

HOME DESIGN & REMODEL FAIR 2010 – PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

Hear from the experts on January 31. Talks are held in Room 3 at the Phinney Neighborhood Center (6532 Phinney Ave N) and are scheduled for about 25 minutes, including Q & A.

10:30 **Getting Building Permits**

Tom Kayser, Architect

Review the latest zoning and building codes and describe the steps needed for success. The permit process is straightforward if you know your codes - and they change regularly.

11:10 **Making Your Home Work for You**

Yves Vetter of Vesta Home Performance Retrofitting

A home energy analysis is the starting point to the most important home improvements you can make. Get an introduction to the world of home performance retrofitting, and learn how your home can be more healthful, comfortable, energy efficient, and valuable.

11:50 **Choosing & Hiring a Contractor**

Denny Conner of Conner Remodeling & Design

Enjoy an informative Q&A discussion of what to consider when picking a contractor for your home including pros & cons of starting with architect/designer or design/build contractor.

12:30 **Solar Hot Water for Your Home**

Jeremy Smithson of Puget Sound Solar

Get an intro to the basics of installing a solar hot water system for your home, as an add-on to your existing domestic hot water needs or in new construction. Advice on costs and available incentives will be included.

1:10 **Saving on Your Remodel: Optimizing Sweat Equity & Coordinating Details to Minimize Expense**

Todd Holec (Architect) of SEED Studio & Henry Miller (Contractor) of Miller & Son Construction

Hear how homeowners can best direct their sweat equity involvement in their home remodel project. Learn which details to resolve early in order to minimize expensive changes after construction begins.

1:50 **Working with an Architect**

Matt Hutchins, AIA of CAST Architecture

Get an overview of selecting and working with an architect, including the steps of the design process and expected costs.

2:30 **Residential Rain Gardens & Swales**

Lisa Port (Certified Landscape Designer) of Banyon Tree Design Studio

Explore how to incorporate small-scale storm water management tools such as rain gardens and swales into existing landscapes to reduce flooding, limit erosion, and protect water.

3:10 **FHA 203k: Maximum Leverage for Your Remodeling Project**

Bob Fish, HomeStreet Bank

Introducing a financing option for a purchase or refinance for homeowners without much equity.