

## STI EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

Saturday, April 4, 2009, 1-4 pm  
at Inquire Within, Sandpoint

**Attendance:** Cricket, Mark, Gerald, becky, Gloria (note taker) and Gerald (facilitator)

**News & events from core meeting:** Reported by Cricket

- **April 7:** Vicki Reich & Suzan Fiskin interviewed at KSPT radio station at 12:15 pm
- **April 26: Earth Day** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Community Hall, Contact person: Suzan Fiskin
  - Needs volunteers:
    - Gerald volunteered to represent the Education group from 11-12
    - becky may also volunteer
    - Cricket will provide STI EDU sign up list, mission statement & group projects info
- **May 2:** Opening of the **Farmer's Market**, followed about 12:30-1 pm with the **Ground Breaking for the Community Garden**.
  - Working groups members are invited to attend and represent their groups.
- **June 1-6: Timber Frame Workshop** by Collin Beggs Cost: \$600
- **July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:** The Mobility group is taking the lead on the Fourth of July Parade.
- **Powered by Community:** Karen Lanphear report
  - Program by Panhandle Bank to support nonprofits and local community businesses
  - Interested in supporting a "Bonner Buck" local currency & other local projects
- Core group minutes are available on the STI website for in depth report
- **June 13 -14:** becky added there will be a *Medicine Wheel introduction to Permaculture* workshop. She asked about STI co-sponsoring event; further discussion on co-sponsorship was moved to later in the agenda.

**April 16 Film Night: "The Living Matrix"** 6:30-8:30 at Sandpoint Library

- Health group sponsored: *a new documentary that challenges conventional medical thought, and offers new direction for the future of healthcare*
- Use library's projector and bring two computers - Mark Cochran & Jessica Janssen.
- Poster/Flyer done by Jessica
- Marketing:
  - STI working groups & general email list (Cricket & Richard)
  - Email primarily to Health-related groups and alternative medicine practitioners
    - Request they post copy at their own office
  - Mary Baenen to post in downtown locations
- Press Release (written by Mark) send to: Bonner Bee, Sandpoint Online, The Reader, Spokesman Review, The River Journal
- Cricket will get coffee/teas
- Will check with Sarah about childcare that evening
- Note: becky volunteered future editing services.

**Future Thursday evening film and program possibilities:**

Overall, felt it important to feature different working group areas, if we can. We discussed June and subsequent program possibilities and Cricket mentioned a number of good films she has previewed.

- **"Alcohol Can be a Gas"** – Energy group interested in co-presenting this one with STI-EDU. 2 hrs 40 min lecture format with David Blume. Covers a wealth of technical info during documentary. Not practical to feature for our film series. Need another format to feature it (ie) view sections at a time; create a longer, different venue to feature it. Will revisit at later date since **Transforming Energy** showing created interest in their working group. Would like to assist other groups in a similar manner.
- Gerald suggested presentations featuring live experts, perhaps increasing human interaction more than watching films. Mark suggested a civil engineer from Coeur d'Alene who is a good speaker on green buildings.
- It was suggested that the other working groups be contacted to see if they had films or presentations they were eager to share.

**May 21: "Leave No Trace"**

- Cricket will follow up with Dennison Webb to confirm May 21<sup>st</sup> presentation, plus how he would like

to market it (ie) what is planned, who is our target audience (all ages?)

**June 18:** Food Group film presentation possibilities

- **Good Food:** features the evolving sustainable food system in the Pacific Northwest
- **King Corn:** follows a crop of corn, the nation's most-grown and most-subsidized grain from seed to where it ends up; uncovers less known facts about the total process and quality of crop.

**July 2:** **Decided to add a Special Presentation for 4<sup>th</sup> of July – Green: The New Red, White and Blue**

- Draws attention to how fossil fuels dictate who has the power today and how it could easily be used as a weapon in the near future
- Follows a typical family and how they can make different choices that support cleaner energy
- Cricket will check on the availability of the library meeting room (*it's now reserved*)

**July 16:** **"Garbage Warrior"** suggested by becky - Building or Waste group possibility

- How buildings are created from recycled materials
- Both Building and Waste groups could be involved in the showing of "Garbage Warrior." Becky will talk to the Food and Building groups about films/presentations they would recommend.

Unless becky gets other suggestions from food and building groups, we will plan on showing "Good Food" in June and "Garbage Warrior" in July.

**Co-Sponsorship:**

becky gave examples of the beneficial aspects of co-sponsorship. She proposed that STI-EDU co-sponsor both Collin Beggs' *Timber Frame workshop* and the Medicine Wheel's *Introduction to Permaculture workshop* (ie) have STI's name and personal endorsement on their promotional materials. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that we could not discern that clarity at this date due to lack of specific guidelines based on a legal status (ie) nonprofit, co-op, etc. Each would approach co-sponsorships differently. This also seems to be a core group decision as to who and what we would co-sponsor. It's one thing to recommend; it's another to co-sponsor. Our core rep will bring this to the April 18 core group meeting for further discussion.

**Other possible projects:**

- Develop Cyber Folk School
- Folk School & Higher Education - Sandpoint Growth Task Force involvement in creating the possibility of a higher education entity in vacant buildings downtown. We may be able to weave some folk classes and alternative living classes into that design.
- High School Youth – Take Fishbowl discussion model and use with teen groups. Possibly create a summer and/or after school teen discussion group held at the library or other possibilities. Enlist John Hastings to connect with the local high schools.
- STI Events Booklets – becky offered to create a booklet, with Cheratana's help, of different STI events. After discussion of possible tours and workshops (not yet in place for '09), it was decided this project would be best utilized next summer (2010) with the possibility of creating at least 2 different types of STI promotional booklets.
- Important for us to begin defining our STI-EDU's role in STI's Energy Descent Action Plan. Will begin discussing Kinsale 2021 report and the Transition handbook next meeting.
- Thomas Linzser who is working on "Envision Spokane" and helps communities learn to advocate for their goals might be a worthwhile guest speaker to bring in for a community talk. Becky to follow up

**Next Meeting: Saturday, May 2, 2 pm – 4 pm**

- Decided to begin our meeting to 2:00 p.m. so that we could attend the Groundbreaking for the Community Garden.

**Agenda for next meeting:**

- Begin discussion of our role in assisting STI's Energy Descent Action Plan
- Confirm film/presentation schedule through July
- Thomas Linzser, Lawyer--"Democracy School"--possible speaker?
- Bonner County Fair - STI presence? (August)
- Trek to Re-Energize America which is coming through Sandpoint Tuesday, May 26 (Cricket will email them our interest and questions)

Respectfully submitted, Gloria