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Take a peek inside eco-friendly Whatcom homes

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With the weather as good as it may get, it's time to get out of the house and see what's going on in other peoples' homes and gardens. This weekend is Sustainable Connections ninth annual "Imagine This!" home and landscape tour.

Do-it-yourself-ers are invited to explore nine eco-friendly homes and landscapes in and around Bellingham from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 25 and 26. Tickets are \$12.

"Tour attendees can expect to see innovative remodels and urban landscapes that incorporate unique ideas full of flavor and attitude," says tour organizer and Sustainable Connections Green Building and Smart Growth Manager Nick Hartrich. "Each site has a story onto itself and is packed full with useful tips, takeaways and onsite experts to help jumpstart your next green project."

Nick's own green-roof home is on the tour.

Another location is Bellingham's newest and creative eight-unit cohousing development, Millworks. The sites features homes that incorporate clay walls, beautiful uses for reclaimed materials, hydronic radiant heating, passive solar design and much more.

Another tour site features simple energy-saving tips that save a family \$1,124 a year on their heating costs.

The self-guided tour also features many urban and creative landscape examples, including a green roof atop a post-and-beam arbor built from a salvaged cotton warehouse.

Admission includes a tour map and resource guide. Tickets are available at SustainableConnections.org, Village Books, the Community Food Co-op, Re-Store, Garden Spot Nursery, and Bakerview Nursery & Garden Center.

For more information, go to SustainableConnections.org or call 360-647-7093.

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