



## News from the Office

We are off and running! Plans are well underway for our 2011 festival. Sponsor and vendor information is up on the website, as well as volunteer registration and workshop proposal forms. We are eagerly awaiting your applications, pledges, registrations and proposals in our inboxes!

On February 15, I took part in a PEG TV show hosted by Saskia Groom titled "What's New in Sustainability in the Rutland Area?". It was a chance for me to talk a bit about what SolarFest does and the wealth of programming we offer each year. You can get an exclusive look at the entire show by [clicking here](#) for PEG TV's video on demand page and searching for "Sustainable Rutland February 15". Many thanks to Saskia for putting this show together and for including SolarFest in the mix.

Our next Festival Committee meeting is Tuesday, March 8 at the SolarFest office (potluck at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm). These meetings are the times when new ideas are explored, committees are formed, and that great feeling of community and shared purpose grows. Please join us on the 8th and for any and all future meetings (2nd Tuesdays of each month - mark your calendar).

Until next time,  
Patty Kenyon

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### Quick Links

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## The Latest from the Workshop Crew

Have you ever wondered how SolarFest is able to offer over 80 innovative, informative, visionary and fun workshops year after year? The answer to this question is as close as your own mirror! We can do it thanks to people like YOU who generously share their skills and talents each July.

Perhaps this is your year to submit a workshop proposal to the SF workshop committee? Or maybe you will reach out to someone you know and admire - and encourage him/her to submit a proposal? Either way, submitting a proposal is as simple as [clicking here](#).

We can't wait to read your proposal! For more information, contact me at [worskshops@solarfest.org](mailto:worskshops@solarfest.org)

Carol Tashie  
on behalf of SF's workshop committee

### Upcoming Meetings

- Trustee Meeting**  
Monday, March 7, 2011  
6 - 9 pm
- Festival Committee**  
Tuesday, March 8, 2011  
6:30 pm



## Volunteer Update

Our volunteer web page has been updated and our volunteer registration forms are posted and ready for action! It's not too early to sign up to volunteer, in fact the sooner you register, the greater your chance of getting the job you prefer. [Click here to check out what's new for 2011.](#)

We have some great volunteer opportunities available for those dedicated volunteers looking for a bit more responsibility and time commitment. Our current list of open leadership roles include Sponsor Hospitality, Silent Auction, Vendor/ Performer Gate Management, Box Office Coordination, Merchandise Sales Coordination, Volunteer Hospitality, Parade Coordinator, Performer Merchandise Sales Area Coordination, On-site Volunteer Coordination, Parking Coordinator and Wellness Leader. But don't be daunted by this list - or by the responsibilities. Most of our leadership positions are designed to be shared by two or more co-heads in order to ensure that every volunteer has time to enjoy the festival during the weekend.

If you have some experience in managing people and systems and any of these opportunities appeal to you, please contact us to learn more.

All volunteer related questions should be directed to Jaya at [volunteers@solarfest.org](mailto:volunteers@solarfest.org).

Thanks so much for all you do to make our event shine!



You can find out all the latest news and interesting tidbits on our [FaceBook](#) page and on [Twitter](#), so please look us up and join in the fun. We also have a live FaceBook feed on the home page of our [website](#) if you are not into the social network scene but still want to stay up to date on our postings.



## Good things from our friends & neighbors...

**BuildingEnergy 11** - NESEA's BuildingEnergy 11 Conference and Trade Show for Renewable Energy Professionals in Boston, MA at the Seaport World Trade Center on March 8-10, 2011. David Orr of Oberlin College will be the keynote speaker. For more information go to [www.nesea.org/be11/](http://www.nesea.org/be11/).

**Diamond Run Mall - Home, Garden & Outdoor Expo** is looking for vendors and exhibitors in the renewable energy and green building fields. The expo, hosted by Catamount Radio, will take place April 15-17. Email Sheila Bigelow at [sbigelow@catamountradio.com](mailto:sbigelow@catamountradio.com) for an application.

**Do you have an upcoming event or accomplishment you'd like to share?** [Click here](#) to e-mail us your latest news and we'll share it with our community.

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Questions or comments? E-mail us at [info@solarfest.org](mailto:info@solarfest.org) or call 802-235-1513

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