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Even after this LONG LIST of thank-yous, there are many many more that need to be given. Sustainable Connections is built of an astounding group of people, doing astounding work. Thank you ALL for being who you are and doing what you do.

Actions that need volunteers now are MANY! If you have particular skills that you wish to share to help build a local living economy, we want to know!! What is your passion?... We're here to help you enact the change you'd like to see happen.

What's Next?...

Fourth Corner Connector, Coupon Book!!

This product is a unique combination educational resource and coupon book, offers consumers discounts with local companies that have reduced environmental impact and demonstrated positive community impact. These coupon books are in the works as we speak, and will be available for purchase this winter!

New Member Recruitment:

We can build a Local Living Economy only with the participation of MANY. The Outreach Team is currently working on a packet of information that will help in sharing the word about what Sustainable Connections is about, what we've

done, and where we're going. We need the help of all members to spread the word!!

These packets will be available at the Sustainable Connections All-Members Meeting.

Upcoming Events...

- November 14, 2002 - All Members Meeting! 6pm in the Encore Room of the Mt Baker Theatre
 - December 17, 2002 - Take it Easy Gathering. 6:30 PM, Location TBA.
- NOTE!!: TIE Gatherings are moving from the third Thursday to the third TUESDAY of each month!**

Announcements from members:

Kulshan Community Land Trust's annual meeting and dessert night!!

Please join us in celebrating the successful first year of our HomeBuyer Driven Program and a new path to homeownership.

Wednesday, November 20 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Squalicum Boat House
(2600 Harbor Loop)
Zuanich Point Park.

Free. Everyone is welcome! Questions call 671-5600 www.kclt.org

Desserts provided by fellow Sustainable Connections member, Pastazza

Members Supporting Members

In conversation we hear story after story of members supporting one another; be it through purchases, guidance, or encouragement, this network is active.

We would like to collect some of these stories. Please, some weekend while you're sitting down with your Moka Joe's coffee, Café Hue Hue muffin, and copy of Every Other Weekly, write down connections you have made through this network. Send your accounts to Heather@Johnson.org - or in long-hand by snail mail to: Heather Johnson, 419 Virginia St., Bellingham, WA 98225

Our Sponsors and Underwriters

Our work would not be possible without our Keystone Sponsors and Underwriters.

Keystone Sponsors support our work financially; we ask you to do the same for them. Please support these community businesses when you shop.

Underwriter: City of Bellingham, Department of Public Works



FOOD CO-OP

Thanks again everyone! Michelle & Heather



Used Building Materials & More



"Be the change you wish to see in the world." ~ Gandhi

We live in a very special place. Across this country, communities that once were just as vibrant and livable as ours, are no longer. Family farms, independent local businesses, community newspapers, local artists and craftspeople, entire eco-systems, and the unique character of our towns are disappearing. The only people who can ensure the vitality of our home, or even have the motivation to ensure that this place doesn't become every place, are those who live here.

Thank you for recognizing this and becoming a member of Sustainable Connections.

This YES! Magazine, dedicated to Local Living Economies, is being sent to you free. People Centered Development Forum, the organization behind the Magazine, found funding to distribute this issue to all members of local networks of Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE).

The issue is filled with accounts of individual action...the kind that collectively have power.

First Annual All-Members Meeting

If there is ONE EVENT that you join ALL YEAR, come November 14th, 6pm to the Encore Room of the Mt Baker Theatre (a new SC member!) in Bellingham. This, our first annual All-Members Meeting, will be our opportunity to create individual pledges for actions that ensure the quality of life in NW Washington. This matters.

This kick-off year of the Sustainable Connections All-Members Meeting will be celebrated with fair trade coffee from Café Hue Hue (member Edwin Martinez), pastries from Mt Bakery (member Oliver Vrambout), and local wine and beer. Together in the Encore Room we will walk through a facilitated process with Essentially Professional Consulting (member Ramona Abbott) to create our own pledges.

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CINDI LANDRETH HOME DESIGN
Creating Structures for Summer Time Living

BUSINESS PLEDGE 2003

We are a locally owned business owner that has pledged...

To take continuous steps to incorporate sustainable personal and business practices; to promote economic, ecological and cultural diversity; to foster healthy communication; and to choose local sourcing and purchasing.

Local Economy

I will aim to make more of our purchases from other local businesses.

I will pay living wages to all employees/sub-contractors.

Healthy Environment

I commit this year to promote sustainable building practices to all potential clients by providing them with examples. I will also share with clients my personal commitment to connecting my actions to my values.

