



USGBC Montana Chapter

Big Sky Country Sustainable News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LEED Bootcamp: Kath Williams has scheduled another LEED NC Exam Prep Boot Camp on May 29-31 in Bozeman. This may be the last one for the year! Registration will be limited to 50 attendees. Registration for this boot camp is online at: <http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=604776>

View new events at:

<http://chapters.usgbc.org/montana/events.html>

Do you know of an upcoming green event that we don't have listed? Submit new events to laneyh@ctagroup.com

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE FOR MONTANA!

If you tried to become a member last month, you probably noticed Montana was not yet listed in the pull-down menu. We have been diligently working on this with USGBC National, and are happy to announce it is finally up and running! You can now join the chapter at www.USGBC.org, click on "Chapters", "Join a Chapter". It will ask you to sign in first (if you don't already have a sign-in name, click on [Register](#) now. It's free and easy.) Then follow the steps to "Join a Chapter", and choose Montana from the pull down menu.

Anyone can join:

Members that work for a USGBC (National) member company get the discounted \$50 full membership. For others, associate membership is available for \$65. Students and EGB (Emerging Green Builders) can join for \$25.

Chapter membership explained: Companies and organizations can become National USGBC members.

Individuals can become members at the local level by joining a chapter. We will also work with companies at the chapter level by partnering with and recognizing companies who sponsor the chapter. Find more information about membership and benefits on the USGBC website: "About Membership" (<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=1716>)

Events:

Last month we had a tremendous response from the Montana green building community on-line and in person. We participated in several events including the Bozeman Green Drinks, Billings Green Drinks, Designing the New West Conference, and Gallatin Earth Celebration, and a LEED for Homes and Energy Star workshop in Kalispell. It was great to meet some of you at these events! We are always looking for more opportunities to participate in events around MT, so please contact us with your ideas.

Get involved in Chapter committees

We are in the process of developing several committees, including: events/programming, membership, residential green building, energy analysis & technology, and advocacy. Visit our site, <http://chapters.usgbc.org/montana> to learn how to get involved. You can also suggest a new committee.

LEED v3.0 on the horizon, public comment opens on new LEED 2009 draft

Hot off the press! Last week, the USGBC Board of Directors voted unanimously to send out for public comment on the latest evolution, a new draft version of the LEED rating system called "LEED 2009". Check the USGBC website starting Monday, May 19 to view and comment on the new draft.

From Rick Fedrizzi, USGBC President: "LEED 2009, coupled with an expanded third-party certification program and significant enhancements to LEED Online make up a multi-faceted initiative that we refer to as LEED v3. You will be hearing more specifics about all these changes over the next few months, which will include the fruition of an initiative way to integrate LCA (Life Cycle Assessment) into LEED credits."

Call for photographs!

We are moving forward with our new website, to be released later this year. Point2Design has generously volunteered their services to design and build a new online home for the chapter. Now we need your help! We are looking for local photos- anything themed around green building or Montana, including but not limited to: old and new buildings, outdoor/scenic shots, recreational activities, fishing, climbing, skiing, group photos, green building events, tours, cultural images, kids, action photos at work or on the job-site, etc. We can't promise everyone's photos will be used, but we hope to collect a variety of images to choose from. If you have photos you want to share for the new website, please send digital images to montana@chapters.usgbc.org with "web photos" in the subject heading.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

For more information, or to inquire about getting involved, contact: montana@chapters.usgbc.org

You can also visit our website at:
<http://chapters.usgbc.org/montana>

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For questions or comments please contact us here: montana@chapters.usgbc.org