

Previous OSU Sustainability Group Meetings (Speakers and Topics)

- March 12, 2001: First meeting of the group: introductions and sharing of interests.
- April 16 - 20, 2001: Earth Week celebrations in the OSU Quad.
- May 11, 2001: Steve Lawton, OSU's College of Business; Jack Dymond, OSU's College of Oceanography; Denise Lach, Center for Water and Environmental Sustainability (CWEST); Justin Fleming, Campus Recycling; Carol Savonen, Communications.
- June 11, 2001: Hal Salwasser, Dean of OSU's College of Forestry, on OSU's new Institute for Natural Resources.
- September 25, 2001: Denise Lach, CWEST, on the Oregon Sustainability Forum and Second Nature; Steve Lawton on OSU's Green Design Team and the College of Business; Viviane Simon-Brown, OSU Forestry Extension, on her sustainability trip to Europe and video project.
- October 25, 2001: Jim Lloyd, new Director of OSU's Facilities Services (3 mos. on the job).
- January 15, 2002: Professor Michael Oppenheimer, Atmospheric Physicist, author, and chief scientist and manager of the Global Regulatory Air Program at Environmental Defense.
- March 7, 2002: Justin Soares and Peter Stocking of Greaseworks Biodiesel Co-op; and James Cassidy of OSU Organic Growers.

- April 11, 2002: Jocelyn Eisenberg, Director of U of O's Ecological Design Center, on their solar projects.
- April 22 - 26, 2002: Earth Week Celebrations in the OSU Quad.
- April 25, 2002: OSU's Undergraduate Green Design Team on the "green" features proposed for the new Kelley Engineering Center building.
- May 9, 2002: Christopher Dymond, Oregon Office of Energy, on solar energy.
- June 18, 2002: Jeff Gage of Compost Design Services.
- July 31, 2002: Julia Doermann, Governor Kitzhaber's Federal Coordinator for Natural Resources.
- August 29, 2002: Roger Ebbage with Lane Community College's Northwest Energy Education Institute (NEEI).
- September 19, 2002: Aimee Code and Randy Selig with Eugene's Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP).
- October 15, 2002: Ron Sutcliff and Kiko Denzer on natural building.
- November 13, 2002: Russ Beaton on the proposed sustainable community at the site of the Fairview Training Center in Salem.
- January 30, 2003: Elaine Ingham, President of Soil Foodweb, Inc. on soil health and compost teas.
- February 4, 2003: Richard Raymond's presentation of the Physicians for Social Responsibility's "Health Effects of War".

- February 26, 2003: Alan AtKisson, founder and President of AtKisson and Associates, Inc., an international consulting and information services firm whose mission is to accelerate sustainable development, author of Believing Cassandra: An Optimist Looks at a Pessimist's World, songwriter and recording artist.
- March 18, 2003: Bill Jaeger, OSU Ag and Resource Economics, on Green Taxes and the economics of farming in the Klamath Basin.
- April 15, 2003: Open discussion on alternative energy.
- April 21 - 25, 2003: Earth Week Celebrations in the OSU Quad.
- April 24, 2003: Chris Hagerbaumer, Oregon Environmental Council, on Pay-As-You-Drive insurance.
- May - August, 2003: 4 local field trips to member homes and businesses to look at graywater, solar, strawbale, cob, and biodiesel furnace projects/systems.
- Sept. 25, 2003: Denise Lach, Center for Water & Environmental Sustainability (CWESt), Education for Sustainability.
- October 21, 2003: Skip Rochefort and David Hackleman, OSU Chemical Engineering, "Anything to Oil" and methane recovery at Coffin Butte Landfill.
- November 14, 2003: Meeting with OSU's new President, Ed Ray, with presentations by 15 members of the OSU Sustainability Group.
- December 2, 2003: Bob Doppelt, Director of U of O's Program for Watershed and Community Health (PWCH) on "Leading Change Toward Sustainability."