I will make an attempt to schedule outside appointments only three days per week and to use public transportation or a bicycle on the other two days.

Stronger Community Ties

I will mentor a Western student intern toward becoming a self employed small business person.

I am committed to shifting my business from a Drafting Services Company to a business that Creates Structures for Life and will attempt to exemplify that in my community relations.

Meaningful Employment

I will educate all my employees and sub-contractors about sustainable building practices and will encourage them to develop new ideas that contribute to these values.

I will prioritize my employees/sub-contractors lives, not just their work, by offering flexible scheduling and payments that support where their life is now.

Proud, locally owned business member of **Sustainable Connections**
Northwest Washington's Business Alliance for Local Living Economies

Signed: Cindi Landreth, Owner

First Annual All-Members Meeting *Cont...*

The pledge process is meant to:

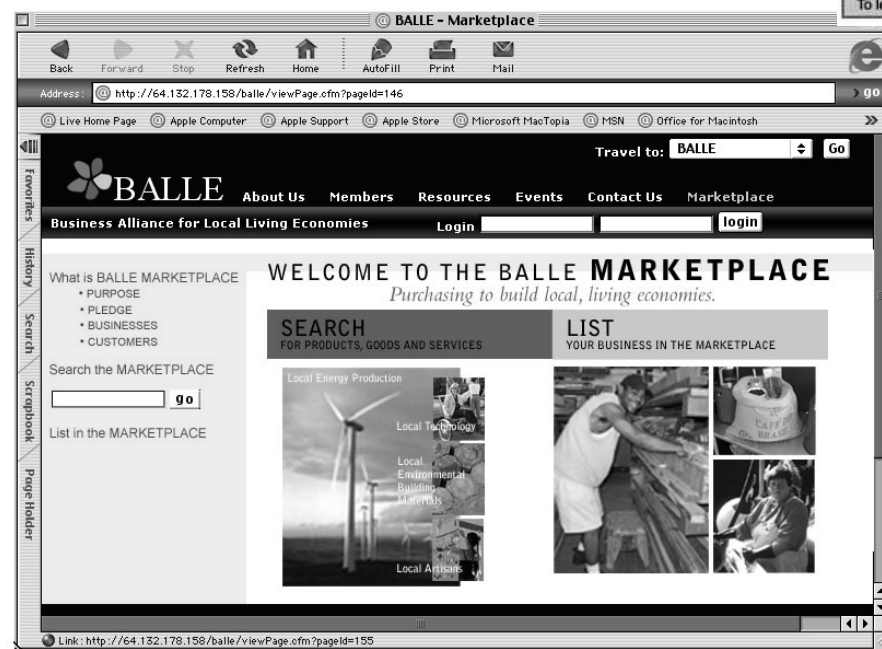
- Remind us of our current actions that we should feel proud of
- Provide the opportunity to share with others so we can build on one another's ideas
- Help you establish at least one more action to take this upcoming year!

At the end of the meeting you will receive this decal! Thank you to Rachael Dillman, the artist and environmental educator who created the artwork!

We want the public to find you! We want you to be recognized for the steps you're taking to ensure NW Washington's quality of life!

Step by Step!

The New Online Marketplace!



Vehicle Decals!

The Building Performance Center (Dave Finet, John Davies) has paid for the design and set-up of a Sustainable Connections logo that can be applied to member vehicles!

If you'd like this logo installed on your vehicles, visit:
Special T Striping & Sign Company
2206 Pacific St, Bellingham
360 734-7617

Cost: Self-Application ≈ \$40.00
Professional Application ≈ \$55.00



See this screen shot!

We'll be customizing the BALLE Marketplace for our area so that local businesses can find one other! Another benefit of Sustainable Connections membership!

In order for your business to participate in the Online Marketplace, your business information must be entered into the Members section of the Sustainable Connections website (www.Sconnect.org). We are currently entering information given on your membership application. Once we have finished, we will update you via email concerning your login and password. You may then log onto the website and add information to more accurately describe your business.

Please look for a message concerning this in your email inbox soon!

Member Action! Cap of the year 2002: Items accomplished by volunteer member action

Coordination, Development: Thank you, Michelle Long, for dedicating your life for the past year to developing this organization! The countless volunteer hours you've given have been astonishingly successful, bringing this organization from zero members in January 2002, to over 100 members in October 2002. WOW!!

Grant Application Success! Thank you, Derek Long, for not only being Michelle's main support, but for securing our first two grants!! Thank you, Russell Family Foundation and Bullitt Foundation for recognizing and rewarding our plans and efforts.

