

OWNER BUILDING & RETROFITTING IS THEME FOR MARCH 25TH ANNUAL MEETING

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* DATE: Sunday, March 25, 1984 *
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* TIME: 12:30 Potluck *
* 1:30 Short Business Meeting - V. Summer, Fac. *
* 2:00 Panel Discussion *
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* PLACE: Unitarian-Universalist Church in Canton *
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* Child care provided * * * Please bring own utensils *
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Ideas for worthwhile projects for the RIA came up at the November 6th Steering Committee meeting and the December 4th General Meeting. A December 12th(?) meeting scheduled to discuss some of those ideas was cancelled because of bad weather. No one took the initiative to reschedule that meeting, and discussions before and during the February 5th Steering Committee Meeting indicated that most RIA people are focusing on their work at home right now, leaving little energy for setting up speakers, organizing day-long workshops, or rewriting the membership directory. Hence, the Labor Exchange was the idea most people were interested in developing.

But, another theme kept coming up as a strong second. Many of our members are building or planning to build and want to know about new building and energy products on the market, the experience of other people with those products, and the lessons learned by our members who've already gone the route. It seemed like a natural for the March Annual Meeting.

John Scarlett has organized the following program to meet this interest:

Bob Penski will chair a panel/discussion. Bob and Judy have experience with building their own home, and Bob has been doing a lot of work with the St. Lawrence County Housing Council's programs of late.

The panel members will speak on such topics as how they got into their building project in the first place; their expectations, major successes, and major problems; cost and financing; materials, products, new technologies; and the use of passive or active solar.

The speakers will be:

- Jon and Kathy Montan on masonry construction.
- Joe and Kathy Kutsko on log construction.
- Ginger Story and Doug Welch on post and beam construction.
- John Crowe and Valerie Ingram on retrofitting.
- Bob Penski will sum up and talk a little bit about his ideas for prototype North Country homes.

See you there!