New WNCGBC Membership Structure

Executive Committee

How Can I Join?

Simply fill out the form below and mail in with your membership dues (due at first meeting).

Membership Categories:

- Individual: $35/year
  - Quarterly newsletter
  - Free or discounted admission to forums and tours
  - Networking opportunities
  - Voting privileges
  - Promotional item discounts
  - Soon to be released decal

- Non-industry Business: $150/year
  - Individual benefits plus
  - Business listed on website and the back of the Green Building Directory

- Silver Level Industry: $250/year
  - Above benefits plus
  - 5% discount in directory
  - Logo featured at one event
  - Business listed on website

- Gold Level Industry: $500/year
  - Above benefits plus
  - 10% discount in directory
  - Logo featured at two events
  - 1 yard sign
  - Business description on website

- Platinum Level Industry: $1000/year
  - Above benefits plus
  - 15% discount in directory
  - Logo featured at three events
  - 2 yard signs
  - Business description on website

Total Amount Enclosed: ____________

Name: ___________________________________
Title: ___________________________________
Affiliation: ______________________________
Address: ___________________________________
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City: _____________________________________
State: _________ Zip: ________________
Phone: ___________________________________
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Any questions or comments should be directed to newsletter@wncgbc.org.
**Do You Have News?**

If you have green building related news, events or articles that you'd like to contribute to this newsletter, contact Emily Boyd at (828) 350-9520 or newsletter@wncgbc.org.

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**Two North Carolina Communities Receive Top Honors In EPA Smart Growth Awards**

Two of the five communities which received 2004 National Awards for Smart Growth Achievement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are in North Carolina!

The Planning Department of the Town of Davidson won the award for overall excellence. "A small community, Davidson is setting the standard for creating healthy and vibrant neighborhoods in a historic setting. The Planning Department has worked with the community to create mixed-use spaces, accommodate walkable housing types, including affordable housing, and neighborhood parks within a five-minute walk," says the EPA's website.

The Department of Housing and Community Development of the City of Greensboro received the award for built projects because of its Southside neighborhood. "The redevelopment of the Southside neighborhood has focused on a rich stock of historic buildings and public spaces to restore this downtown neighborhood," says the website.

Much more information about both communities as well as information about the three other winners can be found at [www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm).

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**Energy Efficient Homes**

H445, Income Tax Credit – Energy Efficient Homes

NC Representatives Louis Pate (Wayne-R), and Joe Tolson (Edgecombe-D) are sponsoring a bill in the NC House that provides an income tax credit for builders and purchasers of federally or state certified energy efficient homes.

The proposed credit for builders is $500 for a newly built federally certified home, $1000 for a remodeled federally certified home, $1,500 for a newly built state certified home and $2000 for a remodeled state certified home. Purchasers of any qualified energy efficient home would receive a tax credit of $500.

The bill is twin to S190 and has been referred to the House Finance Committee. Let your local representatives and senators know that you support tax credits for energy efficient construction!

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**Memberships, continued from page 1**

**Platinum Level**

- $1000/ year, above benefits plus
  - 15% discount in directory
  - Logo featured at four events
  - 2 yard signs
  - Business display at four events
  - Business description and logo on website
  - Opportunity to showcase your business at meetings

Thank you for your support! We encourage you to get involved with the Council. There is ample opportunity to help out with the committees; membership, million solar roofs initiative, forums, website or education. If you would like to volunteer for any of our public relations, tours, fundraising, the directory or our desire to have a public education building. If interested email volunteer@wncgbc.org or call the hotline at (828) 232 5080.

**Wanted: New Forum Committee Head**

Ashley Featherstone has been head of the Forum Committee for two years and is graciously offering her position to a new enthusiastic volunteer. Ashley has done a great job and we thank her for all her hard work.

The job requires organizing our quarterly Forums and working with the Forum Committee to put everything together. The job is basically being an event coordinator: organizing possible topics, contacting speakers, coordinating with the forum committee to arrange to get credits for architects, etc. if appropriate and delegating responsibility for the various tasks.

Ashley would like to work with the new Forum Committee Head for the September forum so they could take over starting in 2006. Please contact Ashley at forum@wncgbc.org.

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**Sustainable Local Wood Available**

The new Mountain Forest Stewardship Cooperative is now taking orders for wood flooring, paneling, and trim. Call for pricing and species availability. Local wood harvested by loggers, processed at local mills. 828-277-9008, howdy@SouthernSustainableForests.org
UPCOMING EVENTS

WNCGBC CALENDAR

July 14, 2005 WNCGBC Social Asheville, NC @ Jack of the Wood, 5:30 pm - contact Rob Moody at ecomoody@theecobuilders.com for more information.

July 15, 2005 Healthy Built Homes Forum Asheville, NC @ Public Works Building, 1-5 pm - contact Mary Love at marylove@charter.net or 273-6468 for more information.

