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**E-News**

Leading Colorado Towards a Sustainable Future



Dear Kate,

Summertime in Colorado brings big hikes, BBQs, and many great music events. Join us this month at a few of those... read on to see where you can find our booth this month!

July and August also have many great opportunities to get inside out of the heat and learn about ways you can save money and resources at home. Find out about a few of those below.

Sincerely,

Kate Eckhardt, Outreach and Education Manager

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### CRC Concert Series

**Millennium Harvest House's Friday Afternoon Club (FAC) Rockin' The Gardens FREE summer concert series**

### Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 5 - 6:30-8:00PM  
[The Green Team at CRC](#)

August 30-September 3  
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Sunday, September 26 -  
[15th Annual Boulder County Solar & Green Homes Tour](#)



### CRC Websites

[www.conservationcenter.org](http://www.conservationcenter.org)

[www.resourceyard.org](http://www.resourceyard.org)

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The CRC will be a featured nonprofit **TONIGHT** at the Millennium Harvest House's Friday Afternoon Club (FAC) Rockin' The Gardens **FREE** summer concert series. One of the Best Old School Funk Bands, Jakarta, will Groove the Garden on Friday, July 16th from **5:30 pm to 9:30 pm**.

The Millennium Harvest House is located at: 1345 28th St., Boulder, CO 80302 (28th & Arapahoe St.)· 303-443-3850

**Headed to Rocky Grass Next Weekend?  
Come visit our booth!**

Tickets are still available to celebrate the roots and branches of traditional bluegrass at the **38th Annual RockyGrass Festival (July 23-25) at the Planet Bluegrass Ranch in Lyons, CO**. Join Doc Watson, Patty Loveless, Tony Rice, Sam Bush, Peter Rowan, Greensky Bluegrass, and some of the finest campground pickers in the world for three unforgettable days along the St. Vrain River. Saturday and Sunday single-day tickets are sold-out, but a few 3-day passes, Friday tickets, and camping may still be available - get 'em while you can. Visit [www.bluegrass.com](http://www.bluegrass.com) for more information.

**CRC Joins eTown's "Green Rocks at Red Rocks."**

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**Quick Links**

[Support CRC Business Members! See the list of companies here.](#)

[Check out our Contractor Information Sheets.](#)

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**Upgrade Your Home to Solar**

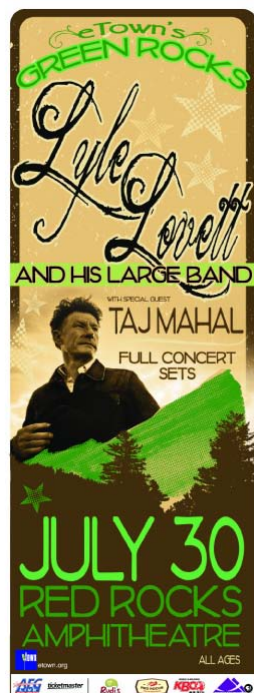


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We are honored to have been selected to participate in the eTown Square at **eTown's "Green Rocks at Red Rocks."** eTown is back at Red Rocks for its fourth year, featuring great live music under spectacular skies at the world's best - and greenest - natural arena. Green Rocks will feature full concert sets, this year from special guests and long-time eTown supporters, **Lyle Lovett and His Large Band and Taj Mahal.**

**WHO:** Grammy Award winner Lyle Lovett and His Large Band with special guest, Taj Mahal

**WHEN:** Friday, July 30, 2010 -- 7:30 pm (gates open at 6:00)

**WHERE:** Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Morrison, CO

**TICKETS:** Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster, by phone at 303-830-TIXS (8497) and on the web at <http://www.ticketmaster.com/>.

[Click here](#) for more event information.

## Solar Energy International (SEI)'s PV Workshop in Boulder!



SOLAR ENERGY  
INTERNATIONAL

**Course Name:** [Solar Electric Fundamentals and Grid-Direct Design](#)

**Location:** CRC's office, 2639 Spruce St

**Dates:** August 2-6

This course will provide an overview of the three basic PV system applications, primarily focusing on residential grid-direct systems. Understand the core concepts necessary to work with all PV systems, including system components, site analysis, sizing, PV module criteria, mounting solutions, safety, and commissioning. Join the SEI Instructor for an intellectual and hands-on experience in the photovoltaic working world.

According to CRC staffer Jeremy Lauffenburger, "The PV 101 course is a great foundation to the solar industry, combining classroom lecture, open discussion and hands on demonstration. I really learned a lot!"

### The Green Team - a Presentation by Collaborative Contractors

**Date:** Thursday, August 5, 6:30-8:00PM

**Location:** CRC, 2639 Spruce St, Boulder

**RSVP:** [Click here](#) to send a quick email with # of attendees

Click on image below for a full-size flyer.

**THE GREEN TEAM PRESENTS**

## Gain **knowledge**

to plan your home energy projects!

Five companies will quickly address their *project role, timeline, costs, return on investment, and measurable impacts.*

Learn from CRC Business Members **Lightly Treading, Bryan Bowen Architects, Eco Handyman, Automatic Co., and Independent Power Systems** - companies which work together to determine the best strategies for retrofitting your home.

From audit to design, insulation, solar thermal, and solar photovoltaic, you will be empowered with information on how to green up your abode.

