

Translating Sustainable

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Note:

If you are interested in a presentation or a house tour for your organization or business, please contact Marie A. North. Customized presentation topics are welcome.

Tours of Our Home

October, 2016

Participated in the 2016 MAREA Solar House Tour organized by the Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Association

October, 2012

Opened our home for members of the Lehigh Valley Green Builders to tour.

October, 2011

Participated in the 2011 Green Building Tour sponsored by the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA).

March, 2011

Opened our home for my SBA class to tour and visually examine all aspects of the house and building site. Our architect was on hand to answer any design questions, while questions relating specifically to energy, product choice, and other house details were answered by Paul and me.

April, 2008

Cub Scout Pack 11 toured our house while it was under construction to earn their architecture badge.

Presentations

June, 2017

Wild Bird Center of Lehigh Valley, Fogelsville, PA - Workshop on **Preventing Bird Strikes*.

March, 2016

The Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators Conference, Pocono Manor, PA Co-presented **Preventing Bird Strikes* which focused on why birds hit glass. We educated participants on how to teach about the topic, and how to make and place decals on windows to prevent bird strikes. Also, showcased samples of effective and available deterrent products.

May, 2015

Lehigh Valley branch, Delaware Valley Green Building Council, Green Schools Committee. Taking Flight with Olivia's Birds, Nurture Nature Center, Easton, PA. A half day workshop I helped develop for elementary students. It emphasized empowering students about how they can make a difference in the world. The workshop included a Make it, Take it session about how to prevent bird strikes on windows by making and applying decals..

April, 2014

Lutron Electronics Company, Inc., Sustainability Week. Invited to present for Lutron's employees on living sustainably in the Lehigh Valley. A PowerPoint presentation followed by an interactive Q & A, and a discussion about how to implement sustainable practices at work and at home.

February, 2013

Power Lunch, Allentown and Harrisburg, PA, offered by The Sustainable Energy Fund. ***Building and Living Green: Our Story of Learning, Designing, Building, and Living In the House We Envisioned.*** The emphasis of this presentation was on energy efficient choices and our experience with installing and using a Geo-Exchange (geo-thermal) heating and cooling system.

June, 2012

The Energy Path 2012 Conference; DeSales University. The Energy Path Conference is offered each year by The Sustainable Energy Fund, Allentown, PA. - ***Building and Living Green: Our Story of Learning, Designing, Building, and Living In the House We Envisioned***

February, 2012

Lehigh Valley Green Builders Annual Meeting - Topic: ***Green Homes of the Future.*** Our talk focused on how our visits to the 2002 and 2005 Solar Decathlons influenced the choices we made when building our home.

April, 2011

Lehigh Valley Green Drinks - ***Building and Living Green: Our Story of Learning, Designing, Building, and Living In the House We Envisioned***

April, 2008

We gave a short evening presentation on Living Green for the Parkland Community Library.

**Preventing Bird Strikes* was developed and presented along with Peter Saenger, an Ornithological Specialist at Muhlenberg College. Peter is the assistant to Dr. Daniel Klem, Jr., Sarkis Acopian Professor of Ornithology and Conservation Biology at Muhlenberg College. *Preventing Bird Strikes* is based on the research of Dr. Klem, a world-renowned expert on bird strikes.