August 26-28, 2005 S.E.E. Expo Fletcher, NC @ WNC Agricultural Center - The annual S.E.E. Expo provides the general public an opportunity to see and learn about first-hand the practical and presentable solutions for moving clean renewable energy sources of energy for the region. See their website at www.sseeexpo.com for details.

August 28, 2005 Green Building Home Tour Fletcher, NC @ WNC Agricultural Center, 12-5 pm - part of S.E.E. Expo, register at NC Sustainable Energy Association Booth.

September 10, 2005 Intro to Wind Power w/ R&D Site Tour Beech Mountain, NC @ SWI R&D Site, 9 am- 4 pm - www.wind.appstate.edu

September 17-18, 2005 Southwest Windpower H80 Grid-tie Installation Workshop Beech Mountain, NC @ SWI R&D Site - www.wind.appstate.edu

October 1, 2005 Solar and Green Building Home Tour WNC - As part of the National Solar Tour and in partnership with NC Sustainable Energy Association, the WNCGBC will be holding its annual Green Homes Tour. It will be a self-guided tour with about 10 green homes to choose from. Mark your calendars, more details will be available soon.

October 15, 2005 Intro to Wind Power w/ R&D Site Tour Beech Mountain, NC @ SWI R&D Site, 9 am- 4 pm - www.wind.appstate.edu

Links to more upcoming events and lots of useful information...

• ASU SOLAR ENERGY SOCIETY free workshop series: www.appstate.edu/www_docs/student/clubs/solar/workshops.html

• NC SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION: www.nscs.org

• SOUTHEALL ENERGY INSTITUTE: www.see.org

• SOUTHERN ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN ENERGY: www.cleaneconomy.org

• SOUTH FACE ENERGY INSTITUTE: www.southface.org

• WNC ALLIANCE: www.wncgbc.org

Upcoming Workshops
The North Carolina Small Wind Initiative (SWI) 2005 Workshop Series:
Space is limited for these workshops, so register early to reserve your opportunity for a thorough educational experience and an all-around good time! No experience is necessary and all levels of interest are welcome. For more information on the variety of workshops offered throughout the remainder of the year, please see the dates and topics for more information...

Small Wind Initiative Research and Demonstration Site Tour and Introductory Lecture - One-day workshop: 9am-5pm. $50/$30 students. June 4th, September 10th, October 15th

Small Wind Energy with Bergey Wind Power: Overview of Small Wind technology and take-down, perform maintenance and tune-up of Bergey XL. Two-day workshop, $350 each, $250 each for groups/organizations. June 11-12, September 17-18, November 5-6.

Southwest Windpower H80 Grid-tie Installation workshop - Two-day workshop. Two-room motel in Black Mountain, $150 each, $100 each for students. For more information, contact The North Carolina Small Wind Initiative, www.wind.appstate.edu, wind@appstate.edu, (828)262-7333.

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Letter from the President

Hello Members! Greetings from the Council. We all know how busy the construction industry is and if the industry is busy that means that your organization is busy as well. The council has been pursuing a vision to disseminate and continue the emergence of the ideas of sustainability into the world of construction and beyond.

Congratulations everyone! The Council is about five years old and we have survived the early years when many non-profits fail. Not only surviving but succeeding shows that we are a strong organization with a root that can extend deep into the soil of sustainability and build a firm foundation for the future. You and your work, and the good created by sustainable actions. If interested in volunteering some time to your organization please email volunteer@wncgbc.org. Hope to see you soon.

Your chair,
Marcus Renner
marcus@buildsustainable.com

Public Forum Sponsorship Opportunity

The Western North Carolina Green Building Council (WNCGBC) would like to invite businesses and other organizations to become sponsors of the next Public Forum. The next forum will be held at the City of Asheville Public Works Building on South Charlotte Street on Friday, July 15th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. The forum, NC Healthy Built Homes, will be a green building panel focused on the importance of healthy homes.

The WNCGBC is looking for sponsorship opportunities for public forums and other events. If you are interested in sponsoring a forum, please contact Ashley Featherstone at sponsor@wncgbc.org. For more information about sponsorship opportunities or to become a sponsor, please visit the WNCGBC website at http://www.wncgbc.org/

Forum Sponsorship Benefits:
- Sponsors names will be included in printed advertisements, on the forum program, the WNCGBC website, and flyers.
- Sponsors will be recognized at the beginning and the end of the forum.
- In addition to forum sponsorship benefits outlined above, additional benefits at the three highest membership levels include discounts for listings in the Green Building Directory, business listings and networking opportunities.

Forum sponsorship details and benefits for the different membership levels are outlined in the membership brochure on the website at http://www.wncgbc.org/PDF/mem_brochure.pdf.

For more information about this sponsorship opportunity contact Ashley Featherstone at sponsor@wncgbc.org. If you are interested in being a sponsor for this forum by joining the Council at the Silver level ($250) or above, please contact Ashley by June 16th so that your organization can be listed in the event related promotional materials.

Show your customers and clients that you are committed to the health and welfare of WNC by helping the WNCGBC promote environmentally friendly and health conscious building practices in our community.

Thanks for your support!