

***The Solar Energy Association of Connecticut invites you to a
Discussion & Presentation of Selected Topics***

- " Ways we can use Solar in our Home; and Problems & Questions "**
- " A look at some questions about Global Warming"**
- " A Renewable Energy Scenario for the future "**

Sunday, August 24, 2014 (2 pm)

at the
**St. Bridget Church (School Cafeteria)
80 Main Street, Manchester, Connecticut**

featuring presentations and discussions led by

Ed Pomianowski, David Henri, Philip Dooley, Bernard Pelletier

[**NOTE:** *To give people an opportunity to discuss and express their views on important questions, we are trying out a different format. We need to know your interest in participating; so please respond as soon as possible.]*

Solar Energy usage can mean different things to different people. Those working with Solar / renewable energies often have their own special experiences, questions & problems, which others would benefit by listening to. In "Ways we can use Solar in our Home ..", Ed Pomianowski and others will discuss their ideas and experiences, which include solar thermal, solar electric, & hybrid solar ; de-humidification with solar, cold frames, gardening & related topics. Also let us know in advance if you wish to describe your experiences.

Then Phil Dooley will list Questions relating to global warming about which people tend to have misconceptions, and help to clarify them.

*An important issue underlying our thinking and planning of renewable energy utilization on a large scale is the picture we have of what may be possible in the future. A lot of thought has been devoted to this issue, which we would benefit by looking at. Different scenarios have been suggested. . In looking at each scenario, it is not simply a question of accepting or rejecting it **in toto**. Instead it is often best to ask what we can usefully extract from it which will help us in moving toward a sustainable future. In introducing his presentation on A Renewable Energy Scenario for the future, Bernie Pelletier states:*

" ...The renewable energy movement in the U.S. and around the world has by and large been encouraging. Numerous technologies for harnessing energy and increasing efficiency have been developed. However, despite great technical progress, renewable sources contribute only 11.2% (as of 2012) of total energy generation. Of that 11.2%, about 60% is hydroelectric (and of fairly old vintage). The challenge facing us now is the adoption of these renewable sources on a large scale. Towards that end "The Solutions Project" [\[http://thesolutionsproject.org\]](http://thesolutionsproject.org) has developed a series of scenarios for the United States -- state by state , that demonstrates how by 2050 we can transition to an entirely renewable energy scheme. The project illustrates how energy conservation, adoption of [mostly] existing technology, and transition to electric vehicles can eliminate combustion of any sort as a means of energy production. .. "

Bernie's presentation will discuss this project, and its recommendations and implications for the USA and, in particular, Connecticut.

You are encouraged to bring in your ideas and questions, and help enrich these discussions.

We invite you to join the Solar Energy Association of CT, and help plan & support our activities.

A Request: ALL are requested to register in advance for this activity, by August 15, 2014.

Call (860) 233-5684 or (860) 649-9827 or (860) 489-9555 or (203) 613-4363 .

DIRECTIONS: From I-84 -- take Exit 63 -- go straight on Rte 83 south -- 2 lights to North Main St -- turn right -- go one block to Main St -- turn left -- go 3 blocks. The rear of the white church will be on the right. Turn right, park, and bear right for the entry door.

This event is organized by the

Solar Energy Association of Connecticut, Inc. ,

A nonprofit, professional, educational organization (active since 1976) which supports and promotes the use of renewable energies and environmentally benign technologies.

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We invite you to become a member and help plan and support our activities.

[Please visit the Web Site for relevant information.]