



Sierra

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP!

Different Meeting Location!

Tuesday, November 25

7pm at the **SwiPHt Passive House 737 23rd Street North**

(Site of the former Hillview Greenhouse)



Introduction to Passive House

Speaker: Josh VandeBerg, Instructor, Western Technical College

Don't miss this on-site presentation and tour of Passive House, which

represents today's highest home energy efficiency standard in the country. We'll review the Passive House approach, as well as the benefits and key points to consider should you decide to build one. Hear why Western Technical College decided to build three, using experiential learning activities for these WTC's Programs: Architectural

Technology, Building Systems

Technology, HVAC, Landscape Horticulture, and Wood Tech. For more details about the building process of this first house; visit <http://swiphthomes.wordpress.com/>

Josh VandeBerg has more than 20 years of construction experience, focusing the last decade on residential building performance. He is a Certified Passive House Consultant who is eager to share the experience of Western's first Passive House project, the SwiPHt House, with his students and the building community.



Coulee Region Goes Solar! Update:

The Coulee Region Goes Solar! Team will be having a series of phone calls to drill down into the three legs of our campaign to get more solar in La Crosse. We'll be exploring ideas and putting dates on the calendar to ensure we start 2015 out full of energy! We'll be having our next in-person meeting on December 10 on the UW-La Crosse campus.

The phone calls will be:

- **November 13 at 5:30:** Neighbor to Neighbor: we'll be building our Neighborhood Association tool kit on energy efficiency and solar power, including neighborhood recruitment and presentations.
- **November 19 at 5:30:** La Crosse Buildings and Policy: we'll explore more upcoming City and County projects

and programs in which that we can incorporate energy efficiency and solar power. We'll also identify ways to get ordinances and policies passed that support and enable solar and energy efficient projects.

- **November 24 at 5:30 PM:** Pro Solar Cooperatives: we'll work to build upon Vernon Electric's community solar project that sold out in record time and look to duplicate the project in other co-ops nearby.

We have a bunch of exciting things planned and look forward to you jumping on board to make La Crosse a solar community! For more information or to join the call(s), or if you can't make it but want to be kept informed, contact Elizabeth Ward at Elizabeth.ward@sierraclub.org or (608) 256-0565.

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Mark the Date!
Sierra Holiday Party

Sunday, December 21
5:00 PM

Mark your calendar for this year's annual holiday party. As in past years, Don and Barb Frank will be our generous hosts for this potluck event. Note that the party will be on a **SUNDAY** this year.

More details to follow in the December newsletter!

**2015 Sierra Club calendars
will be available at the Holiday Party**



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with these lovely gifts**

The 2015 Sierra Club holiday calendars, our group's primary fundraisers, are now available. These gorgeous calendars (wall for \$13.95 and desk for \$14.95) have been bestsellers for 30-plus years featuring photos worth framing. They will be available at Sierra Club meetings. Or, you can order from Maureen Kinney: 784-9324 (H), 784-5678 (work) or maureen@johnsflaherty.com.

