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## Upcoming Events & Workshops

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**JULY 18 - 19**  
[Free Strawbale Workshop w Dan Chiras' Evergreen Institute in Lebanon, MO](#)

**JULY 28:**  
[Green Building 101](#)

**August 11:**  
[USGBC-STL & ASHRAE-STL Joint Program on ASHRAE Standard 189](#)

**AUGUST 21:**  
[LEED Core Concepts & Strategies Workshop - NEW WORKSHOP!](#)

**SEPTEMBER 9:**  
[Annual LEED Building Tour - Cannon Design](#)

## Call for Web Resources!

USGBC-STL is redesigning our website, including our Resources Page.

Where do you go to find cutting edge information, green materials, best practices, expert advice, and helpful data?

Help us by e-mailing your favorite green building web resources to our volunteer, [Killian Smith](#).

## USGBC-STL Program: July 16 on LEED Homes Developments

**Don't forget to RSVP to the USGBC-STL July Program - LEED Homes Developments: Building Economies of Scale**

Presenters & Projects:

- Kyle Hunsberger - Habitat for Humanity-St. Louis' LEED-Platinum "blitz build"
- Phil Fingerhut, St. Louis County's Patrician Place
- Consort Homes, a production building (invited)
- Tom Schultz, Laclede Gas Company

Facilitated by Jean Ponzi, of Missouri Botanical Garden's EarthWays Center and USGBC-STL's Residential Green Building Advocate.

**When:** Thursday, July 16, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

**Where:** Steinberg Auditorium at Washington University in St. Louis \* Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts \* 1 Brookings Dr., Steinberg Hall, St. Louis, MO 63130

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

For more information on the program - including parking instructions and maps, please see the [program announcements](#).

**Thanks to our Program Sponsors - Home Green Home TMA Architects!**

## Camp EarthWays - Young Green Builders July 13 - 17

Do you know a student entering 5th - 8th grade that can't get enough of green buildings and architecture? Would they like a week of hands-on exploration of sustainable home design and interaction with professionals in the green building arena, culminating in the design of their own green home?

**It's not too late! Spaces are still available in the Young Green Builders camp session on Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17.**

For more information and a registration form, visit the Missouri Botanical Garden's [EarthWays Center](#).

## Free Straw Bale Workshop with Dan Chiras

Dan Chiras, with the Evergreen Institute (a recent transplant from Colorado to Gerald, MO) is teaching a **free two-day straw bale workshop near Lebanon, MO on Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19.**

The workshop will provide hands-on experience stacking and notching bales, creating half bales, preparing walls for plaster and mix, applying earthen plaster, working with straw-clay to fill places bales won't fit and making and applying cob.

Workshop attendees will camp on-site.

For more information or if you plan to attend, please contact the [Evergreen Institute](#) at 303-883-8290.

## Operation Food Search: Office Furniture to Food

**Divert waste from the landfill and feed the hungry at the same time? Is it really possible?!**

**Operation Food Search's Furniture to Food Program makes it easy for companies and organizations to help end hunger by donating furniture in good repair.**

Instead of sending unused furniture and cubicles to a landfill, you can donate it to Operation Food Search. They will then dismantle, move and sell your unwanted furniture. The profits from furniture sales fund Operation Food Search's Back Pack Program, which sends kids home with a backpack full of healthy, kid-friendly food over the weekend.

Furniture to Food can help your organization avoid storage fees for unused furniture, eliminate time and labor associated with furniture disposal while diverting waste from landfills and feeding the hungry!

Learn more about Furniture to Food, or Operation Food Search's other landfill diversion program, Metal to Food, by contacting Cindy Breth, Operation Food Search Director of Green Initiatives, at (314) 726-5355 or [cbreth@ofsearch.org](mailto:cbreth@ofsearch.org).

*Operation Food Search is a local, non-profit that distributes food free of charge to more than 250 community agencies. Learn more at [www.ofsearch.org](http://www.ofsearch.org).*

## Green Homes Festival - Sponsorship & Exhibitor Opportunities - DEADLINE EXTENDED!

**Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities are available for the 2009 EarthWays Green Homes Festival - deadline for inclusion in the Festival Program Book has been extended to July 23!**



**This year's [Green Homes Festival](#) - on Saturday, September 26 - will be bigger and better than ever!**

Brought to you by the Missouri Botanical Garden's EarthWays Center and the Missouri Coalition for the Environment, the Green Homes Festival will once again take over Grandel Square - filling the street in front of EarthWays Center with a promenade of green resources! In addition to the street fair of vendors and exhibitors, the Green Homes Festival will feature 30 sustainable-living workshops, solar car races, and a green craft show and sale.

**[Exhibitor Opportunities](#)  
[Sponsorship Opportunities](#)**

***If you plan to participate in the Green Homes Festival as an exhibitor or a sponsor, be sure to register by Thursday, July 23 in order to be included Festival Program Book.***

## Local Award Programs calling for Green Best Practices!

Two local Award Programs are calling for your Green Best Practices - Trailnet's Active Living Awards and the St. Louis Business Journal's Heroes Of the Planet Awards.

**[Trailnet's Active Living Awards](#)** celebrate individuals, communities and organizations who are engaged in unique and sustainable efforts to incorporate physical activity in everyday living.

Nominations are currently open in three categories: Individuals, Communities and Organizations. **Nomination forms are available on the [Trailnet website](#) and due by Friday, July 17.**

Recipients will be announced in August, and awards will be presented at the 2009 Active Living Awards Party on Thursday, September 17.

**[The St. Louis Business Journal's Heroes of the Planet Awards](#)** honor and promote businesses that have outperformed their industry in promoting and advancing environmental sustainability within our region.

Nominations are open in the following categories: Sustainable Visionary; Sustainable Communities; Sustainable Employee Programs; Sustainable Business Operations; Sustainable Products; Sustainable Alliances and Giving Green. **[Online nominations from the St. Louis Business Journal website are due by 5 p.m. Friday, August 21.](#)**

Winners will be profiled in the October 23 issue of the Business Journal and honored at an awards dinner program on October 22.

*And while we're plugging awards, **don't forget to mark your calendar for the Chapter's 2010 Growing Green Awards Celebration on March 31!** Look for Growing Green Award Nominations to open in early 2010.*

## USGBC-STL Sponsor Profile: Vertegy

In February of 2005, Alberici Corporation announced the formation of a branded, sustainable consulting service named Vertegy. Vertegy brings a different perspective to sustainable building - it is hands-on. Vertegy is a full service sustainability consultant; structured to work with building owners, designers, constructors and building occupants focusing solely on issues of sustainability. Vertegy evolved from the founder's 20-year career in the construction industry, energized by the success of achieving LEED® Platinum certification on Alberici's Corporate Headquarters building, considered by many experts as one of the greenest buildings in the world. Vertegy has discovered the ability to apply economical suggestions to heighten the level of sustainability in any type of project. Vertegy has become a leader in sustainable design and construction consulting and LEED process administration, with 17 LEED certified projects completed to date and more than fifty LEED registered projects in progress, totaling over 7 million square feet - nearly \$1.5 billion worth - of sustainable buildings and spaces.

Vertegy is headquartered in the LEED Platinum Alberici building in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Thanks to [Vertegy](#) for their continued support of USGBC-STL through Platinum Chapter Sponsorship!**

*2009 Chapter Gold and Platinum Sponsor Benefits include a profile or article in the Chapter e-news. [Learn about 2009 Chapter Sponsorship Opportunities!](#)*

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