



The Newsletter for Members and Friends of Community Land Trust Association of West Marin (CLAM)

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Blue House Project in Full Swing!

The renovation of CLAM's 2-bedroom house—that we affectionately refer to as the Blue House—next to West Marin School is well underway. The foundation has been repaired and the exterior walls have been removed temporarily so that the building envelope can be insulated and sealed to prevent air leakage. The renovation is aiming to be a model of net-zero-energy use, reducing our carbon footprint and resulting in very low utility bills for tenants. See a photo-journal of the project as it progresses at www.clam-ptreyes.org.

Our goal is to have this 2-bedroom house **ready for tenants** in October. Applications will be available in August and a showing for tenants is planned for Sunday, August 30. Watch for notices in the post offices, on the CLAM website and in the local newspapers.

Many thanks to the many community members and others who are making this project possible. See the complete list at www.clam-ptreyes.org. You can join a **volunteer work party** to help with yard work, painting, or salvaging materials for re-use—call 663-1005 to sign up.

To date, with your tremendous help, we've raised \$637,500 in donations and a loan to get this project done. Thanks very much! We're **looking for** the last \$100,000-150,000 to complete the renovations and to build a new 2nd unit on the property. Got fundraising ideas? Please contact Rae – 663-1005 or rae@clam-ptreyes.org.

3rd Annual Point Reyes Green Home Tour, Sunday, October 4, 2009, 12:30-5:00 p.m.

The Green Home Tour is a rare chance to tour homes in the Point Reyes area built with eco-friendly practices and green materials. This year's tour includes a mini eco-farm, a windmill installation, a living roof, and many more affordable ways to reduce our carbon footprint.

Tickets: \$25 advance, \$30 at the door; \$20 for tour-goers who arrange in advance to use their fuel-efficient cars to carpool to the homes. Get your ticket at the CLAM booth at the Saturday Point Reyes Farmers Market, online at www.clam-ptreyes.org or send your check with name, phone/e-mail address to CLAM, P.O. Box 273, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956.

Businesses that sponsor the event by July 31 will be listed on the event flyer and other publicity. To sign up as a sponsor or a driver, call Rae at 663-1005 or drop an email to rae@clam-ptreyes.org.

Seeking Houses for Win-Win Rental Arrangement

"What about all the empty houses in Inverness?" has been a repeated question at CLAM's public talks. Now we have an answer. Volunteers Murray Suid and Mark Switzer have come up with a win-win arrangement presented in a letter sent to 68 Inverness homeowners. Read the letter at www.clam-ptreyes.org, "Creative Solutions". CLAM and the first homeowner to respond are now exploring the possibility of putting this arrangement into practice.

If you know someone who owns a house used occasionally that they might consider renting at an affordable rate or if you are a tenant who is interested in renting affordably with an agreement to vacate for periodic use by the owner, please contact CLAM at 663-1005 or info@clam-ptreyes.org.

Community Flavor of the Month, Thursday, September 10, 2009, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Station House Café.

The Station House's monthly dinner event benefiting local nonprofits is on September 10th. Come enjoy a wonderful meal and thank owner Sheryl Cahill for donating 15% of the proceeds to CLAM.

May we send this newsletter to you by e-mail? If so, please send your address to info@clam-ptreyes.org. Thanks!