

News Briefs from OPAL Community Land Trust



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Grant Funding Will Help OPAL Add Five More Homes

A two-year grant for \$255,000 will help OPAL buy additional property to locate five more recycled houses on Orcas. Lisa Byers, OPAL's executive director, submitted the application in 2012. "In these difficult economic and state budgeting times, I am pleased the Washington State Housing Trust Fund selected our proposal for funding," she said. "This money will help purchase land, and yet OPAL will still need donations to fully pay for the cost of moving and renovating the structures, and connecting utilities."

An appropriate piece of land on Seaview Street has been secured, which will accommodate four houses. OPAL is in discussion with owners of two houses that Lisa hopes can be moved here in the fall. OPAL staff continue to search for two or three houses to move after that. *If you have a house or land you would like to donate, call (360) 376-3191.*

Recently moved OPAL recycled houses



OPAL's Recycled Houses Theme Takes Top Parade Honors



OPAL volunteers got behind the Chamber of Commerce Independence Day Parade with its theme of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Celebrate Sustainability." The Chamber said our entry captured the theme perfectly. They rewarded OPAL with a \$100 cash prize.



Save the Date:

OPAL's Annual Benefit Dinner and Gala, September 21

Mary Russell of the Orcas Village Store will be our celebrity chef for this year's Annual Benefit Dinner and Gala, so you know the meal will be great! The Gala will be held on Saturday, September 21, beginning at 5:30 in the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

We will recognize and honor new lifetime members **Sara Jane Johnson** and **Frank and Jan Loudin**.

We'll have our fabulous dessert auction, a paddle raise, and a presentation from OPAL executive director Lisa Byers. Join fellow OPAL supporters in a lovely evening of celebration.

Tickets are \$125 per person.

Space is limited.

Reservations: (360) 376-3191.

No OPAL Pie Booth in 2013 OPAL has decided to take the year off from serving pie at the Library Fair. Look for our triumphant return in 2014.