



Iowa Chapter

# USGBC Newsletter

## February 2012

### Monthly Membership Meeting and Luncheon

USGBC Central Iowa Monthly Membership Meeting will be hosted by the **USGBC Iowa Regionalization Committee** who will provide an update on their work and impact. Kevin Nordmeyer, Associate Principal with BNIM and Scott Bowman, Principal with KJWW will lead this discussion as well as answer questions from the group. This is a can't miss meeting with relevant information for members from across the State. We hope to see you there!

WHEN: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

WHERE: Stoney Creek Conference Center, 5291 Stoney Creek Point, Johnston, IA 50131

#### AGENDA:

11:30 AM - Sign in, networking, lunch served

11:30-12:15 PM - Lunch of Deli Sandwiches with Soup and Salad

12:15-1:15 PM - **Program: USGBC Iowa Regionalization Committee Update**

1:15-1:30 PM - Networking

REGISTER: To meet the various needs of our members and guests we will offer a lunch and presentation option and a presentation only option. Those who choose presentation only unfortunately WILL NOT be able to bring a brown bag lunch to this event. This is an informational session only and a certificate of completion will not be provided at the close of the session. \$5 USGBC Iowa Chapter members presentation only, \$15 non-members presentation only, \$20 USGBC Iowa Chapter members lunch and presentation, \$30 non-members lunch and presentation. A modest processing fee will be added to all ticket options.

RSVP: Please be sure to register in advance so we can effectively determine our food and room size needs. You can register through end of day Thursday, February 9, 2012 to be included in the food counts. After this date you can continue to register for one of the Presentation only options. Click here to register: <http://usgbc-iowa-central-regionalization.eventbrite.com>



**HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY**

## USGBC Iowa Chapter February Membership Drive: Show Your Love For Our Chapter!



Current USGBC Iowa Chapter Members -- Recruit a new or lapsed member in the month of February and you will receive a 50% cash back rebate from your registration fee to any one (1) 2012 chapter event!

To receive the 50% rebate, please send an email to [usgbc Iowa@assocserv.com](mailto:usgbc Iowa@assocserv.com) with these details after you register for any 2012 chapter event:

- Your name and contact info
- Your recruit's name and contact info
- Date the recruit submitted for membership

For current chapter membership rates and link to join, click here: <http://www.usgbc Iowa.org/join.php>

For any questions regarding this promotion, please contact the USGBC Iowa Chapter Office at: [usgbc Iowa@assocserv.com](mailto:usgbc Iowa@assocserv.com).

## Environmental Impact Awards



Center On Sustainable Communities (COSC), The Greater Des Moines Partnership and Metro Waste Authority established the annual Environmental Impact Awards in 2011 to honor local organizations and leaders for their sustainability efforts in the Greater Des Moines area.

### Applications

**The Environmental Impact Awards are now accepting applications through Friday, March 23, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.**

To commemorate Earth Month, winners will be announced April 16. Awards will be given in the following areas:

- Built Environment: Residential
- Built Environment: Commercial
- Individual
- Civil
- Business: Large
- Business: Small

2012 Environmental Impact Awards applications are available for download, or can be submitted online, through the The Greater Des Moines Partnership's website [www.desmoinesmetro.com/events](http://www.desmoinesmetro.com/events). Please feel free to nominate yourself or your business, as well as another organization, business or individual you believe is worthy of recognition!

### Awards Luncheon

The winners will be recognized at the Environmental Impact Awards ceremony luncheon, sponsored by Des Moines Water Works, on Thursday, May 16 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Des Moines Botanical Center. Tickets to the ceremony may be purchased for \$25 each by contacting Siobhan Spain at 515-707-2783 or [Siobhan@icosc.com](mailto:Siobhan@icosc.com).

## The Tomorrow Plan

The Tomorrow Plan is a regional planning effort focused on the sustainable development of Greater Des Moines. It will involve residents and local leaders in identifying visions and aspirations for the region, exploring potential scenarios for its future, and setting a preferred direction for sustainable future development. Public meetings for The Tomorrow Plan to be held on January 31, February 1, and February 2. More information, times and locations can be found online at: <http://www.thetomorrowplan.com/>

## Member LED Spotlight: Joe Greathouse, Kirkwood Community College

*How long have you been a member of the USGBC Iowa Chapter?*

I've been a member since April 2010...I believe...

*What is your role at Kirkwood?*

I am an Assistant Professor teaching Construction Management and Architectural Technologies courses. I most enjoy teaching our Sustainable Construction Science course.

*Tell us about the sustainability-related work/initiatives at Kirkwood (and any planned for the future).*

In addition to our Sustainable Construction Science course, we offer students the opportunity to join our USGBC Student club. In that club, students are working on highly innovative designs to improve sustainable designs and construction practices. Kirkwood Community College is considering a large project called the Iowa Sustainability Village (see below). This project will encompass student designed and student built experimental housing to serve as a working laboratory to better our understandings of design and performance. In addition to the residential structures, we intend to build a commercial building to support international video conferencing with our sister schools around the globe. Lastly, we also intend to build a state of the art production facility located within the village to build the experimental housing projects.

Other info: Our combined Construction and Architecture program reaches approximately 60 new students per year. Both programs are two years in length, resulting in an Associate of Science degree. Sustainability courses are on the minds of many students as they understand it leads to better design and performance. Students are very receptive to join professional organizations such as USGBC and others.

