

**2009 Regional Innovation Forum and Better Living Show
March 27 Sustainable Schools Track (Friday)**

Creating Agents of Change: Sustainable Schools

Morning Bus Tour: Sustainable Features at School Sites

Rosa Parks Elementary, Portland Public Schools

Main features: LEED Gold building, partnership with Boys and Girls Club
Guide: Karina Ruiz, architect, Dull Olson Weekes Architects

Da Vinci Middle School, Portland Public Schools

Main features: Rain garden, high performance classroom (LEED platinum and net zero energy), cob structure
Guide: Dan Evans, Katie Fairhead, Portland Public Schools

Catlin Gabel School

Main features: Resource management, Organics loop with cafeteria food, goats, hot compost, transportation incentive, partnership with farmers)

Guide: Eric Shawn and staff

Growing Gardens presentation from Caitlin Blethen

Afternoon Forum

Facilitated by Lori Stole, Sustainable Oregon Schools Initiative

Education connecting us to the Earth

Louie Pitt and Pi-Ta Pitt, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Importance of K-12 system to Oregon sustainability efforts

Business Needs Sustainability-Literate K-12 Graduates

Steve Faulstick, General Manager, Doubletree Hotel, Lloyd Center

Creating Agents of Change: Education for Sustainability (EFS)

District Sustainability Journey and Social Story

Bob Stewart, Superintendent, Gladstone School District

Economic Story: Gresham Barlow SD/Evergreen SD

Dave Cone, Facilities, Evergreen School District

Education Story

Peg Cornell, teacher, Corvallis School District

Achieving the Vision

Making a Sustainable K-12 School System an Oregon Priority

Bill Bradbury, former Secretary of State and former Chair - Oregon Sustainability Board

Presenter Bios

Caitlin Blethen

Youth Grow Manager, Growing Gardens

Caitlin has 8 years experience implementing youth gardening programs in Washington and Oregon and has a BA in Ecological Agriculture and Community Development from the Evergreen State College. Caitlin has organic farming experience and loves engaging both students and volunteers in hands-on gardening activities.

Bill Bradbury

Former Secretary of State and Former Chair - Oregon Sustainability Board

Bill Bradbury grew up in Chicago, and moved to Bandon, Oregon in 1971. In Bandon, he owned and operated a small business before beginning his career in government. He served in the Oregon legislature for 14 years representing portions of Oregon's south coast as a State Representative and as a State Senator. He also held the positions of Senate Majority Leader, Senate President and was Secretary of State for 9 years.

Bill Bradbury sat on the State Land Board, and he was appointed by Governor Kulongoski to chair the Oregon Sustainability Board. Currently, Bill sits on Oregon's Global Warming Advisory Commission, a group tasked with making recommendations to the legislature on how Oregon will meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals and tackle the adaptation challenges created by the impacts of climate change. Bill was one of the first 50 participants in Vice President Al Gore's Climate Change training sessions and has given over 160 Climate Change in Oregon presentations.

Dave Cone

Resource Conservation Manager, Evergreen School District, Vancouver, WA

Dave was recently hired by the Evergreen School District to lead and guide their Resource Conservation program. The Evergreen School District realized they had tremendous opportunity to reduce their resource consumption, particularly gas and electricity, and looked to Dave to provide the necessary leadership. Dave had recently led the Gresham-Barlow School District in a similar fashion, to a point they were regularly achieving an annual \$1.3+ million dollar cost-avoidance savings on their utility bills. As a result of this leadership, Gresham-Barlow has now been recognized twice as an ENERGY STAR partner of the year for two of the last three years. In 2005 they were recognized as an ENERGY STAR leader for having reduced their energy consumption for their entire portfolio an average of over 30%. To date they are the only school district in the nation so honored. While Dave has worked in the facility management industry for 28 years, his foray into conservation occurred as recently as ten years ago. Since then he has become affiliated with the Oregon Association of Professional Energy Managers, serving on its board for the past seven years, and serving as its president in 2007. Dave and his wife of 30 years live in Gresham.

Peg Cornell

Science Teacher, Corvallis School District

Peg has been teaching at Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis since 1995 (AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, Seminar on Sustainability). Since 2001 she has also served as the president of their teachers' union (Corvallis Education Association). Peg was born and raised in Florida. She received a BS in Biology and Physics and MS in Biochemistry from the University of Alabama. After teaching high school science in Florida from 1989-1995 she moved to Corvallis, Oregon. She completed certification in Humane Education from the Institute of Human Education in Surry, Maine in 2004 (<http://humaneeducation.org>), focusing on domestic animal protection and sustainability. Peg's husband, Rob, teaches calculus at Corvallis High School (the other high school in Corvallis), and together they teach yoga at Timberhill Athletic Club. They have no children, but do have one companion animal, a rescued Border Collie mix named Gaby.

