



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Rick Heede makes his point; the afternoon's menu; Bill Pollock, Helen Klanderud, and Brian Beazley.



The Green Team

JUST HOW "GREEN" IS OUR VALLEY? MEET LOCAL MOVERS AND SHAKERS IN ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION WHO ARE, IN A WORD, ECOTISTS.

By Hilary Stundt

THIS SPRING, ASPEN PEAK hosted a dinner and discussion with Aspen's architecture, design, and building community at Cuvée World Bistro in Basalt. The goal was to celebrate our town's incredibly talented home and design community while initiating a conversation on the state of green design in our valley.

Moderated by former Aspen Mayor Helen Klanderud, the intimate event featured an engaging discussion and delicious food and wine pairings by the restaurant's executive chef and owner, Mitch Levy (Levy is active in the Roaring Fork Originals, a group of Valley restaurants that support sustainability).

The evening's exchange focused on one of our foremost concerns, namely, just how green *are* we? The Roaring Fork Valley population is projected to skyrocket in the next 10 years, so how can builders influence homeowners to invest in solutions that conserve energy? What will our valley look like in the next decade?

The questions were concise and frank. The answers, honest and open. For contractors there's now GreenSpot in Carbondale, which provides eco-friendly building supplies. For consumers there's Corky Woods, the Valley's first green department store, opening this June in Willits Town Center. "[The store] will be an eco-conscious alternative," says owner Michelle Pauline Lowe. "From baby clothes to blue jeans

and nontoxic cosmetics to books and periodicals on art and alternative medicine."

"Customers come to town and they look to the architectural and building community and ask, What should we do?" says Anson Fogel, CEO of InPower Systems, a Carbondale-based company that helps homeowners take the step toward renewable energy. Fogel understands the reality of homeowners who want to go solar but can't make the financial leap.

Taking stock of a home's inside and outside "contributions" to the environment is equally important. "A 1,000-square-foot heated driveway produces 21 pounds of carbon dioxide an hour," explained climate expert Rick Heede. "The average Aspen household produces 139 pounds of carbon dioxide a day."

As Klanderud raised questions on topics ranging from the latest green-building technology to local LEED-certified neighborhoods and eco-conscious interiors, attendees brainstormed about possible solutions for alternative energy, green interior design, and homeowner-association initiatives.

"The architectural and building community of the Valley is in a unique position to define values for customers building elite homes, as that's what drives the value system," says Fogel. Radiant flooring,

which was rarely seen in the late '80s, is now de rigueur for the middle class in the Roaring Fork Valley. "We see in Aspen a level of leadership and sophistication among the contractors and design teams that you don't see in Manhattan or more developed markets," he continues.

Photographer David O. Marlow, who has traveled extensively photographing homes, adds, "We have a consciousness in our valley that might not be widespread nationally, but hopefully we can nurture it here and spread it elsewhere."



Spot On

Carbondale's new GreenSpot offers a one-stop shop for builders, architects, and homeowners. BY JENNA BRUCE

LOOKING TO GREEN UP your home? GreenSpot's the go-to. Recently opened in Carbondale, the company specializes in enviro-conscious building and hospitality supplies to make "going green" simple, effective, and price-competitive. "We're trying to help people live green and we also wanted GreenSpot to be environmentally and economically successful," says CEO Christopher Jacobson.

With a showroom on Highway 133 and a lumberyard on Cattle Creek Road, GreenSpot's inventory spans three categories: building materials, a hospitality line including eco-friendly cleaners and zero-VOC paints, and an event component that offers biodegradable corn-based disposable cups and starch-based flatware called Spudware.

The new lumberyard stocks reclaimed and recycled lumber. "We carried lumber at the store, but it was immediately apparent that to fulfill our idea of becoming a full-spectrum green-products dealer we needed two locations," says Jacobson. GreenSpot carries the stamp of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the most widely recognized certification for sustainable and responsible wood-harvesting practices. "If you're looking for FSC-certified wood, we have it within pennies of other non-FSC lumber," Jacobson adds. *GreenSpot, 792 Highway 133, Carbondale, 970-963-4206; greenspot.com.*

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