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# Upgrading Existing Buildings to Achieve High Thermal Performance

Rockbridge Regional Library, Piovano Room,  
Lexington, VA

Sponsored by the **Rockbridge Regional Activities Committee** of the **Southwest Virginia Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council** and the **Rockbridge Area Conservation Council**

Wednesday  
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6:30—7:00 PM—Networking  
7:00—8:30 PM—Meeting

Located at 138 S. Main Street in Lexington, VA, 24450. From the South take I-81 North; from the North take I-81 South; to exit 188 and go West on Rt. 60 to downtown Lexington; after bridge by new court house take left on Randolph Street then right at Preston Street then right on Main Street. Library is on right on Main Street between Preston and Nelson streets. Main Library is closed BUT the Piovano room will be opened, just go through the first entrance doors and then Piovano room is on right.

RSVP to Trina Mastran at [tmastran@hotmail.com](mailto:tmastran@hotmail.com) is appreciated

Join us with Eli Fishpaw, local architect, at the Piovano Room at the Rockbridge Regional Library to learn more about the building envelope and how to achieve net zero from an energy usage standpoint. With increasing awareness of limits of nonrenewable energy and the environmental cost of carbon emissions as it relates to climate change, improving the efficiency of existing buildings is key to finding a sustainable economic security. Much value has been invested in our current building stock. Yet because of incomplete understanding, common practice flaws have compromised thermal performance at the building envelope.

Fishpaw graduated from the University of Florida in 1975 when he moved to Rockbridge County to live at "North Mountain Community". He has worked in the field of architecture since 1984 and currently owns his own practice. Fishpaw founded the "Sustainable Economy Roundtable" that met monthly between 2005 - 2007 to consider the issues related to achieving sustainability. Fishpaw has a passion for understanding thermal efficiency, comfort and health related issues in buildings.

## Join Our Committees

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