



## USGBC - St. Louis Regional Chapter E-News April 2009

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- [May 12: 6th Annual LEED Showcase](#)
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- [May 31 - June 2: Greening the Heartland in Detroit, MI!](#)
- [June 1 - 2: 3rd Annual Energy & Climate Policy and Climate Conference at Missouri Botanical Garden](#)
- [June 4 - 7: Cordwood Building Workshop hosted by Missouri Botanical Garden's EarthWays Center](#)

### Municipal Initiatives - April 14 Program

**Don't forget to RSVP for next week's Chapter Program in partnership with the Urban Land Institute - St. Louis!**

#### SPEAKERS:

- Todd Meyer, HOK
- Petree Eastman, Assistant City Manager, University City
- John May, City of Creve Coeur Climate Action Task Force
- Marjorie Melton, President of the Board of Public Service, City of St. Louis

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 14, 2009

5:30 - Registration & Networking  
6:00 - 7:30- Presentation - **NOTE EARLIER START TIME!**

**WHERE:** AmerenUE Headquarters Auditorium (off the atrium)  
1901 Chouteau Avenue (63103)

**FEE:** Free to USGBC-STL and ULI-St. Louis members and students; \$20.00 for Non-members

RSVP to: [usgbc-stl@mobot.org](mailto:usgbc-stl@mobot.org) or (314) 577-0225.

For more information, please see the [program announcement](#). And don't forget to bring your refillable water bottle!

### Volunteer with USGBC-STL During Earth Month!

**Want to spread the word about green building and sustainability?** Then USGBC-STL could use your help staffing a booth at the Eco Expo or Earth Day later this month! These two events are great opportunities to share information about the Chapter and general information about green building with the public.

We need 2 - 3 volunteers for each time slot listed below. **Please contact Hope at [usgbc-stl@mobot.org](mailto:usgbc-stl@mobot.org) or (314) 577-0225 to sign up to help!**

#### Eco Expo Sunday, April 19 at the St. Louis Science Center

- 9am-2pm
- 1:30pm-6pm

The Eco Expo, a new event this year, will feature product demonstration, interactive exhibits, kids activities, organic food and wine sampling and more! Work the Chapter booth for a shift and check out the event before or after your shift!

#### 20th Annual St. Louis Earth Day Festival Sunday, April 26 in Forest Park at the Munny Grounds

- 10:30am-3pm
- 2:30pm-6:30pm

Check out one of the largest and longest running Earth Day's around and enjoy the beauty of Forest Park. Over 250 vendors will provide demonstrations, hands-on activities, cutting-edge technological innovations, entertainment and healthy and delicious foods!

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### Congratulations to the Growing Green Award Winners!

#### USGBC-STL is pleased to present the winners of the inaugural Growing Green Awards!

Last week, USGBC-STL held our first-ever Growing Green Award Celebration to recognize the individuals, companies and organizations that are transforming the built environment in a more environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy place. The event exceeded expectations with a sold out crowd of 200! Originally expecting three to four nominations in each of the seven categories, the planning committee was overwhelmed with categories containing up to nineteen nominations.

Kyle Hunsberger, Director of Construction for Habitat for Humanity St. Louis delivered a keynote address on the importance of building sustainably and announced the fantastic news that **Habitat for Humanity St. Louis recently achieved LEED Platinum Certification on 27 homes in the City of St. Louis!**

#### Congratulations to our inaugural Growing Green Winners!

##### Innovator

William A. Kerr Foundation

##### Residential

Habitat for Humanity St. Louis

##### Government Special Mention

U.S. Congressman Russ Carnahan

##### Government Winner

City of Clayton

##### Quietly Green (two winners!)

Richard Reilly, Boa Construction  
David Bertorelli

##### Education

Parkway School District

##### Commercial

LoftWorks, LLC

*Be sure to look for more detailed write-up's about each winner on the Chapter website soon!*

### Missouri State Historic Tax Credits Threatened

We reported on green building specific legislation in the [March e-news](#), most of which continues to march forward in the Missouri legislature.

Currently, Senate Bill 45 threatens a number of state tax credits and includes restrictions on both Historic Tax Credits and Brownfield Tax Credits. And what's more green than protecting and reusing our historic buildings and redeveloping and revitalizing potentially contaminated land in the urban core? **Let's not forget that "reduce, reuse and recycle" applies to buildings and property too!**

Missouri is known nation-wide for our historic tax credits. According to the Park Service's 2007 report, Missouri is

- first in the nation with 189 federal historic rehab tax credit projects successfully completed in 2007, and
- first in the nation with almost \$535 million in up-front investment in labor and materials for the federal historic rehab tax credit projects completed in 2007

Learn more about Senate Bill 45 on the [Missouri Coalition for Historic Preservation and Economic Development website](#). Or if you have some time on your hands, [read the entire bill](#) and let your state senator and representative know what you think about it!

Green building, energy efficiency and renewable energy are hot topics among our Missouri lawmakers this year. Check out [Missouri Votes Conservation's website](#) for a broader (and much longer!) list of legislation.

Questions? Contact our Government Advocacy Subcommittee Chair, Richard Schuessler at 314-817-2686 or [richard.schuessler@ffc.com](mailto:richard.schuessler@ffc.com)

### Peter Senge to speak at SLU April 23

Author Peter Senge will deliver the keynote address at the *The Necessary Revolution, A St. Louis Perspective: Acting Together to Create a Sustainable World*, presented by St. Louis Leads & Learns, in partnership with Sustainable St. Louis.

**WHAT:** The Necessary Revolution, A St. Louis Perspective: Acting Together to Create a Sustainable World

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 23, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

**WHERE:** St. Louis University John Cook School of Business Busch Auditorium (3674 Lindell Blvd - 63108)

**COST:** General Admission - \$95.00, Non-profit - \$55.00

See the [Conference Flyer](#) for more information or to register.

### USGBC-STL Sponsor Profile: HOK

HOK is a global architectural firm that specializes in planning, design and delivery solutions for buildings and communities. Building on two decades of hands-on sustainability experience, the firm creates both short-term and long-term value for its clients through innovative, environmentally responsive design. HOK embraces its responsibility as one of the world's most influential design firms to advance green design for every building type, geographic region and budget level. By developing solutions that enhance aesthetic goals, limit resource consumption, improve building performance, and promote occupant health and productivity, HOK is leading the way to an increasingly sustainable future.

#### HOK Logo



#### Thanks to **HOK** for their continued support of USGBC-STL through Chapter Sponsorship!

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### LEED Faculty Program Update

#### Are you knowledgeable about LEED® and want to be on the forefront of LEED education?

#### Interested in teaching individuals about LEED and the LEED Rating Systems?

Join USGBC's team working to promote global market transformation! USGBC held over 600 education programs in 2008 alone. Teaching a LEED® education program in your area is an impressive addition to your professional résumé and provides a unique opportunity to promote green building practices among vastly diverse audiences, ranging from building industry practitioners, property managers and product manufacturers to building tenants/owners, students and government officials.

[Learn more about the USGBC LEED Faculty Program!](#)

USGBC-St. Louis Regional Chapter hosts several LEED workshops throughout the year and would like to cultivate local LEED Faculty members. E-mail [usgbc-stl@mobot.org](mailto:usgbc-stl@mobot.org) for more information.

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