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**LOCATION: CRC, 2639 Spruce St, Boulder**  
**RSVP: Please send a quick email to [supportcrc@conservationcenter.org](mailto:supportcrc@conservationcenter.org)**  
**more info: [www.conservationcenter.org](http://www.conservationcenter.org)**

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### Matching Grants for Longmont Power & Communications Customers

Matching Grants are now available to for energy efficiency improvements. Homeowners can save 50 percent on the cost, up to \$500, in addition to any existing rebates. Qualifying measures include: refrigerators, furnaces, water heaters, evaporative coolers and more!

Grants are also available to multi-family rental housing units. Property owners of 4 units or more can receive grants up to \$500 per unit for a variety of measures. Energy audits will also be performed on the property free of charge!

Contact REAP Coordinator Jeremy Lauffenburger at 303-999-3820 x224 for more information.

## Tomorrow in Lafayette: Beat the Heat: Save Energy, Save Money

### A free workshop on home energy efficiency

The Lafayette City Council and Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee are hosting a "Beat the Heat: Save Energy, Save Money" seminar **Saturday, July 17th, 10:00 am - 12 pm** at the **Lafayette Public Library located at 775 W. Baseline Rd. in Lafayette.**

During this free workshop you'll learn tips for making your home more energy efficient from Rich Moore, an Energy Auditor with Xcel Energy. Rich will provide a 45-minute workshop on home energy efficiency focused on ways you can save money by conserving energy in your home.

#### Topics will include:

- Heating
- Cooling
- Lighting
- Appliances
- Air Leakage
- Rebates and incentive programs

Other guest speakers include a representative from the Governor's Energy Office who will inform on how American Recovery and Relief Act Stimulus funds are being used for renewable energy projects in Colorado and Boulder County.

CRC's own Jeremy Lauffenburger will be on hand to discuss the Residential Energy Action Program.

Come early or plan to stay late and check out the library's new Energy Corner.

## Announcing ReNew our Schools Solar Company Selection



In our second year of the ReNew Our Schools program, the CRC is looking forward to working with Bella Energy as they install a 10 kW PV system on Flatirons Elementary, and Lighthousesolar as they install 10kW solar systems on Fireside Elementary and Monarch K-8 in Louisville.

Stay tuned for program updates this fall.

## BGBG Summer Events



The Boulder Green Building Guild (BGBG) is an association of building professionals dedicated to promoting healthier, resource-efficient homes and workplaces. We strive to advance the craft of green building; support our members' environmentally-responsible endeavors; provide effective volunteer opportunities; and be the focal point for communication on green building.

### July 27

**BOSS: Building Onsite Seminar Series** (includes tour of the facility by the builders and installers, a gourmet dinner, an in depth analysis by a panel of building science professionals)

**Time:** 5:30pm - 8:30pm

**Location:** Boulder ZED- 2

The ZED-2 house is a near zero energy home near the median home price for Boulder. This complete remodel and addition project anticipates the future redevelopment of much of Boulder's aging mid-century housing stock, and provides an example of what is possible nationwide. ZED-2 meets today's demands of the real estate market as well as the city's emissions and green building goals.

### August 4

**BGBG Commercial Brown Bag Series: A LEED Success Story: CU Boulder and an Overview of LEED CMP (Credentialing Maintenance Program)**

**Time:** 11:30am - 1:30pm

**Location:** REI Community Room, 1789 28th St Boulder

### August 13

**BGBG Residential Brown Bag Series: Water Reuse- Opportunities and Obstacles**

**Time:** 11:30 am - 1:30pm

**Location:** REI Community Room, 1789 28th St Boulder

### August 31

**BOSS: Building Onsite Seminar Series** (includes tour of the facility by the builders and installers, a gourmet dinner, an in depth analysis by a panel of building science professionals)

**Time:** 5:30pm - 8:30pm

**Location:** The Balsam Project

A new carbon neutral home on a hill in the heart of downtown Boulder, where functionality, meets style, meets sustainability. Home was built, originally, as a spec home in Boulder. The goal of the spec project was to build a high-end luxury home that far exceeded the minimum green-points and required HERS points, all to a traditional budget for a home of that quality and square footage in Boulder. The result is a beautiful home that is architecturally striking, with high amenities through-out, while achieving twice the required HERS points.

Visit [bgbg.org](http://bgbg.org) for full event information and registration.

## The Big Winners of CRC's Annual ReWards Dinner & Auction



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- The Bennett family won a 4.14kW solar PV system, care of Independent Power Systems!
- The Ackers won a reinsulation job, care of Bestway Insulation Service!

Independent Power Systems (IPS) donated a 4.14kW SunPower system, valued at more than \$15K after rebates, and the Bennetts won the bid for only \$10K. Additional racking was installed, to accommodate the future growth of this solar PV system.

Bestway Insulation Service employed their dense pack cellulose method to reduce the Ackers energy bills by 45-75%, with a payback of 3.5 years. Brick homes (like this one) are most energy inefficient - they heat up like a brick oven in the summer, and will stay hot until 2 or 3 in the morning. Prevent this by insulating your home.

We thank these Dinner attendees for bidding on items that "practice what we preach." And much recognition goes to our generous Business Members which donated these services and associated equipment.

**Please save the date for next year's Annual ReWards Dinner & Auction - April 22, 2011 (Earth Day!).**

#### **Center for ReSource Conservation's Mission statement**

To empower our community to conserve natural resources.

#### **Center for ReSource Conservation's Vision statement**

A thriving community that understands the finite nature of natural resources and acts to conserve them.

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