

## News Conference On Fire

On January 31, television crews, reporters, and photojournalists captured the exciting news at HPBA's News Conference and Clean Burning Demonstration held in Washington, D.C. HPBA President Jack Goldman, along with Libby, Montana, representatives, told the story of the town's wood stove changeout, and the air cleaned by EPA-certified wood stoves. The program was also attended by EPA staffers and Clean Air Act Advisory Committee members, and included a demonstration of six burning appliances donated by Libby's Gold Donors: CFM, Hearth & Home Technologies, Regency, Jotul, Lennox, Travis Industries, and Simpson Dura-Vent (chimney). For more information, please contact Leslie Wheeler at [wheeler@hpba.org](mailto:wheeler@hpba.org).

## Wood Stove Changeout Radio Tour

The good news on wood stoves and fireplace inserts crossed the airwaves as HPBA's Leslie Wheeler, director of communications, and John Crouch, director of public affairs, presented the benefits to radio listeners nationwide. Interviewed by 40 radio station morning shows and news programs over four days, they told listeners everywhere how to save money and burn cleaner using a new technology EPA-certified wood stove and fireplace insert. As residents in Libby, Montana, found, these wood stoves produce between 65 and 90 percent less smoke and use 30 percent less fuel.

## Take Action!

Ask your members of Congress to co-sponsor H.R. 4244, the Clean Stove Act of 2007, introduced by U.S. Representative John Salazar (D-CO). This legislation would authorize a \$500 tax credit to encourage consumers to remove their old, polluting conventional wood stoves and replace them with a new technology EPA-certified wood or pellet stove. This election year is an effective time for HPBA members to capture the attention of their elected leaders. Visit the HPBA Government Affairs website to find your congressional leaders and contact information:  
<http://www.hpba.org/index.php?id=35>.

## Clean Air Program in Bay Area

The recent Change 4 Clean Air Program event, funded by a Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) grant of \$100,000, was a huge success. The grant money was available on a first-come, first-served basis and was used up within 24 hours. Twenty-two participating dealers distributed rebates during the two-day event and HPBA Pacific staff continue to field calls from

interested residents. Additional incentives from participating manufacturers and participating dealers are available through March 31.

## Qualified Stoves for Oregon Tax Credit

Oregon has adopted a tax credit up to \$300 for the purchase of biomass stoves. The Oregon Department of Energy (ODE) is creating a list of qualifying wood stove appliances that emit 4.5 grams of smoke per hour or less or catalytic wood stoves and pellet stoves that emit 2.5 grams of smoke per hour or less. Pellet stove manufacturers (EPA has a list of wood stoves) should have their labs send a list of qualifying pellet stoves to the ODE. State the name, model number, and a certificate of compliance. Please send to Dave Brook, Residential Energy Tax Credit Program, Oregon Dept. of Energy, 625 Marion Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301. For more information, contact Dave at 800-221-8035 or email [Dave.Brook@state.or.us](mailto:Dave.Brook@state.or.us).

## Michigan Changeout

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) received a grant from the U.S. EPA to implement a state-wide wood stove changeout program. The program will be administered in the spring by the non-profit consortium Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC). MidStates HPBA will recruit dealers and suppliers to provide discount incentives for products that qualify. For more information, contact Rick Dungey at [dungey@drakeco.com](mailto:dungey@drakeco.com) or 636-449-5075.

## NAHB Green Building Standard Update

The Green Building Standard (GBS) release date has been delayed in order to allow the GBS Committee time to address several issues. HPBA will inform members on its progress. For more information, contact Tom Stroud at [stroud@hpba.org](mailto:stroud@hpba.org).

## Codes and Standards

The UL Standards Technical Panel (STP) for the family of UL127 (127, 391, 737, 1482, 2115 and 1618) met January 15. A revised Hearth Pad Standard (UL1618) committee will research Canadian Standard ULC S627 as an alternative. This standard disallows any significant heat to emanate from underneath stoves instead of specifying different levels of thermal resistance for different stoves. Stove manufacturers are encouraged to participate. Screen requirements for EPA-certified fireplaces, brand conditioning for UL (fire) brands, and design and certification for decorative shrouds were also discussed. For more information, contact Tom Stroud at [stroud@hpba.org](mailto:stroud@hpba.org).

