



## Happy 2011!

Where does the time go? January is almost over and we are in the middle of reorganizing our web pages and updating our forms to get everything ready for the big event in July! To see our progress, check out the page links in the *Quick Links* sidebar. A note to food vendors and aspiring food vendors, our process has changed and new applications are available on the Exhibitor Information page.

At our January board meeting we welcomed seven new board members to our ranks: **Josh Brill, Steve Goldsmith, Matt Kenyon, Jeff Skelskie, Wheaton Squier, Todd Tyson** and **Chris Wetherby**. We are off to a great start and we are looking forward to 2011 with renewed energy! Check out the [Trustee page](#) of our website for the latest bios and our new slate of officers.

Our first 2011 Festival Committee meeting is scheduled for February 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).

## SolarFest is NOW Accepting Workshop Proposals for our 2011 Festival!

While we all know SolarFest is a great place to hear first-rate music and enjoy the community of terrific people, it is also the Premier Educational Event of the region—offering festival-goers the opportunity to learn skills and knowledge from many of the leading thinkers and doers in the country.

Once again, we will be offering workshops in Renewable Energy, Green Building, Sustainable Agriculture, Thriving Locally, and The Solar Generation (workshops specifically designed for young people)

In order to provide the Best of the Best in workshops and presentations, we are seeking Workshop Proposals from members of our SolarFest community. If you have expertise or unique experience in any of the areas above, feel free to submit a proposal using the [Workshop Proposal Form](#) on our website.

This year we are looking for more hands-on and demonstration workshops. Please keep that in mind as you develop your proposal.

For more information email Carol at [workshops@solarfest.org](mailto:workshops@solarfest.org).

See you in July!

## A Message to our Volunteers

After many faithful years of heading up volunteers, Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman is handing off the mantle to our new volunteer coordinator - Jaya Holliman! Although we are sad to see Melissa go, we are happy to say that she will continue on in an advisory capacity and will continue to be an active member of our community. We wish her a relaxing and fun 2011 SolarFest season! Thank You Melissa for your hard work and continued dedication.

Please join us in welcoming Jaya, who will coordinate all things volunteer from now until the festival. You can email her at [volunteers@solarfest.org](mailto:volunteers@solarfest.org).

Our volunteer web page has been updated for 2011 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 more chance you have of getting the job you prefer. [Click here to check out what's new for 2011.](#)

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Returning volunteers who already own a volunteer t-shirt in good condition, do not need to purchase a new T. We appreciate that some of you may have dozens of vintage shirts and are reluctant to purchase something you do not need. We applaud your efforts to reduce unnecessary production impacts!



AND



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...

**From the American Lung Association** - Help support the American Lung Association with their **Climb the Bennington Monument Event!** The event takes place on May 21, 2011, the registration fee is \$35.

The climb is a unique and test of one's physical strength, stamina, and lung power. Tackle the 417 stairs and help the American Lung Association continue to our fight for clean air! Register today! Visit <http://www.lungusa.org/pledge-events/vt/bennington-climb/> for more details.

**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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### Upcoming Meetings

**Trustee Meeting**  
Monday, March 7, 2011  
6 - 9 pm

**Festival Committee**  
Tuesday, February 8, 2011  
6:30 pm



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