- January 14, 2004: Tour of Weatherford Hall, OSU's oldest residence hall, with Logan Cravens of SERA Architects and Daniel Pelissier, LEED Certified Professional with Howard Wright Construction. Weatherford Hall underwent a \$17.5 million renovation and opened in Fall 2004.
- January 23, 2004: Ole Ersson, Multnomah County Family Physician, on "Experiments in Sustainable Urban Living: Rainwater Harvesting, Compost Heating, and Humanure Composting."
- February 13, 2004: Co-sponsored the showing of the film, "Blue Vinyl", about the health impacts of vinyl chloride (vinyl siding, in particular) with the Oregon Toxics Alliance, the Oregon Natural Step Network, and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.
- March 5, 2004: Steve Lawton and Mark Pagell of OSU's College of Business on their focus on sustainability.
- April 2, 2004: Tour of U of O's Lillis Business Complex, designed to maximize energy efficiency and slash power bills, to minimize negative environmental impacts, and to set new standards for environmentally-friendly design, serving as a case study in sustainability.
- April 7, 2004: Rick North, Project Director with the Physicians For Social Responsibility's (PSR's) Campaign for Safe Food on "Drugs in Your Corn Flakes."
- April 19 - 23, 2004: Earth Week Celebrations in the OSU Brick Mall.

- May 10, 2004: Carsten Henningsen who founded Progressive Investment Management in 1982 as the first investment company in the Pacific Northwest specializing in the field of socially and environmentally responsible investing. He co-founded Portfolio 21, Progressive's global mutual fund committed to investing in companies that incorporate environmental sustainability into their business strategies.
- May 17, 2004: Presentation by students and Parent Volunteers from Ashbrook Independent School about their recognition as Benton County's first "Green School" with the Oregon Green School Premier Award.
- Sept. 24, 2004: Graywater presentation by part-time Oregon and Arizona residents, David Omick and Pearl Mast. David and Pearl have worked on Arizona's graywater regulations to legalize its use.
- October 26, 2004: Biodiesel panel with David Hackleman and Brenna Doheny with the OSU Biodiesel Club; Justin Soares and Bob Sonn with Greaseworks, the local biodiesel co-op; Ian Hill from Sequential Biofuels in Eugene; Jim Mitchell from the City of Corvallis; and Justin Fleming with OSU Campus Recycling.
- January 19, 2005: "Healthy Children, Healthy Planet" discussion with Maureen Beezhold, the coordinator of the local chapter of Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI). This is the title of their newest 9-week discussion course on how children are targeted in our consumer culture.

- February 17, 2005: "Take Back Your Time" discussion with John de Graaf, the coordinator of the national "Take Back Your Time" campaign challenging over-work, over-scheduling, and time poverty in America.
- March 31, 2005: Field trip to First Alternative Co-op's South store to see their new solar panel array. Discussion with Jonathan Carroll, the manager of the North store. Similar systems are also on the North store and Lincoln School.
- April 19 - 22, 2005: Earth Week Celebrations in MU Quad.
- May 24, 2005: Field trip to Jonathan Carroll's house to see his photovoltaic system, biodiesel collection and manufacturing system, on-demand water heater, light tubes, and other energy-saving devices.
- June 21, 2005: "The Wisdom and Feasibility of Growing Biodiesel Crops panel" with David Hackleman (OSU Biodiesel Initiative Advisor); Brent Searle (Mediation Coordinator and Special Asst. to the Director, Oregon Dept. of Ag.); Daryl Ehrensing (Sr. Faculty Research Asst., OSU Crop & Soil Science); and Harry MacCormack (Owner of Sunbow Organic Farm and founder of Oregon Tilth).
- July 21, 2005: Informal discussion on Peak Oil and Global Warming in the MU Quad.
- August 24, 2005: Field trip to Your Green Home Store to check out the latest in non-toxic paints, stains, floor covering, insulation, bedding, etc.

