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Bellingham seminar focuses on buying and selling green homes

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Sustainable Connections and the Whatcom County Association of Realtors are hosting a Green Agent Essentials program, a course designed for real estate agents, appraisers, home inspectors, investors and homeowners considering buying or selling a green home.

The course is created and taught by market leaders who have shaped the green building industry and understand the marketplace, according to a press release from Sustainable Connections. It will be held 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 2 at the Squalicum Boathouse, 2600 Harbor Loop in Bellingham.

This four-hour course is the first of three in the series with a focus on an Introduction to Green Building and the new Green Multiple Listing Service (MLS) checkboxes, that identify green and eco-friendly properties, increasing awareness among buyers, sellers and industry professionals.

"Environmentally certified new homes in Seattle make up 33 percent of the market, sell for 8.6 percent more per square foot, and sell in 25 percent less time," Ben Kaufman of GreenWorks Realty said in the press release. "We want Whatcom County agents to understand the market potential of healthy and efficient homes."

More information can be found at sustainableconnections.org. RSVP required: sandramulhern@windermere.com.

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