

**January, 2007** - An article about Green Building and the Lehigh Valley Green Builders Forum, including a photograph of our co-founders, Annie Prince and Bruce Wilson, appeared in Lehigh Valley Living Magazine. See it online at:

<http://mcall.p2ionline.com/lehighvalleyliving/ss/index.aspx?webstoryid=11648088&area=SS&type=page&adgroupid=44376&adid=1611548&parentid=0&menu=-16>

An article with great photographs about our newest Founding Member, Studio 26 Homes, was also featured in the same magazine. See it online at:

<http://mcall.p2ionline.com/lehighvalleyliving/ss/index.aspx?webstoryid=11648075&area=SS&type=page&adgroupid=44376&adid=1611544&parentid=0&menu=-12>

**February 1, 2007** - **How to build a Net-Zero Energy Home**  
By Jackie O'Neil, at the Lehigh Cement Office.

**February 5, 2007** - **Integrated Design and Value Engineering in Green Building**

by Bruce Wilson, LEED® AP, Co-owner of Bruce Wilson Contracting; President, and co-founder with his wife Annie Prince, of the Lehigh Valley Green Builders Forum, spoke about the benefits of green building and how to use integrated design to build a high-performance green building.

Rauch Business Center, Lehigh University.

**April 14 2007** - The Step It Up Festival for Action on Climate Change on Saturday, April 14 from 1 to 5 PM at 3rd & New Streets on the Southside of Bethlehem organized by Clothesline Organics and Home & Planet retail shops.

**April 17 through 20 2007** - The City of Bethlehem Earth Day Education Week from April 17 through 20, where 1700 students from the Bethlehem Area School District visited our booth for a presentation on how Green Building helps Planet Earth.

**April 18 2007** - We were a co-sponsor of "Beyond Climate Change", a presentation by Dr. Thomas Pritchett at the UU Church in Bethlehem.

**April 25 2007 - 7 PM** - We co-sponsored a presentation by Lance Simmens, Asst. to the Governor of PA, with a slide show on "An Inconvenient Truth" hosted by the Mayor of Bethlehem, John Callahan, at Foy Concert Hall, Moravian College.

**May 6 2007** - Visitors learned about the availability and application of green building materials in the EnviroVillage at the RiverFusion festival at Illicks Mill in Bethlehem ([www.illicksmill.org/riverfusion.html](http://www.illicksmill.org/riverfusion.html)). Lehigh Valley Green Builders Forum presented green roofs, durable roofing shingles made from recycled rubber, pervious concrete and recycled glass countertop surfaces.

**May 15 2007 - 7 PM** - We co-sponsored the presentation, 'Signs of Hope, What We Are Doing About Climate Change' at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

**May 18, 2007** - At the PIX Storm Water Management Symposium at Bethlehem City Hall, Lehigh Valley Green Builders Forum presented and demonstrated innovative storm water management to the PIX network ([lvpix.org](http://lvpix.org)) of Lehigh Valley municipalities, businesses, regulators and environmental organizations.

Green roofing, integrates storm water retention with building insulation and summer roof surface cooling.

The LVGBF also invited Ken Crank from the Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association to present considerations and benefits of pervious concrete as an alternate to traditional impervious pavement.

September – 21 - Participated in Education Day at the PA Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Festival Kempton PA.

September -22 - 23, 2007 - Presented two days of programs at the Green Building Tent at the PA Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Festival, Kempton PA. Cosponsored by the GBACPA and the DVGBC

September 27-28 - Bruce Wilson attended the Pennsylvania Green Growth Partnership First Annual Forum at the Hershey

Lodge representing the Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh Valley Green Builders Forum.

October - 1 2007 - Bruce Wilson spoke to the monthly members meeting of the Lehigh Valley Builders Association about the future of Green Home Building sighting Performance data from the ongoing study of Buffalo Homes.

**Sat., Oct. 6, 2007 - 10AM - 4PM**

We were proud to have three houses on the National Solar House Tour this year on October 6. Our participation was organized by the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA). [www.nesea.org](http://www.nesea.org) Part of the ASES National Solar Tour

We had three distinctly different houses on the tour.

Studio 26 Homes had their LEED registered house on the tour. [www.studio26homes.com](http://www.studio26homes.com)

The converted barn of Joris Rosse which houses his residence and the Morning Star Center was another of the homes on the National Solar House Tour.

The third house is the home of Walter Udell and is a 5000 SF Buffalo Home. The extremely low heating bills for both heat and hot water amount to about 900 gallons of heating oil a year.

This home is for sale and can be viewed at <http://www.kurfiss.com> Property ID# is 5118123

**October 17- 2007 - Annual Members Dinner, Comfort Suites, South Bethlehem.**

I began my comments by acknowledging Joris Rosse. While the head of Planning for Lehigh University, to the detriment of his career, he championed saving and reusing historic structures. These included the conversion of the Old Power House into a theater and the conversion and reuse of the Chandler-Ullman Hall.

Reusing buildings is at the heart of green building and since he jeopardized his career by championing saving historic buildings we felt he deserved recognition. His converted barn which houses his residence and the Morning Star Center was one

of the homes on the National Solar House Tour. Certainly the Alliance for Sustainable Communities and the Lehigh Valley would not be what it is without his continuous efforts.

Our speaker, Michael Kostow of Kostow Greenwood Architects is a graduate of the pre architecture program at Lehigh University. His firm is the site architect for Beth Works and has been chosen to be the architect for the Steel Stax Cultural Center.

He spoke of the need for organization like the LVGBF to promote issues like the greening of the whole Beth Works Site.

**October 31- November 1**, Bruce Wilson participated in a workshop, Balancing Energy and the Environment, an Exploration of Future Research Needs, at Lehigh University speaking on Energy Use in Buildings. Many attendees were amazed at how far behind we are at applying existing energy efficiency technology to our buildings.

**November 6 - 2007** - Air date, episode of Tempo on WLVT channel 39. The show features PNC Banks green branches and the PPL Plaza Building from a tour of the PPL Plaza Building with Scott Sine of H. T. Lyons. The show features PNC Banks green branches and the PPL Plaza Building. You can see it on line at:

<http://www.wlvt.org/TEMPO/Videopages/tempo515.htm>