event. March 10th -12 Noon – 3 PM. MAC, 2316 W. First Avenue. Sponsored by Spokane Regional Solid Waste and The Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture. Activities include shoe making demonstrations and hands-on shoe-making activities for the whole family. Info: (509) 625 – 6800.

An Evening At The Movies March 16—6:30 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane, 4340 W. Fort Wright Drive, Thoreau Room. An Inconvenient Truth and Who Killed The Electric Car. Refreshments will be provided. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Info: Deanna Fendler (509) 835-5011 or dean-nafendler@hotmail.com.

Encouraging Sustainability in our Schools. March 22nd 8 AM – 4:30 PM. Debra Rowe, Ph. D., an expert in sustainability issues for campuses around the country will lead SFCC faculty, students and key stakeholders in the community on the process of encouraging sustainability in our schools. Info: paulha@spokanefalls.edu if you are a teacher or student leader and would like to participate in this event.

Related Links

"Area trail proposals getting on tract." Spokesman Review, Sunday 2/11/07

Check out the trails the Inland Northwest Trails Coalition our working to create in Spokane and our region. www.inlandnorthwesttrails.org

"Garbage Land: On the Secret Trail of Trash" by Elizabeth Royte. She explores the journey of trash from her kitchen, to curbside pick-up, to midtown transfer stations and finally landfills. Also, she examines recycling efforts. Go to: <http://www.amazon.com/Garbage-Land-Secret-Trail-Trash/dp/0316738263> for reviews and more information on the book.

Have You Seen This?

The familiar has already happened. The unknown is a caldron for discovery, creativity, and new possibilities. Bring something strange into your home and community. Open doors and minds to new dimensions of what we can become. Spend today as an alien life-force.

By Tom Bender Excerpted from Feng Shui Calendar Living in Harmony with the Natural World August 2006 Accompanying Photo by Gary Braasch - of fern on recent lava flow, Mauna Ulu, Hawaii



Member Spotlight

1. WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO THE GUILD? Hugh, my husband, was the member director of the Guild in. While I lived in LA, I worked a year with Tree People, an environmental education group. I really enjoyed meeting people, learning things and being helpful while there and was hopeful I could do something similar with NWEBG.

2. WHAT SOCIAL/POLITICAL/ ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES GET YOU FIRED UP?

I get excited when I see people coming together and coming up with new & creative ways to cope with life's consist change. I am learning to enjoy the process of life and not to hold on too much or worry. It is all there in the moment if we take time to notice it.

3. WHAT'S YOUR PROFESSION? Hugh does remodeling and I have a degree in Interior Design. Over the years, we have incorporated into our life and work sustainable practices as we learn about them. We are just finishing a big project on our triplex in Seattle and recently decided to move in. Down the road we want to build a straw bale house on some land we have in the Okanogan Highlands.

4. HOW DO YOU "MAKE IT A BETTER" PLACE DAILY? I practice being grateful, caring and accepting of myself and others. I enjoy nature and its beauty, as often as I can take time for my friends & family.

5. WHAT IS YOUR STATUS OR ACTIVE LEVEL IN THE GUILD? I have served on the board. I have helped with events and attended tours for my own education. I manage the mailing lists and updating information on our Chapter pages. I assisted Deborah with membership and created some processes to get to know our members better. Now I find myself moving to Seattle. It has been a good experience working on the board and meeting the many friends and members of the Guild. I am taking a lot with me. Thanks!



Ginger Denning



Guild Resources:

Join the guild: <https://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 Ginger Denning 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*****