



**THE SCHEDULES ARE SET!! Check them out...**

The [entertainment schedule](#) is set, [workshop schedule](#) is set (see more details below) and we are well on our way towards the 2010 Festival. Get ready for an AWESOME weekend!!! Here are a few things we'd like to highlight.

Tire Kicker Friday is new this year, \$10 Friday admission for everyone! Children 12 & under are still free and we will also offer a \$5 Senior Citizens discount, even on Friday! [Click here for all the scoop on Tickets.](#)

Volunteers: Yes, we still need volunteers! This is one of the best ways to enjoy SolarFest: free admission, good food, camping (or not), and building community. We do ask you to buy your t-shirt (at cost), but where else can you get an organic cotton, sustainably made, uniquely designed and beautiful t-shirt for just \$12? What are you waiting for? ...[Sign up now!](#)

Singer/Songwriter Contest: You asked for it, you got it! The Songwriter Showcase will be held on SATURDAY this year! This is a not-to-be missed event. Once you sit down to watch the first of our ten contestants you will not be able to leave, so plan to hang out a while and enjoy some great original music. All contestants will also grace our Family Stage throughout the weekend for full sets, so make sure to check them out there as well. There is still time to submit your song and be part of the show. [Learn more here.](#)

Updated Solar Showers: Thanks to our sponsor, [Radiantec Company, Inc.](#), we have four brand new solar hot-water panels to install in our solar shower system. This will mean plenty of hot water at the festival and before, for our Pre-Festival workshop goers and our Volunteers for Peace! Thank you Radiantec!

Pre-Festival Workshop: There are still spots left for our Advanced Photovoltaic Technologies Workshop. Presented by Richard Gottlieb of [Sunnyside Solar, Inc.](#) and John Blittersdorf of [Central Vermont Solar & Wind](#). This advanced, five-day, hands-on course is for those interested in learning more about all aspects of photovoltaic systems and installation. Pre-requisite: **Basic knowledge of electrical principals and PV technologies.** It's scheduled for July 6 - 10 and will take place on the SolarFest site. [Check it out !](#)

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**Quick Links**

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**Upcoming Meetings**

Festival Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 11, 2010 7pm  
(Pot-luck supper starts at 6: 30pm) at the SolarFest office



**Upcoming Deadlines!**

- Songwriter Showcase Entries - May 15, 2010
- Pre-Fest Workshop Registration - June 15, 2010
- Vendor Space Reservations - June 15, 2010
- Early Bird Ticket Discount - June 15, 2010



**SolarFest Workshops Will Rock Again!**

We have just completed the schedule of workshops for SolarFest 2010. With over 100 presenters and more than 80 workshops, this year's SolarFest promises to be the educational opportunity of a lifetime - for people of all ages, experiences, and interests!

Once again, we offer workshops in:

- Renewable Energy
- Green Building
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Thriving Locally
- The Solar Generation (workshops for young people)

The [complete schedule](#) is on the website.

Special thanks to Mike Mitchell, Jim Malloy, Steve Goldsmith, Kevin Kiefaber, Rainbow Squier, Andy Perchlik and Tim Chila for helping to organize this amazing line-up of workshops.

And of course our great appreciation goes to all you who will be presenting this year. Without the generous support of your talent and experiences, SolarFest workshops would not be possible.

See you in July!  
*Carol Tashie*

**The Basics**

Check out the Quick Links box above for more information about Sponsorship opportunities, Exhibiting, our Songwriter Showcase, 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 May 11 at 7pm (Pot-luck supper starts at 6: 30pm) at the SolarFest office. Email Patty at [pkenyon@solarfest.org](mailto: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.

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And, don't forget to check us out on FaceBook by [clicking here](#) and be sure to click the "Like" button so you will see all our updates on your wall.

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

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