



Central Texas - Balcones Chapter

Monthly Round-Up

March 2013

Featured



Our New Chapter Website Has Launched!

[Check It Out!](#)

We are excited to announce our new and improved website launched on Wednesday, February 20. With a very user-friendly layout and updated content posting more regularly, the Chapter hopes to bring you not only real-time Chapter event and program announcements but an added resource for your green building needs, as well.



****Chapter Member Special!****

[Free Admission to AIA Austin COTE Norman Hackerman Building Tour](#)

*Tuesday, March 5
5:30pm-7:30pm*

UT Campus, Austin, TX

Earn CE credits and learn more about how this 300,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art teaching and research facility for the College of Natural Sciences achieved its LEED Gold certification through innovative design and engineering approaches, including Lab 21 sustainable strategies. Only a few spots left! [Sign up today.](#)



Call for Volunteers!

The Chapter depends upon the dedication of its amazing volunteers who provide valuable outreach and help us implement our educational programs. If you are interested in any of the below opportunities, please [contact the Chapter](#) to learn more!

Chapter Events

LEED Green Associate Six-Week Exam Prep Course

[Prep for the Exam](#)

*Begins Wed, March 6
Waco, TX*

Monthly Chapter Meeting

[Shedding Light: GreenStar LED and Efficient Lighting Systems](#)

*Wednesday, March 13
San Antonio, TX*

Grow With Green Building Intro Workshop

[Custom-Designed Workshop for Subcontractors](#)

*Friday, March 15
Austin, TX*

LEED BD+C 301 Full Day Workshop

[Implementing the BD+C Rating System](#)

*Monday, March 18
Austin, TX*

Lunchtime Learning Series

[PRACT 250: Integrative Process: Charrettes & Team Workshops](#)

*Tuesday, March 19
Austin, TX*

Annual Fundraiser - seeking team members who will be responsible for logistics, planning and execution of the Chapter's 2013 Annual Fundraiser, to be held in Austin in September or October.

Annual Conference - seeking team members who will be responsible for logistics, planning and execution of the Chapter's 2013 Annual Conference, to be held in San Antonio in early December.

Designers - seeking members with skills in InDesign and Photoshop for intermittent project work throughout the year, such as design of flyers, posters and other promotional pieces for electronic/print distribution.

Regional Green Building Resources Directory Pilot User Group - seeking members in the general contracting, architecture and sustainability consulting communities to serve as pilot users of our new online directory. Involves at least one face-to-face meeting in March followed by individual time to explore user functions of the new directory and provide feedback/suggestions.

Green Schools Challenge mentors - seeking mentors for our Green Schools Challenge who will help teams of 5th graders in Austin and San Antonio understand key sustainability concepts and execute a project related to energy efficiency, water conservation, air quality improvement or waste reduction in the 2013-2014 school year.

Community Green Program - seeking members to perform outreach to regional community colleges, establishing a relationship with appropriate administrative contacts to promote this USGBC national program supporting local green building education and accreditation. Involves direct outreach to schools as well as 15-20 minute weekly status call with Community Green Chair.

Other News



National Member Organizations - Prepare Now to Vote For LEED v4!

[LEED v4](#), the newest update to the rating system, will be up for ballot this June. As a member of USGBC, the final approval of LEED v4 rests in your hands.

The first step to ensuring your organization can vote is to make sure your organizations' USGBC membership is active. **Only the employees of USGBC national members whose accounts are in good standing from March 1, 2013 through the closing of the ballot period this summer may vote.** Not sure if your membership is current? View your membership details in your [usgbc.org site user account](http://usgbc.org/site/user/account).

Opportunities

Call for Papers!

[2013 Corporate Sustainability Forum](#)

May 9 & 10, 2013 in Santa Monica, CA

Lunchtime Learning Series

[LEED 261: Constructing LEED: Building an Integrated Design & Construction Team](#)

Friday, March 29

Killeen, TX

Around the Region

Texas Land/Water Sustainability Forum

[Low Impact Design \(LID\) Competition Continues!](#)

*Registration Closes Midnight, March 5

San Antonio, TX

urban earth

[the 200: A Six-Day Building Workshop With Stabilized Compressed Earth Block \(CEB\)](#)

Starts Monday, March 11-16
San Antonio, TX

AIA Austin

[Design Awards Call for Entries](#)

*Closes Thursday, March 14

City of San Antonio

[2013 Green Building Awards](#)

*Nominations now being accepted!

Seeking case studies demonstrating how sustainability impacts an organization's bottom line (creating financial savings) and reduces carbon footprint.

Job Opening - USGBC Massachusetts

[Green Schools Program Manager](#)

Boston, MA

Chapter Mission: Accelerating the adoption of sustainable building and land development practices in Central and South Texas.

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