For more information or questions, contact Joe at [Joe.Greathouse@kirkwood.e](mailto:Joe.Greathouse@kirkwood.e)



## Future City Competition



Another great year for the Future City Competition on January 21 at Prairie Point Middle School in Cedar Rapids, IA and the winner for 2012 was the **New Mikketery** team from North Scott.

All the entrants had great, energy efficient schools. Some included other features like low flow toilets or green roofs. The **New Mikketery** team was outstanding in their emphasis that the school also "teaches green." They knew that was the way to make sustainability sustainable!

Many thanks to Ruth Fox and John Bixler for helping to judge our 9 entries.

Also, many thanks to the organizations that provided prizes, including the UNI College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Iowa Math and Science Education Partnership, QA Graphics, KJWW Engineering Consultants, and the Center for Green Schools.

For more information on the competition, visit <http://www.futurecityiowa.org/competition.htm>.

## Eastern Iowa Branch Information

### **February 9, 5:30-7:30pm, Q1 Event: Energy Management, University of Iowa, Iowa City**

Come join members of the Eastern Iowa Branch of the USGBC Iowa Chapter at their Quarterly event in Iowa City for an evening on Facility Energy Management. There will be a brief presentation on energy management practices at the University of Iowa, and a small tour of their tracking facility within the USB building. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and networking before and after the presentation and tour. This program is in cooperation with the Eastern Iowa Chapter of the International Facility Management Association.

WHEN: February 9, 2012 - 5:30 – 7:00 PM

WHERE: University Services Building (USB) at the University of Iowa, 1 West Prentiss Street, Iowa City, IA 52240

AGENDA:

5:30 – 6 PM Hors D'oeuvres and mingling

6-7 PM Presentation on Energy management at the University of Iowa and UI Energy Monitoring Tour

REGISTER:

This event is free to the public.

This event is compliant with Iowa Code section 68B.22(4)"e" for participation by executive branch officials, employees, and candidates for executive branch elected office.

This event is eligible for self-reporting CEU's as part of the GBCI CMP.

RSVP: <http://usgbceibfacilityenergymgmt.eventbrite.com>

## **February 24, Dinner CEU Webinar, Cedar Rapids**

Come join members of the Eastern Iowa Branch of the USGBC Iowa Chapter for a webinar. Title to be announced soon!

WHEN: February 24, 2012 - 5:30 – 7:30 PM

WHERE: White Star Alehouse, 305 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

### AGENDA:

5:30 – 6 PM - Networking

6-7:30 PM - Presentation (webinar to be announced)

REGISTER: The webinar is \$20 to attend, and is available to USGBC Iowa Chapter Members at a reduced cost of \$10. There is a minimal processing fee for the event registration. Advance registration is preferred however you are welcome to join as a walk-in and pay at the door.

RSVP: <http://usgbc Iowaeibfeb24webinar.eventbrite.com>

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## **Green Schools**

**Join us on April 19, 2012 to learn more about Green Schools in Iowa!**

**DATE:** Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (CT)

### **LOCATION:**

Stoney Creek Inn and Conference Center  
5291 Stoney Creek Point  
Johnston, IA 50131

### **AGENDA:**

10:00 - 10:30 AM - **What Makes A School Green? A Round Table Discussion**

*Moderator:* Pat Higby, Energy Education Outreach Coordinator, Center for Energy & Environmental Education, University of Northern Iowa

10:30 - 11:00 AM - **Product Show**

11:00 - 11:30 AM - **Sustainability Through Behavioral Change and Education**

*Presented by:* Krell Energy Efficiency

11:30 - 12:00 PM - **Retro-commissioning: Identifying Energy Savings**

*Presented by:* SystemWorks

12:00 - 1:00 PM - **Lunch & Product Show**

1:00 - 1:30 PM - **Energy Benchmarking**

*Presented By:* Kevin Nordmeyer, Iowa Energy Center

1:30 - 2:00 PM - **Benefits & Considerations - Budget Benefits Related to Energy Savings**

*Presented by:* Siemens Industry, Inc – Building Technologies

Please use this link to register for our Green Schools Symposium:

<http://usgbc Iowa greenschoolsattendee-eorg.eventbrite.com/>

Log onto [http://www.usgbc Iowa.org/green\\_schools.php](http://www.usgbc Iowa.org/green_schools.php) to learn more about Green Schools!

## **Next Chapter Newsletter**

The next newsletter will be issued during the first week of March. If you have news or information that you would like to share with the USGBC Iowa Chapter membership, please send to the Communications Committee at [beckymigas@gmail.com](mailto:beckymigas@gmail.com) by *February 22, 2011*.

Thank You!

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your company has a baracudda spam filter, please be sure to put [usgbciowa@assocserv.com](mailto:usgbciowa@assocserv.com) on your safe sender list to ensure you are receiving all chapter communications.

**Interested in sponsor opportunities for USGBC Iowa or speaking at a monthly meeting? Contact the USGBC Iowa office for more information at [usgbciowa@assocserv.com](mailto:usgbciowa@assocserv.com).**

**Remember to connect with USGBC Iowa Socially on [Facebook](#) and [Linkedin](#)!**