- October 19, 2005: Introduction to "Landmarks in Conservation" interactive DVD with Steve Dodrill, Assoc. Prof. And Multimedia Specialist, OSU Extension & Experiment Station Communications. The DVD features 19 operations from 6 regions in Oregon, and the land uses of each.
- October 25, 2005: "OSU Motor Pool...Meeting the Sustainability Challenge" with Ed Vnenchak, OSU Motor Pool Manager. This meeting focused on the Motor Pool's commitment to sustainability, with emphasis placed on their proposed Biodiesel manufacturing facility.
- January 18, 2006: "Global Warming and YOU" with Dr. Mark Hixon, professor of marine biology at OSU. Dr. Hixon has witnessed first-hand the death of coral reefs due to global warming, and has compiled scientific information on other ecological effects of climate change. In an effort to educate both students and the general public, he has developed a PowerPoint presentation on the scientific facts regarding global warming, its causes and effects, and what each responsible citizen can do about it.
- January 26, 2006: Brandon Trelstad, OSU's Sustainability Coordinator, gave a presentation about what is currently happening in Facilities Services and other areas around campus (applying the Natural Step in the OSU paint shop, a proposed green roof project at the MU, energy conservation initiatives, alternative transportation, etc.).
- February 15, 2006: Tour of Sequential Biofuel's new plant in Salem with Tomas Endicott. Organized by the OSU Biodiesel Initiative.

- February 16, 2006: "Sustainable MU" presentation with Rick Woodward of Coastwide Labs and Sid Cooper, MU Facilities Asst. Director. Organized by Mark Pagell, Director of OSU's Sustainable Business Initiative.
- April 17 - 22, 2006: Earth Week Fair in OSU Quad and Hoo Haa Celebration at the OSU Organic Growers' Farm.
- May 19, 2006: Cylvia Hayes with 3EStrategies spoke about making Oregon a leader in alternative energy. Hayes is the founder and Executive Director of 3EStrategies, based in Bend. Her organization's focus is on green building, sustainable energy and sustainable economic development.
- June 13, 2006: Tour of Charlie Miller and Martha Clemens' residential solar system.
- October 10, 2006: Author Elizabeth Grossman spoke about her book, High Tech Trash: Digital Devices, Hidden Toxics and Human Health. Grossman is a freelance writer based in Portland, who traveled around the globe to research the disposal of electronics.
- December 4, 2006: Jim Just with Goal One Coalition spoke about his organization's work to build healthy, sustainable communities. Jim sends out the weekly Goal One Coalition email newsletter with articles on land use, peak oil, global climate change, sustainability, etc., and works on state land use issues.
- January 25, 2007: OSU Physics student, Tyler Backman, shared his experience working at the Madison Farm biodiesel

plant near Echo, Oregon this past summer. He helped to get the plant up and running for his senior thesis.

- February 20, 2007: COAS atmospheric scientist and Asst. Prof., Jeff Shaman, gave a presentation on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC's) 4th Assessment Report (AR4), Working Group I, which was released on Friday, February 2, 2007. Jeff discussed some of the salient findings of the AR4 and compared and contrasted these findings with the IPCC 3rd Assessment Report of 2001.
- March 15, 2007: Phil Barbour, in OSU Mechanical Engineering, gave a presentation on "Wind Energy at OSU, in Oregon and Beyond." Phil has worked on wind energy projects in Mechanical Engineering since 1991 and spoke about wind basics; the history of wind research at OSU; wind projects and programs in Oregon; and new developments, including the micro-wind turbines.
- April 18, 2007: Andrea Norris, ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force Director, gave a summary of what the students have been working on (including the green energy fee), and a preview of the Earth Week activities on campus this week. The theme this year is "Turn People Power into Green Power!"
- April 22 - 27, 2007: Hoo Haa Celebration at the OSU Organic Growers' Farm and Earth Week Fair in OSU Quad.
- April 25, 2007: Todd Jarvis of OSU's Institute for Water and Watersheds gave a presentation on "Bottled Water and the Environment." Are all bottled waters the same? Does it make sense to buy bottled water?