Katie Fairhead

Portland Public Schools - Facilities - Green Building Education

After studying at Brown University in Rhode Island, Katie landed in Portland working with students in Portland Public Schools on energy conservation projects as an Americorps member. She is now an intern with the school district, developing a green building education program that will both educate occupants about the buildings systems and their most efficient use, and facilitate the use of green buildings themselves as teaching tools.

Steve Faulstick

General Manager, Doubletree Hotel, Lloyd Center

Steve is the General Manager of the Doubletree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center in Portland Oregon. Steve's hospitality career spans over 20 years, including management positions at Hotels in San Jose, San Diego and Scottsdale, before coming to Portland in 1999.

The Doubletree features 476 guest rooms complimented by 50,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, two restaurants and a lounge. In 2006, the hotel became Oregon's first Green Seal Certified Hotel. Since then, the property has become an industry leader in sustainability, receiving local-, state- and national-level recognition for their efforts.

Steve is also an active Board member with Travel Portland, Tri-County Lodging, and the Oregon Lodging Association

Louie Pitt and Pi-Ta Pitt

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Pi Ta began his education with head start in Warm Springs Indian Reservation, before moves that put him in the Portland School District, Centennial School District and eventually Portland Community College. Then he got serious, which led to an interest in economics and admission to Columbia University in New York City. Louie is proud to note that his son, Pi-Ta, is now the first from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation to graduate from an Ivy League school, with a B.A. of Economics in May 2008.

Karina Ruiz, AIA, LEED AP

Project Manager, Dull Olson Weekes Architects

As a Project Manager, Karina has extensive experience in educational architecture, including managing and directing the design and construction activities for the new Rosa Parks School and Regence Boys & Girls Club. Karina has had extensive experience in the design of sustainable environments and views sustainability as a key measure of the success of any project. Her recent experience includes the Center for Children and Families (Gladstone School District), Media Arts High School (West Linn – Wilsonville School District), as well as oversight of the West Linn – Wilsonville School District's \$75 million capital bond. She recently was asked to assist the Washington DC School District as they consider options and opportunities for school buildings that have been closed due to enrollment decline.

Eric Shawn

Director of Facilities, Catlin Gabel School

Eric Shawn is Director of Facilities for Catlin Gabel School where he chairs the Safety and Sustainability Committee. Eric serves on a variety of facilities-related committees for the Sustainable Oregon Schools Initiative, the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools and the Oregon School Facilities Management Association. Eric has a certificate in facilities management from APPA, holds three academic degrees including a doctorate, and has maintained, supervised or managed facilities at Mt. Angel Abbey, Reed College and Marylhurst.

Bob Stewart

Superintendent, Gladstone School District

Bob Stewart has been the superintendent of Gladstone School District since 1999 and he has worked in education since 1975. Since 1980, he has worked at Gladstone School District as a director of: community education, human resources, facilities, public information, curriculum and instruction. He was also the varsity girls basketball coach for six years. Bob Graduated from Warner Pacific College with a physical education degree and he completed his Masters in Public Administration from Portland State University.

Bob is actively involved in Rotary, he is a trustee for Warner Pacific College, a board member with the Gladstone Education Foundation and he is currently the president of Family Stepping Stones Relief Nursery a non-profit. He also serves on the Clackamas County Commission for Children and Families.

Lori Stole

Manager, Sustainable Oregon Schools Initiative

Lori manages the Sustainable Oregon Schools Initiative (SOSI), and in 2005 was instrumental in defining it as a comprehensive statewide sustainability program. She began her school sustainability journey with Oregon's third largest district, Beaverton, where she's a parent. With a sustainability taskforce she designed a district sustainability program, with which she continues to be involved. Lori has been involved with sustainability and related issues since 1995. Prior to her work with schools, she worked with product stewardship solutions to the electronic waste problem.

Lori has a BS in chemical engineering from the University of Washington and worked for over a decade in the semiconductor and plastics industries, in the US and in Germany. She's also a freelance musician and plays violin in several orchestras in Oregon. After climbing, kayaking and biking around the world she came to Oregon in 1986. Her twins enter high school next year.