Beyond Weatherization to Deep Energy Retrofits

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Following up on the NESEA Building Energy 2009 conference, and on our March forum on achieving first-level efficiency measures, we are very lucky to have Paul Eldrenkamp as our April forum speaker.

Paul will speak on the next level of achieving energy efficiencies, on deep energy retrofits for the real world. How might we reach the goal of Net Zero Energy housing, going beyond new housing construction and examining the questions surrounding the existing housing stock? How can we get it ready for 21st century realities of rising energy costs and rising carbon levels? How can one approach this important problem: What does work? What might work? What definitely doesn't work?

Paul Eldrenkamp is well-known in the green-housing industry, serving as a board member at NESEA, and is a frequent speaker at conferences and other venues. Paul came to energy efficiency housing after a wide range of carpentry jobs and a bachelor's degree in History and Literature of Medieval Europe, founding his construction firm, Byggmeister (Scandinavian for "master builder"), in 1983.

Paul was recently certified as the first Passive House Consultant in New England, one of only fourteen certified consultants in the United States. He is also the chair of the residential sector working group, a subgroup of Gov. Deval Patrick's Zero Net Energy Task Force, that will address ways to overcome barriers to zero net energy homes in the state of Massachusetts.

Read his articles in Paul's World (www.byggmeister.com/articles) and at the NESEA blog (http://www.nesea.org/blog), and be sure to join us on April 15th.

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