

#### Upcoming Chapter Events

For more information on the following events, visit our [Events & Program](#) page

**May 9** - LEED for Schools Technical Review - CANCELLED, look for a rescheduled workshop in fall 2008

**May 20** - LEED Showcase \*

**June 12** - ReGreen Program with ASID - look for details soon!

**June 22 - 24** - Greening the Heartland - **EARLY REGISTRATION UNTIL MAY 17!**

**July 14** - LEED NC Technical Review at Commerce Bank West Olive Operations Center \*

**July 17** - Dark Skies program in partnership with American Institute of Architects - St. Louis and the St. Louis Astronomical Society \*

**August 8** - LEED for Existing Buildings Technical Review at Ameren Headquarters

\* Sponsorship opportunities available! Contact USGBC-STL at (314) 577-0854 or [usgbc-stl@mobot.org](mailto:usgbc-stl@mobot.org) for more information.

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#### Greening the Heartland - Early Registration Until May 17!

Be sure to register for Greening the Heartland by May 17 to receive the Early Bird Rate! Check out the [May Conference Newsletter](#) for updates on speakers and conference details - nearly 100 exhibitors have already registered!

Visit [www.greeningtheheartland.org](http://www.greeningtheheartland.org) to check out the conference schedule and to register.

Don't forget to check out the [pre and post conference workshops](#) as well, which include a great line up of LEED workshops, Green Advantage Training for Contractors, Green Roof Design 101, Deconstruction & Building Material Reuse Training and Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Training!

**Embrace Change in 2008 - Participate in the Greening the Heartland Conference June 22-24!**

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#### USGBC-STL 5th Annual LEED Showcase - May 20

St. Louis now boasts 20 LEED Certified Projects (18 commercial and 2 homes) and over 70 LEED Registered Projects! This program will feature presentations on four local projects pursuing LEED certification. We'll also hear updates on projects featured over the past four years.

Projects to be featured:

- Danforth University Center - Washington University
- Edwin Watts South Wind Park – Springfield IL Parks Department
- Cupples Station Building One – Conrad Properties
- 8610 Page Business Center – Green Street Properties

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 5:30: Registration & Networking: 6:15: Program

**WHERE:** Missouri Botanical Garden's Monsanto Center at 4500 Shaw Boulevard at Vandeventer

**COST:** Free to USGBC-STL members and students; \$20.00 for Non-members

**RSVP** by Monday, May 19 to [usgbc-stl@mobot.org](mailto:usgbc-stl@mobot.org) or (314) 577-022.

*Program Sponsored by*

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**PLEASE NOTE:** We will transition to a bottled-water free event at this program. Water will be provided in large containers. Please bring your own reusable mug, cup or water bottle. Thanks for helping reduce the environmental impact of USGBC-STL Programs!

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#### Newly Certified LEED Buildings in St. Louis!

The St. Louis green building community is very busy. Congratulations to the following projects on their recent LEED Certification! The St. Louis Region is now up to 18 LEED Certified commercial buildings and 2 LEED Certified Homes!

- Roberts Office Expansion
- St. Louis Zoo - Animal Nutrition Center

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#### Everything You Didn't Know About Air Barriers- May 21

**WHAT:** *Everything You Didn't Know About Air Barriers– Preventing Moisture Problems in Buildings.*

A full day continuing education seminar focusing on the proper planning, design, detailing and construction of the building envelope to prevent moisture problems in buildings. Presented by the Air Barrier Association of America, the Building Enclosure Council – St. Louis, and the St. Louis Chapter – Construction Specifications Institute

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 21, 7 am - 5:30 pm

**WHERE:** Engineers Club of St. Louis

For more information, visit the [St. Louis Chapter - CSI website](#)

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#### Federal and Local Green Building Legislation

**National Legislation:**

[The 21st Century High-Performing Public School Facilities Act](#) - would provide \$6.4 billion dollars for green school construction and improvements to public schools in the U.S.

**Missouri Legislation:**

[Senate Bill 964](#) - Creates the Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday and provides financial assistance for voluntary energy audits, sponsored by Senator Jeff Smith

[Senate Bill 1181](#) - Modifies and creates provisions regarding energy efficiency and energy conservation, sponsored By Senator Engler

[Senate Bill 1261](#) - Creates requirements and provides incentives for energy efficient products and activities, sponsored by Senator Bray

To keep up on the current status of these and other legislation that affects the environment, visit [Missouri Votes Conservation's Legislative Tracking Guide](#).

**Illinois Legislation:**

Is there a Chapter member out there tracking Illinois green building legislation? If so, please contact [usgbc-stl@mobot.org](mailto:usgbc-stl@mobot.org) and let us know if there are any pending bills that Chapter members should know about!

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#### Introducing WeCar!

If you haven't already heard (or seen), WeCar is a new car-sharing program available to those working and/or living downtown. Ride your bike to work downtown, but need to attend a lunch meeting? WeCar could be the answer! Car sharing is available in many cities around the US so it's exciting to have the option in St. Louis! Whether you need to run out on a quick errand or attend a business meeting, WeCar is a convenient, affordable and environmentally-friendly downtown transportation option

WeCars - gas-electric hybrid vehicles - are available at numerous locations downtown.

Learn more about [car sharing](#).

For more information or assistance signing up for WeCar, contact (314) 889-8572 or [WeCarSTL@erac.com](mailto:WeCarSTL@erac.com)

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#### USGBC-St. Louis Regional Chapter Member Survey

The USGBC-STL Membership Committee has developed a membership survey and we're finally ready to send it out. If you're a member of the Chapter, look for the USGBC-STL Member Survey in your inbox next Tuesday, May 13.

Your feedback on this survey is important! Help us be a better Chapter and devote a few minutes to taking the survey when it arrives next week!

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#### ReGreen Program - Save the Date for June 12!

The USGBC-STL Advocacy Committee is partnering with the local ASID (American Society of Interior Designers) to present a June 12 lunch program on ReGreen. Program planners are still firming up logistics, but look for the official ReGreen Program announcement soon!

What is ReGreen?

- Best practice guidelines and targeted educational resources for sustainable residential improvement projects.
- Developed through a partnership between the American Society of Interior Designers' Foundation and the U.S. Green Building Council
- Targeted towards anyone interested in better understanding sustainable renovation project practices and benefits - homeowners, residents, design professionals, product suppliers and service providers

Learn more about [ReGreen!](#)

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