

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

Early Bird pricing is in effect until June 15. A full Weekend Pass (3 Days!) is just \$40! Where else can you get an entire weekend packed full of education, entertainment and exhibits for the unbelievable price of \$40 per person? We offer the best bargain in the northeast, hands down. Still not convinced? You want to see what SolarFest is all about, but don't want to lay down much money? Join us for "Tire Kicker Friday!" Experience what SolarFest has to offer all day Friday for "Just Ten Bucks!!!" And if you decide to come back for the remainder of the weekend and all the great entertainment and workshops, we'll credit your Friday pass toward a weekend pass. And as always, children 12 and under get in FREE when accompanied by an adult. [For complete ticket information click here.](#)

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Last Call for Reduced Price Exhibitor Space!

April 20 is the last day of reduced price exhibitor spaces. Inside spaces are very limited and we anticipate that they will be gone before the April 20 deadline. If you are interested in being in the arena, sign up now! Signing up by April 20 also ensures your inclusion in our Advance Program. What are you waiting for? [Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming Meetings

Festival Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2010 7pm
(Pot-luck supper starts at 6:30pm) at the SolarFest office

Upcoming Deadlines!

- Reduced Price Exhibitor Spaces - April 20, 2010
- Program Ads Due - April 25, 2010
- Songwriter Showcase Entries - May 15, 2010
- Pre-Fest Workshop Registration - June 15, 2010



Volunteer Cattle Call!

Are you planning to volunteer? Don't keep us in the dark - PLEASE HOP ON-LINE AND REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER FOR the 2010 FESTIVAL!! We know it takes more time than sending an email to the coordinator, but it does help us! If you have communicated your intentions to someone on the SolarFest organizing committee, thank you -- but we still need you to register on-line or by printing out and sending in the PDF form with your check for the t-shirt. If you need some help, ask us! [Click here now to go to our volunteer information page.](#) Have questions, send Melissa an email at volunteers@solarfest.org.

A Sneak Peak at the 2010 Main Stage Offerings

[The SolarFest House Band](#) returns to raucous popular acclaim featuring some of the area's finest musicians and some some not-so-local- talent as well. Full details are top secret.

[Rubblebucket Orchestra](#) is New England's fastest rising 8 piece afrobeat ensemble which won the 2009 Boston Music Award for Live Act of the Year and was listed by SPIN and Relix Magazines as "must hear" artists.

[Impulse Ensemble](#) brings together world music innovators Tony Vacca, Derrik Jordan, and Jim Matus into "a red-hot way-cool, free-flow fusion of World Music, Jazz, and Spoken Word."

Veteran Vermont musician [Bow Thayer](#), "cursed with the notion that he should be playing music to possibly benefit a failing society", will be joined by [Kristina Stykos](#) and [Patrick Ross](#) playing original music that fits like a pair of well worn jeans.

[Caravan of Thieves](#) return to SolarFest with their unique brand of gypsy jazz and high octane energy.

[The Stereofidelics](#) are a "high energy, original, retro-alt band" with shredding guitar, fiery fiddle, bass, drums, keys, and .. oh yeah. There are only two of them.

The dynamic celtic rock band [Prydein](#) (born out of the ruins of Whiskey Before Breakfast) sum up their philosophy in their latest album title: Loud Pipes (Save Lives). Bring it on!

[The Guy Mendilow Band](#) includes world class musicians from Israel, Argentina, Japan and the United States, and incorporates a kaleidoscope of world influences into their own brand of sonic adventure.

[Perpetual e-Motion](#) is "perched at the convergence of electronic and traditional dance music", melding guitar, fiddle, digeridoo, foot percussion and looping. They will also be playing for the Saturday evening contra dance.

Forged in the PCB-laden waters of the Hudson River, [Capital Zen's](#) minds and music have mutated beyond genre classification, laying down danceable, yet edgy and addictive grooves. Call it what you want, but dance!

Good Stuff from our Friends and Neighbors

Vermont Incentives Program Changes: Folks interested in the revised Vermont Small Scale Renewable Energy Incentive Program can find the info at the Renewable Energy Resource Center's (RERC) website, www.erc-vt.org. The new program is expected to be available in April 2010.

One change in the program from the previous incarnation is that incentive checks will be mailed directly to the customer instead of the installer. The customer must then show the money as income on their tax return, but in doing this, the Federal solar tax credit can be taken on the full invoice amount of the solar PV, solar hot water, wind, or hydro installation, rather than on the net cost after the state incentive (which was the case prior to the new rules).

Another change is that the incentive rate will be reduced to \$1.50 per watt from the previous \$1.75, but the cap has been raised to \$25,000 from \$8,750.

Also, folks who have received an incentive in the past may be eligible to participate in the program again as long as their costs are below the new cap. This change may allow many folks to add on to their existing systems or add SHW to their PV or Wind system or vice-versa and qualify for additional incentives.

At this point in time the program is still under construction, so be sure to check the RERC website for any changes or updates that might still be implemented.

The Basics

Check out the Quick Links box above for more information about Sponsorship opportunities, Exhibiting, our Songwriter Showcase, submitting a Workshop proposal, signing up to Volunteer, or taking part in our Pre-Festival Workshop.

We welcome you to join our Festival Committee, whose charge is to plan and prepare for the big weekend in July. This committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 7pm (Pot-luck supper starts at 6:30pm) at the SolarFest office. Email Patty at pkenyon@solarfest.org if you would like to sign up to get email reminders about these meetings, as well as notices about workdays and other interesting festival related tidbits.

We continue to encourage you to use GoodSearch.com as your search engine, where every search you make earns SolarFest money. Check it out!

And, don't forget to check us out on FaceBook by [clicking here](#) and be sure to "become a fan."

If you have news or items of interest you'd like to share, email them to info@solarfest.org and we'll do our best to add them to the next edition.

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