Directory: Thank you Laura Pitts and Heather Johnson for creating that excellent member directory. Thank you Village Books (*members Chuck and Dee Robinson*), Community Food Co-op (*member Jim Ashby*), RE Store (*members Carl Weimer, Dean Fearing, Rick Dubrow*) for your Keystone Member sponsorship, and the City of Bellingham for funding, and Copy Source for printing, making this directory possible. Expect an updated version this winter!!

Events!

Kick-off Event, April 9: Huge applause for David Korten and Judy Wicks for their wonderful presentations at our FIRST of MANY Sustainable Connections public forums. Great introduction, David Given-Seymour!

May 29 Event at A-1 Builders: Thank you Rick Dubrow and the entire support crew who pulled off this fantastic first business visit!! This took an incredible amount of coordination – to all those who contributed to its success, hats off!! Where will the next business visit be??

June 14, Camping at Portage Island: Thank you Marc Taylor for making it possible for us to venture out to Portage Island for a night of camping, music, and... hay fever!!! A wonderful time was had by all, despite the grass allergies!

September 26, Eben Fodor, "Better not Bigger:" What a success!! The thank-yous are too long to list!! Videos of this event will be available for check-out at the Sustainable Connections library, to be located soon at Terra Organica.

Movie Showings: Our first movie showing at Village Books, and second showing at Pickford were well attended! This is the beginning of a fantastic series of thought-provoking movies to be shown!

Take-It-Easy Gatherings, monthly: Thank you everyone who came to our initial "TIE" events. What a joy to be able to spend time with so many caring and hardworking people! Next TIE: December 17!!

Todd Elsworth's brainchild, the Bellingham Traverse and Sustainable Connections Eco-Expo: What a tremendous effort... and tremendous turn-out. With 180 racers, and 180 happy faces, the Traverse was an astounding success. \$14,000 was raised and given to the 30 environmental organizations who participated in the Eco-Expo. Anyone and everyone who was a part of this day contributed to its success. Eco-Expo work hounds, you're amazing, what a day!!

Other Developments:

Sustainable Connections Library: Thank you Ken Wilcox for spearheading this, and Terra Organica for providing a home for it. More news to come soon!...

Fourth Corner Connector Coupon Book: Thank you to the many writers who have created the educational content for the coupon book!! Thank you to the many members who are entering coupons!!

Regular Column in the Every Other Weekly: Thank you Chris Webb and Greg Winters for your articles for our EOW Column! Thank you Tim Johnson and the Every Other Weekly for helping us get our message out to the community.

Print Material: Thank you to Brieshon Rogers and Tammy Findlay for our brochures, membership material, pledge forms and myriad other Sustainable Connections designed pieces.

Action Teams:

Membership/Outreach Team: What dedication!!!! Meeting weekly at the wee hours of the morning, to pull together our astounding membership package!! You're relentless!! To chair, Cindi, and each of the team members

who gave so much time, THANK YOU.

Events Team: You guys are beautiful! We pulled together a great structure to move forward with! Thank you for your time and ideas – look at what we've pulled off so far?! You ready for more??

THE LEADERSHIP TEAM!: You dedicated souls who have given weekends, evenings, and a great deal of the room in your email inbox to guide this organization, THANK YOU!

Food!!

Thank you to **Fred Berman (Pastázza)** for the wonderful pasta, deserts, and meeting space you have provided!

Thank you **Mauri Ingram (Calumet)** for the exquisite wines, beer, and desserts you have shared. Thank you, as well, for opening your home for us gather in.

Thank you **Oliver Vrambout (Mt. Bakery)** for the superb pastries provided at events, and for opening your café to our driven Membership/Outreach Action Team!

Thank you **Edwin Martinez (Café Hue Hue)** for your eye-opening Joe (talk about amazing coffee!), as well as offering another work space for that driven Membership/Outreach Action Team!

Cooperative Purchasing Initiative: Rick and Brandon, thank you for establishing our Sustainable Connections office supply purchasing cooperative. We look forward to being able to order our environmentally friendly office supplies from Northwest Computer Supplies!

Whatcom Watershed Pledge work: Thank you Derek, Michelle, and David for the work in promoting the Watershed Pledge! Thanks also to RE Sources for your work on countless projects to protect our precious environment.

A new award is circulating among Sustainable Connections members volunteering time, energy, ideas, heart, and soul. This award, called the "Take the Cake!" award, is passed by one member to the next. So far, these Sustainable Connections members really take the cake! Heather Johnson, Cindi Landreth, and Todd Elsworth. Who's next Todd?!