

Northwest Ecobuilding Guild

Western Columbia Chapter “Last Wednesday” Meetings
6:30—9:00 PM * *Ecotrust Building, Billy Frank Conference Center*
721 NW Ninth Avenue Portland

*Refreshments * Free to Guild members * \$5-\$15 donation suggested for non-members*

Month 1: Wednesday March 26

New Energy Efficient Home Programs, Incentives, Policies and Codes

- City of Portland High Performance Green Building Policy
- New ENERGY STAR home program
- New Oregon High Performance Home Program
- Portland Local Code Amendment Process
- Portland Alternative Technology Review process

Partners: Portland Office of Sustainable Development, Bureau of Development Services; Energy Trust, Oregon Department of Energy

Get ready: New green building policies, programs, code changes and financial incentives are on the way. We'll hear presentations and discuss Portland's carbon "feebate"; standards for 2009 ENERGY STAR homes, Oregon High Performance Home standards and tax credits for builders, and Portland's Local Code Amendment process. If you build new houses, you won't want to miss this.

Month 2: Wednesday April 30

Courtyard Housing

- Best of the City of Portland Courtyard Housing Competition
- Case studies: Developing social housing
- What the City is doing to enable courtyard housing projects

Partners: Portland Planning Bureau, Orange Splot LLC

The City wants higher density. Portlanders want social housing. How can they meet?

We'll review the best courtyard housing designs from the City's recent competition. A local developer will describe how he is creating social housing projects, and we'll discuss the emerging market for singles, families, and baby boomers seeking this type of housing. We'll learn about efforts at the City to ease the process for developing courtyard housing.

Month 3: Wednesday May 28

Cascadia's Living Building Challenge for Houses

Beyond LEED: the Living Building Challenge

Case study: A Living Building house in Southwest Washington

Challenges and barriers to designing and building sustainable houses

Partners: Cascadia Chapter USGBC, Project Greenbuild

What is the Living Building Challenge? What happens when you design and build a house to meet its rigorous standards?

Our presenters will include a member of Cascadia GBC, who developed The Living Building Challenge, and members of a team engaged in the process of creating a Living Building house.

The Northwest EcoBuilding Guild welcomes you to join our association of builders, designers, homeowners, tradespeople, manufacturers, suppliers and others interested in ecologically sustainable building. More information at www.ecobuilding.org.

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