

# Living Green Expo

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## New Green Building Featured At The Living Green Expo Minnesota AFL-CIO Highlights Green Jobs And Offers Free Workshops

Minnesota State Fair Grounds  
Saint Paul, Minn.  
May 2-3, 2009  
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year the Minnesota American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) will host workshops and showcase green building examples in their labor pavilion on the State Fair Grounds (Dan Patch Avenue and Cooper Street) as part of the Living Green Expo.

The 4,000 square foot pavilion was built to LEED standards and features working examples of green construction, including stone quarried in Mankato, a reflective white standing-seam roof, aluminum siding made in Minnesota and a plaza incorporating pervious concrete to reduce stormwater runoff. Free tours of the building will be given by architect Dan Grothe, AIA, LEED A.P., in between the workshops sessions.

In addition to tours, master craftsmen/women in roofing, concrete and masonry, pervious concrete and electricians will be on hand to answer questions about their work, green features in the building and how stimulus funds could affect your energy improvement project. Electricians will be making smoothies in blenders powered by solar energy.

Come see the building and receive a free Blue Sky Guide. Blue Sky Guides will be given away at the AFL-CIO building at 4 p.m. both days to the first 50 people (one per family). Donated by Great River Energy.

Union instructors will be facilitating workshops covering solar electric panes, solar thermal panels, energy efficient forced-air furnaces, energy conserving roofing techniques and more.

Workshop schedule:

Saturday, May 2

- 11 a.m. Solar Electricity, presented Vicki Sandberg IBEW
- 12:30 p.m. Healthier Paint and Wall Finishes, presented by Diane O'Brien, Minnesota AFL-CIO
- 2 p.m. High Efficiency Furnace Systems, presented by Buck Paulsrud, Sheet Metal Workers' Local 10

Architect tours of the AFL-CIO building by Dan Grothe in between workshops

Sunday, May 3

- 11 a.m. Solar Thermal Water Heating, presented by Kurt Koegel, Solarskies Mfg., LLC
- 12:20 p.m. Pervious Concrete - the Water-friendly Pavement, presented by Diane O'Brien, Minnesota AFL-CIO
  
- 2 p.m. Aerated Autoclaved Concrete: a lightweight, precast building material for your green building projects, presented by Olene Bigelow, International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers and International Masonry Institute
  
- 3:30 p.m. In the main workshop tent, learn the latest information about how the Federal Energy Stimulus plan may help you make energy-efficient improvements to your home or business. Terry Webster from the Office of Energy Security, MN Department of Commerce will present The Federal Energy Stimulus and You.

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The Living Green Expo is a free, annual event taking place at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Grandstand the weekend of May 2-3, 2009. The Expo provides information and products to help Minnesotans improve the environmental and social impacts of their day-to-day living. The Living Green Expo features over 270 exhibitors of products, services, and information, along with more than 60 workshops on a variety of sustainability and green living topics. Expo attractions include music, food, demonstrations, and activities for the whole family. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency leads a collaboration of governmental, nonprofit and business organizations to produce the Living Green Expo. For more information visit [www.LivingGreen.org](http://www.LivingGreen.org).

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