The Solar Energy Association of Connecticut invites you to

A Two-part Seminar, Book-signing, and Discussion Meeting

Saturday, September 17, 2011 (2 PM)

at the

East Hartford Public Library 840 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut

"Building a Low-Net-Energy Home in Connecticut "

by Karann & Jeremy Schaller,

Building a new home involves many many decisions. Trying to make it use NO energy on an annual basis involves many more decisions in an area where experience is scarce. Entering your new home in the CT Net-Zero Energy Home Challenge means stepping way out of your comfort zone. But that's what Karann & Jeremy Schaller did. They even posted a battle-by-battle description of their efforts on their Blog!

Did they win? Sort-of: they came in second, but in doing so made the organizers realize the rules favored large expensive homes. More importantly, Does the house work? Does it run on net-zero energy? What has it been like living in this house for almost 2 years now (including 2 winters). Does it overheat in summer? Is it hard to operate? What have they learned from this experience? Come and hear this interesting story of an unusual house.

[Some facts to note: This Eco-Home won second place in the 2010 Connecticut Zero Energy Challenge

contest. Also in the 2010 SIPA Annual Building Excellence competition. The home includes Passive Solar; Solar Hot Water; a 7.6 kW Solar PV system; Walls & Roof with SIP panels; & Energy-efficient fixtures and appliances.



" <u>Convert Your Home to Solar Energy "</u>

Everett Barber, Solar Pioneer,

Will Discuss his <u>new book</u>, -- by Joseph Provey & Everett Barber` and outline the history of Solar Energy in Connecticut.

The discussion will be followed by **Book-signing**.

Copies will be available for purchase.

<u>DIRECTIONS</u>: The Library is on Main Street in East Hartford (opposite a White Church), close to where Conn Blvd meets Main Street.

<u>From Rte I-84 East</u> – Exit 53 – Turn RIGHT on to Conn Blvd -- about 3/4 mile -- Conn Blvd ends in Main St –turn RIGHT on to Main St – go 50 yds – (the Library is on your left) -- Next Light – turn left on to Central Ave – 50 yds -- turn left into Parking Lot behind the Library. Walk up to the side or front entrance ---- go to the Meeting Room downstairs.

<u>From Rte I-84 West</u> – Exit 56 – Bear Right on to <u>Governor St</u> – thru 1^{st} light – go to Main Street – turn Right on to <u>Main St</u> – 2 lights – At the 2^{nd} Light, turn left on to Central Ave -- 50 yds -- turn left into Lib Parking. Go to the Meeting Room downstairs.

From Rte 91 South—Near Hartford, get on to Rte I-84 East—follow directions above. From Rte 91 N—In Hartford, take Exit 32 on to Trumbull St -- End of Ramp, turn LEFT -- go 1/4 mi -- go under Rte 84 -- Turn Left to get on to Rte I-84 East—follow directions above.

This event is organized by the

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which supports and promotes the use of renewable energies and environmentally benign technologies. *This event is open to all interested people.* Please register in advance by calling one of the following: (860) 233-5684 or (860) 649-9827 or (860) 465-0368 or (860) 489-9555 or (203) 613-4363 or (845) 669-8341. [Solar Energy Assoc. of Conn. Inc.; P.O. Box 541; Hartford CT 06101. Web Site: www.SolarEnergyOfCT.org]