



North Shore house moving to Oberon Meadow last February

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OPAL Recycling Older Houses: A Green Solution

After OPAL moved a house from the North Shore to the Oberon Meadow property near the airport in February, a number of community members asked: "Do you want my house?"

Not all houses meet OPAL's standards for affordability (including energy efficiency), durability, aesthetics and quality, but two buildings appear to have passed the test: a 1920s farmhouse at Buoy Bay (near Obstruction Pass) and a 1960s-style ranch home on Windward Lane in Deer Harbor.

It's a winning proposition for everyone: The donor is able to make a charitable donation of an unwanted structure in a sustainable and cost-effective manner while retaining their land; and another quality house is added to OPAL's stock of permanently affordable homes for Orcas Islanders.

Pie Booth at Library Fair August 13

Co-chairs Luann Pamatian and Carla Stanley invite you to come by the pie booth for delicious, fresh pies (by the slice or by the pie) and good fun this year at the Library Fair. You may donate a fruit pie before 10 a.m. at the booth on the Village Green, or call Luann (376-6311) if you'd like to volunteer for a shift in the booth. This is a SWEET way to support permanently affordable housing on Orcas Island!

Lavender Hollow: The Work Begins

On May 26 OPAL officially took ownership of the Lavender Hollow apartments. Construction plans and permitting for renovations are in process and the project will go out to bid later this summer. We expect to begin construction this fall with completion of the project in the spring of 2012.

Shop The Rock Via OPAL's Online Auction

Support your favorite affordable housing organization by checking out OPAL's popular online auction at www.biddingforgood.com/opalauction – from September 11 to 25. You can shop for local goods and services, unique experiences and fabulous trips from the comfort of your own keyboard. Bid early! Bid often!

Save The Date: October 1

Celebrate OPAL and Orcas at OPAL's Annual Gala Benefit Dinner on Saturday, October 1, at 5:30 p.m. at Orcas Center. We will honor long-time island leaders who have supported OPAL. The evening includes dinner prepared by Lisa Nakamura of Allium, our fabulous dessert auction, as well as a paddle raise in support of OPAL's ongoing stewardship of its community assets. No auction items this year – just a lovely evening together. Tickets are \$125 per person. Call to reserve: 376-3191.

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Pie is served with a smile at OPAL's booth. From left, behind the cooler, Peter Kamin, Beth Baker, Patty Johnson, Lisa Byers and Carol Ely during a prior year's event.