



SPRINGBOARD Social Innovation Forum

May Theme: *Shelter Innovation*

~The 2nd Wednesday of each month~

About the Speakers and their Organizations

Sara Garrett, **motiveSpace**, www.motivespace.org

- o **motiveSpace** is a coalition of 40+ builders, social innovators, community-oriented-developers, and nonprofit groups. We have come together to pursue and activate cutting-edge strategies for cooperative, non-speculative, and bottom-up property development. We describe grassroots property development as the community-led, micro-financed, cooperatively-owned and/or occupied development or renovation of buildings, neighborhoods or land, in our city. We're answering the following questions: How do people with little cash, help become place makers in their city? How can businesses, people, and builders work together, to everyone's benefit?



Mary Bedard, **Chair, Friends of Community Gardens, Landscape Architect**



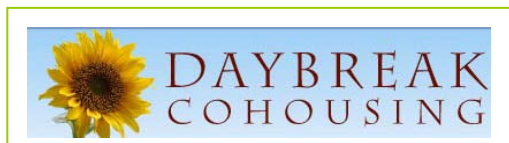
- o What interests Mary are the natural aspects of shelter – refuge from weather, refuge from emotional or physical trauma, refuge from environmental pollutants (clean air and water), refuge for wildlife, a haven or protected area in which to grow food. There are also national security issues – how do we protect our important places in light of threats? We've barricaded ourselves literally and symbolically with landscape elements, even at the residential level. These are big issues, and it is hard for individuals to feel empowered to change or influence the way we build our outdoor places. Mary works with small groups of neighbors to co-create healthier, safer landscaped neighborhood spaces. These green areas become integrated shelter-spaces, as necessary to homes and businesses as a roof is shelter from rain.
- o Mary brings landscape architecture, planning, and civil engineering experience to the design or planning team. She has over twenty-five years of institutional, commercial, industrial, residential, recreational, and community design experience. She has a BS in Landscape Design and an MS in Community Development – a unique combination!

Malora Golden, **ReCode** <http://recodeoregon.net>



- o **ReCode** is a community-based group examining how city and state regulations can support rather than inhibit creative, sustainable living. Recode supports grassroots communities in identifying code barriers to sustainable development and then helps the community create campaigns to change these codes and laws. Launched in Portland, this site gathers information and coordination for grassroots-linked movements to transform codes and regulations to encourage and incentivize innovative, citizen-based sustainability in Oregon and beyond.
- o **Melora Golden** is the community organizer for ReCode. She has traveled the world learning about permaculture and visiting intentional communities. Prior to her role as a community organizer she was a social worker for ten years. A thirteen-year resident of Portland OR, she is dedicated to this wonderful city.

Sterling Newberry, Daybreak Co-housing, www.daybreakcohousing.org/



A growing number of Americans seek an old-fashioned sense of neighborhood through living in cohousing communities—an innovative type of housing where residents enjoy the privacy of individual homes along with the benefits of a more socially and environmentally sustainable lifestyle. More than 100 such communities can be found all across the U.S., with about a half dozen in the Portland area.

- **Daybreak Cohousing**, now nearing completion on North Killingsworth Street in the Overlook neighborhood of North Portland, will open in fall 2009 with 30 units in a courtyard configuration. The project has been in the works for three years, with members building a sense of community during that time and developing its vision for living together. Come to this Forum to hear about what attracts people to these innovative new communities and how residents grapple with some of the complexities of this vibrant lifestyle.
- **Sterling Newberry** is a Portland-based workplace facilitator and mediator who helps organizations build sustainable skills for working through change. He helps them bring their lofty ideals off the walls and into everyday practice, and to become more creative through the diversity of their members. Sterling is certified as a professional facilitator by the International Association of Facilitators, has a BA in sociology from Dickinson College, and a graduate certificate in conflict resolution from John F. Kennedy University. For Sterling, the community side of cohousing is a way to live the values he works with in his professional life.

Join us in welcoming these community innovators!