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#### CAN-Struction - Year 2

Can-struction, a national charity of the design and construction industry, is hosted by local AIA chapters nationwide and the Society of Design Administrators (SDA). Ingenious sculptures are constructed using unopened food cans, all of which are ultimately donated to local food banks.

After the sculptures entered in this year's AIA-Vermont contest were dismantled, nearly 18,935 pounds of food was contributed. Judy Stermer of the Vermont Foodbank explained, "For the rest of 2006, this food will feed 531 people every day!" There were 15 Sponsors and TD Banknorth was the Event Sponsor. Thank you to everyone for your hearty participation!

#### JUROR'S FAVORITE & PEOPLE'S CHOICE:

On the Can: Bread Loaf

### AWARD FOR STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY:

Spamming The Gap: Engineering Ventures

#### **BEST USE OF LABELS:**

Can of Cans: The Renaissance School

#### **HONORARY MENTION:**

CANels Hump: Efficiency Vermont

#### **HONORARY MENTION:**

Capitol CANpaign: Black River Design

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#### **OTHER ENTRIES:**

Ethan Allen Tower: Freeman-French-Freeman

"Our School CAN Help! : Mater Christi School

Frank-can-stein: Truex Cullins & Partners

Thanksgiving in a Can: Norwich University

S.S. Foodbank: DEW Construction

# Dear Friends in the Environmental and Socially-Responsible Business-Communities:

There are a lot of exciting developments as the world begins what appears to be a paradigm shift to more environmentally-responsible activities. Among these is an important new trend in business practices and culture, in which Vermont is emerging as a world leader.

I thought you would like to know about a program recently developed by one of our member colleges, Green Mountain College: the Masters of Business Administration in Sustainable Business

It's an online program with just one short, yearly residency, so it fits well with the schedules of most working professionals.

In addition to traditional core areas of business, students learn how to attain their economic objectives while addressing the needs of their employees and communities; through the program students acquire the business skills they need to advance their careers and build their businesses in a way that's both socially and environmentally responsible -- and to thrive in the fast-changing business milieu of the emerging "environmental economy."

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"Our School Can Help!"



"S.S. Foodbank"



For more information, please visit the Green Mountain College website link at www.greenmtn.edu/graduate\_studies/ms\_es/, or contact Dr. William Prado at pradow@greenmtn.edu.

Please note that we're sending you this message because we believe it provides valuable information of interest to the environmental enterprise and socially-responsible business communities and will help create a culture of sustainability; VEC does not solicit or circulate advertisements.

Best wishes,

Daniel Hecht, Executive Director Vermont Environmental Consortium

# **VGBN Green Homes Poster Competition**

Here is a great free opportunity for designers and builders to demonstrate their green home expertise to potential homeowners throughout Vermont while at the same time supporting BSR's and VGBN's mission to provide green building information to the public. Designers, Builders and Homeowners are invited to submit posters of Vermont Green Home projects. All posters will be displayed at the Residential Green Building Workshops at various locations around the state including:

December 12: Norwich Public Library, Norwich, VT January 31: RK Miles Building Supply, Manchester, VT

February 21: Assoc. of General Contractors of VT, Montpelier, VT

March 7: Middlebury Inn, Middlebury, VT

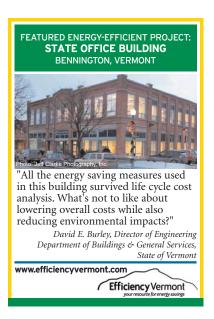
April 4: Yestermorrow, Warren, VT

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You can order paper documents by calling AIA New Hampshire, 603-357-2963. A price list is on line at www.aianh.org/tools/contractdocs.shtml



Download the latest VGBN Green Homes Poster Competition Flyer at

http://www.vgbn.org/assets/postercompetitionflyer.pdf

#### **COMPETITION RULES**

Eligibility: Any residential building project in Vermont may be submitted. The project may be in the design phase, under construction, or complete. Individuals and/or firms submitting a project must either be involved in the design or construction of the project or be the owner of the project. Multiple entries are accepted. All posters submitted must be cleared for public display and reproduction. Posters will not be returned and will become the property of VGBN. Submissions: Submit poster entries at any Residential Green Building Workshop. Posters must be no larger than 24X36 format, and be mounted on foamcore or similar material. Posters may display names of designers, owners, builders as appropriate. Posters must include the following information:

- 1. Identify the qualities of the project that make it "green"
- 2. Highlight which VBG/LEED-Homes credits the project meets as indicated on the www.VGBN.org web site at:

http://www.vgbn.org/whatsnew.php?rec=732#poster

Judging Criteria: Poster awards will be chosen after the final Residential Green Building Workshop in the Spring of 2007 to receive awards based on the following:

- 1. Project Meets the most VBG/LEED-Homes Credit Requirements
- 2. Project Displaying the most Unique Green Residential Solution
- 3. Best Poster Design

Awards: Awards include gift certificates, individual 2007 memberships to VGBN, individual memberships to BSR, and listings in the VGBN Green Pages (an on-line Vermont based database of Residential Green Building Workshop around the state.

Contact Information: For questions or more information, contact members@vgbn.org

#### aiaVT Welcomes

Patrick King, Assoc. AIA, Arlington

David Mentzer, Assoc. AIA, Addison

Laurie Wilson, Assoc. AIA, Chittenden

Timothy Utt, AIA of South Strafford

Congratulations: Up-grade Samuel (Mike) Purvis, AIA

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## **Planning Grants for Green Affordable Housing**

http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/about-essentials-grants.asp

Green Communities Initiative: Charrette Grants

The goal of Green Communities, a five-year \$555 million initiative created by Enterprise in partnership with the Natural Resources Defense Council, is to transform the way America thinks about, designs, and builds affordable communities. Planning grants of up to \$5,000 are currently being offered to affordable housing developers for the purpose of coordinating green charrettes. A Green Communities Charrette is a working session that will bring together a diverse group of housing development professionals, as well as funders, policymakers, and community stakeholders to integrate sustainable green design principles into affordable housing developments. Charrettes should take into consideration the existing community context by using a holistic approach to the development process in order to promote health and livability throughout the life cycle of the development. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Visit the website listed above for more information.