- May 3, 2007: Dr. Al Bartlett, CU-Boulder Professor Emeritus, gave his population presentation called, "The Greatest Shortcoming of the Human Race is our Inability to Understand the Exponential Function."
- June 7, 2007: Field trip to Jonathan Carroll and Brandon Trelstad's homes to look at their solar photo voltaic and hot water systems, etc.
- June 12, 2007: Dave Eveland from Solar Summit in Philomath gave a presentation on solar energy. Solar Summit has installed residential solar electric power systems on urban and remote homes, recreation vehicles and commercial solar electric systems, and has installed backup power generators and solar water pumping systems.
- July 9, 2007: Field trip to BRING Recycling (tour given by Julie Daniel), Sequential Biofuels, and Aurora Glass in Eugene with the Benton County Master Recyclers.
- July 26, 2007: Field trip to Pringle Creek Sustainable Community in Salem (the old Fairview Training Site). Tour of the site given by James Santana.
- August 27, 2007: Tour of Coho Ecovillage in Corvallis with Bruce Hecht, the manager of the project. Coho Ecovillage is a 34-unit cohousing community, due to be finished in early October, 2007.
- October 4, 2007: Skip Wenz, local green building columnist and freelance writer specializing in ecological design issues. In the early 1990s he founded, and for ten

years directed, the Ecological Design Program at the San Francisco Institute of Architecture.

- October 25, 2007: Field Trip and Tour of LEED Platinum OHSU Center for Health & Healing Building in Portland. The Center is a 16-story, 400,000 square foot healthcare facility that opened in October 2006. The building attained the highest LEED certification - Platinum - in March 2007 from the US Green Building Council--setting the highest green standards.
- November 8, 2007: Greg Craven, the Oregon science teacher who created the series of YouTube videos about global climate change. His videos look at the 4 different scenarios (whether or not global climate change is real, and the implications whether or not we take action). Greg has responded to the questions and criticisms about his conclusions in a new 10-minute YouTube video called, "How It All Ends."
- February 27, 2008 Julie Jackson, Recycling Analyst/Promotion Specialist with Allied Waste to talk about their new recycling program; Pete Lepre, OSU's new Recycling Manager; and Matt Pennington, organizer for OSU's Recyclemania and Reuse-a-Cup campaigns.
- April 3, 2008: Corvallis Energy Challenge informational meeting with Brandon Trelstad and Cassandra Robertson, members of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition's Energy Task Force, who will talk about the Corvallis Energy Challenge. Brandon is OSU's Sustainability Coordinator and Cassandra is the program director and lead energy analyst for the Corvallis Environmental Center's Resource Efficiency Program.

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May 15, 2008: Frank Vignola, Director of UO's Solar Radiation Monitoring Lab, on the history of solar energy in Oregon. Frank became involved in solar energy in the late 1970's. The Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association awarded its first Legacy Award to Frank in September 2007.

June 2, 2008: "Oregon's Energy Future" class roundtable discussion organized by OSU Geosciences professor, Steve Cook. Panelists included Jan Schaefer with Energy Trust; Ted Brekken with OSU Renewable Energy; Skip Wenz of Ecotecture: The Journal of Ecological Design; Frank Vignola with UO's Solar Energy Center; Suzanne Leta Liou with Renewable Northwest Project; David Hackleman with OSU Biodiesel Initiative; Chris Galati of NW Natural Gas; Larrie Easterly, the OSU Energy Center Project Mgr.; Phil Barbour with OSU Mechanical Eng.; G.S. Murthy with OSU Sust. Tech. Lab; and Mary Zimmerman with Consumers Power Co-op.