



Central Texas - Balcones Chapter

Monthly Round-Up

June 2013

Featured



Mission Matters Makes a Difference

The Chapter's annual (and zero waste!) fundraiser on May 13 drew 100+ people to the new ZACH Theatre for a green building tour, reception and documentary screening. Dr. Scott W. Tinker, Director of the Bureau of Economic

Geology, was on hand to answer questions about his film, *Switch*, illuminating America's energy choices and what the future may hold.

Thank you to our sponsors who provided support for the event's various components, all of which highlighted sustainability in the Central Texas region: [Meritage Homes](#), [Interface](#), [JE Dunn](#), [Structures](#), [Encotech](#), [Texas Fifth Wall Roofing Systems](#), [Facility Solutions Group](#), UTE, [Clean Scapes](#), Resource Design, [Skout Real Estate](#), [CTA Group](#), [EEA Consulting Engineers](#), [Atkins](#), [House + Earth](#), Andrew Clements - Architect, [Green Mountain Energy](#), [HOLOS](#), [Green Fern Events](#), [SherpaLux](#), [Myers Verde](#), [BCL of Texas](#), [Net Impact Austin](#) and [The Austin Chronicle](#).



Open for Green Building Business! USGBC Regional Resources Directory Launches Online

The directory will be the first of its kind in the region to compile a comprehensive, credible and current database of green building resources including subcontractors, vendors, distributors and service providers in the green building marketplace. [Learn more.](#)



Discounted LEED Green Associate Exam Prep Classes Now Available at ACC

Thanks to a partnership with the USGBC Center for Green Schools - Community Green Program, Austin Community College is now offering LEED Green Associate Exam Prep summer sessions at deeply discounted rates.

Chapter Events

Emerging Professionals

[First Thursday Happy Hour](#)

Thursday, June 6

Austin, TX

Earn LEED-Specific Credit!

[Monthly Meeting: Life Cycle Assessment](#)

Wednesday, June 12

Austin, TX

Mid-Year Committee Leadership Workshop - Snacks Provided!

All are welcome! Learn more about the Chapter and the benefits of becoming a committee volunteer- [RSVP](#)

[now](#)

Monday, July 8

Texas State University

1:00p-3:00p

San Marcos, TX

Around the Region

Austin Parks Foundation

[National Trails Day](#)

Saturday, June 1

Registrants receive 48 hours online/classroom instruction, exam prep study materials, exam sitting fee, one-year Chapter membership, and various online LEED courses - a \$725 value - all for only \$296. Session one starts June 1 - [register today!](#)

Other News

Climate Change in Texas - Laura Huffman Interview

[Laura Huffman is the state director for The Nature Conservancy of Texas, helping cities and local governments develop solutions to problems caused by climate change...](#)

City Strives for Sustainability

[Incentives drive green building program success...](#)

HID Global Begins Construction of North American Operations Center in Austin, TX

[Custom built facility with many advanced sustainability elements...](#)

Drought Spawns Sustainability for Local Businesses

[Northwest Austin companies adapt to weather, focus on reusable water...](#)

Opportunities



WANTED: Projects for LEED v4 Beta Program

For the first time, USGBC National is engaging a large group of volunteers in a pre-launch beta test of LEED v4, including its supporting tools and resources for LEED. [Learn more about how your project can become involved.](#)

Job Opening: PowerWise Systems

[Commissioned Sales Representatives - Texas](#)

Job Opening: Austin Energy Green Building

[Green Building & Sustainability Consultant](#)

Austin, TX

Job Opening: Bridgers & Paxton Consulting Engineers

[Commercial LEED Project Consultant - Full or Part-time](#)

Albuquerque, NM

Thank You To Our Chapter Platinum Partners

Austin, TX

Texas Solar Energy Society

[Austin Cool House Tour](#)

Sunday, June 2

Austin, TX

Keep Bastrop County Beautiful

[Heart of Texas Green Expo](#)

Friday-Sunday, June 7 - 9

Bastrop, TX

AIA Austin COTE

[Green/Sustainable](#)

[Accreditation Panel](#)

Tuesday, June 11

Austin, TX

Austin Energy Green Building

[Green By Design Workshop](#)

Saturday, June 15

Austin, TX

City of San Antonio Office of Sustainability

[Third Global Urban](#)

[Environmental Accords](#)

[Summit](#)

Thursday-Saturday, July 11-13

San Antonio, TX



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

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