## HPBA Committee Activities

### Communications

● HPBExpo Press Program Reminders: If your company is introducing a new product at HPBExpo, please send your product description and contact information to Deidra Darsa at [darsa@hpba.org](mailto:darsa@hpba.org) and if you have new lifestyle photography, please send also. Press Contact Forms should be faxed to 703-522-0548.

### HPB Education Foundation/NFI

● Add an HPBExpo Education Passport to your badge by calling 866-486-0733 or register on-site at any of the HPBA pre-registration counters. Learn about the latest consumer trends, the growing market in outdoor rooms, the latest in green products, and new technical advancements and more in nearly 40 courses. And, don't forget that the HPBExpo is the place to become NFI-certified, add a new certification, or gain those valuable NFI CEUs.

● HPBExpo is the place to gain all three NFI-certifications required to earn the Master Hearth Professional (MHP) designation. To date, over 90 NFI-certified specialists have earned their MHP and each is recognized on the NFI website and awarded a new certificate and ID card. If you are interested, please contact NFI today at 703-524-8030.

### Industry Statistics

● The *HPBA Quarterly Industry Survey* data collection is coming to a close. Hearth manufacturing firms that are contacted by HPBA are urged to respond immediately. Firms that respond are invited to a "thank you" breakfast at HPBExpo where Don Johnson, HPBA director of market research, will discuss the latest trends in the hearth and barbecue industries.

● "Top-of-the-line" hearth appliance shipment totals for 2007 will be released at HPBExpo 2008. This information will also be posted on the HPBA web site - [www.hpba.org](http://www.hpba.org) - shortly after the event.

● If your firm has been contacted to participate in *The HPBA Quarterly Industry Survey*, please respond immediately. Results broken out by state and province will be released to participating firms as soon as the data is tabulated.

● HPBA's consumer research this year will focus on the hearth industry. Member firms wishing to receive this year's research questionnaire should contact Don Johnson at [johnson@hpba.org](mailto:johnson@hpba.org).

### Membership

● Visit the HPBExpo Member Services Booth (located next to the registration area) for information on HPBA affiliate events, member benefits, and NFI certification.

● To renew your membership for 2008, please contact Antonio Jackson at 703-522-0086 or [jackson@hpba.org](mailto:jackson@hpba.org).



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- **HPBExpo Registration Update.** International companies must pickup badges on-site. Registration is easily completed on line at [www.hpbexpo.com](http://www.hpbexpo.com) or by fax (download the form from the website). Online registration will remain open for badge pickup on-site until February 25.
- **Atlanta HPBA Housing Block closed February 1.** To make reservations, please contact hotels directly. A list of hotels and phone numbers are available at [www.hpbexpo.com](http://www.hpbexpo.com). If you have questions about an existing reservation, please contact the HPBA/The Housing Connections at 866-365-1113.
- **2009 Exhibitor Portfolio and Priority Booth Assignment:** The full 2009 Exhibitor Portfolio is in the mail to all current and past exhibitors. The portfolio contains 2009 booth contracts, rules and regulations, payment information (20% will be due at space selection), priority housing forms, and the Priority Assignment Time for the Priority Booth Assignment taking place in Atlanta, February 28 - March 1. It is important that exhibitors attend the Priority Booth Assignment during the scheduled time (during Expo) and take advantage of the priority ranking for booth space and housing.
- **Expo Promotional Opportunities.** HPBExpo exhibitors interested in expanding their exposure at the show, please contact Betteanne Leahy at 800-404-5461.
- **Don't miss the Outdoor Living Showroom Display,** sponsored by *Casual Living* magazine, in Atlanta. For new, fresh ideas on how to best present a variety of outdoor products and accessories in your store, be sure to visit the showroom display in the Registration Lobby.
- **Reno-Sparks Booth - Expo 2009.** Located in the Registration Lobby, stop by and see what's new for next year's venue. Reno staff available for questions regarding air travel and much more.

## HPBExpo Important Dates

**February 4:** Registration deadline to receive badge in mail

**February 25:** Final Pre-registration deadline.



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