



May 2013

# NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

## ENERGY SHARE AND POTLUCK

THURSDAY May 9th, 2013

6:30 - 9:00 pm

Portsmouth Women's City Club

375 Middle St.

Portsmouth, NH 03801

Zero Waste Potluck - please bring your own place settings and a dish to share...SEAREI will provide tea

Presentation: All You Ever Wanted to Know about Photovoltaic Systems

Presenter: George Horrocks - Board Member and Owner of Harmony Energy Works

We will have more discussion about our hot air panels going up for sale...please read below

## Upcoming Energy Raisers & Weatherization Raisers

### PAY IT FORWARD

PIF That's what we are all about. If you have had work done on

your home or want to have work done on your home, we have a couple of opportunities coming right up.

**Saturday May 11th - Weatherization Raiser at Julia O'Connell's home in Kittery Maine**

**Weatherization Call to ACTION!**

Looking to pay it forward? Here's your chance! We are looking for 4 - 5 volunteers to come out and assist with a weatherization project in Kittery, ME on Saturday, May 11th at 9:00am.

We will be focusing on insulating the rim joists using 2" foam board and Great Stuff (see video example here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1guAwzyEOQ> ). We will also be sealing gaps around the windows with caulk, and sealing up the recessed lighting.

If you have experience with weatherization or are looking to learn, you're welcome to come out and join the fun. We expect to spend about 4 hours or so on site, and our host will provide lunch.

Please leave a message for Project Manager Brian Marshall at 603-610-8811 or e-mail him directly at [bdw27@unh.edu](mailto:bdw27@unh.edu) if you wish to volunteer or have any questions.

**Saturday May 18th Energy Raiser at Raphael & Keri Roman's home in Rye NH**

Join one of our Work Teams - Contact Michael Bliss at [mbliss48@yahoo.com](mailto:mbliss48@yahoo.com) for specific information about teams and directions to the Roman's home.

Time to gather for Work Teams is 8:30 am

You don't have to be a carpenter, a plumber, or even experienced in hands on work...there is a job for everyone...including helping the Roman's to prepare food for the work crew.

**Noon time...please join us for a walk through and a**

**conversation about solar hot water and how it works.**

**Bring a friend, your family, your neighbor....Just give Michael a call for the address and directions....We love being able to share the work we do and to help you learn about solar systems.**

## **SOLAR HOT AIR PANELS**

SEAREI recently received a shipment of 112 Soloron 3000 solar hot air collectors, recycled from a project in Aurora, Colorado. Comparable new solar hot air panels cost over \$1000 apiece and SEAREI is excited to be able to offer these used panels to members for \$200 per panel, or \$1400 for a pallet of 8 panels. These panels are a great "do it yourself" opportunity and with a little elbow grease and some modifications, these panels can be adapted to provide years of solar heating for your home or business. SEAREI is planning to offer Skill Share workshops in which participants will refurbish a panel to bring home for their own installation.





## SEAREI GOES FOR LOCAL ENERGY SOLUTIONS

On April 13th, SEAREI Program Director Doug Bogen and Project Manager Brian Marshall traveled to Tilton, NH to participate in the annual Local Energy Solutions conference. The conference, organized by the NE Grassroots Environmental Fund, focuses on supporting the work of municipal energy committees and commissions, though it also attracts a wider array of energy activists, state officials and politicians. The highlight of this year's conference was an address by newly-elected Governor Maggie Hassan, who spoke of the need to continue supporting efforts encouraging local investment in clean energy as well as maintaining laws to address climate disrupting pollution and renewable energy standards. She also supported efforts

to develop a new long-term state energy plan, the first since an initial effort about a dozen years ago.

SEAREI had an exhibit table at the conference, making a number of good contacts with Seacoast-area committees as well as organizations around the state. Bogen and Marshall also attended some very helpful workshops on community renewables development and energy efficient building techniques, and will bring back the knowledge and insights gained to support SEAREI's ongoing programs and projects.

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