



Solar Seminar Series, Part I: *Weaning Off Fossil Fuels: Integrating design principles for self-sufficient solar conscious homes*

2 South Main Street, Lexington, VA

Sponsored by the **Rockbridge Regional Activities Committee** of the Southwest Virginia Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council and [Lee Merrill Architects](#)

Tuesday: August 10th

5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

DIRECTIONS: Located at the old courthouse on 2 S. Main Street in Lexington, VA.

Take I-81 exit 188, go west on Rt. 60 to light at Main Street, downtown Lexington. Take a right on Main St., go 1 block, courthouse on right. Park in parking deck off of Washington Street. **Use Rear Building Entrance.**

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The **Rockbridge Regional Activities Committee** (RRAC) of the **Southwest Virginia Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council** (USGBC SWVA) invites you to our **Solar Seminar Series, Part I: *Weaning Off Fossil Fuels: Integrating design principles for self-sufficient solar conscious homes***, presented by local licensed architect, **Lee Wilson Merrill**. He has been designing Virginia and Lexington/Rockbridge County residential and commercial projects since 1976. Merrill holds his B.A. of Architecture and Master of Architecture/Urban Planning from Princeton University.

Merrill has been designing solar buildings for forty years. One of his first Virginia projects, in association with Hans Schweitzer AIA, is a 5200 sf passive solar day care center in NW Roanoke which is still in service today. From 1980-1983, Merrill served as the Virginia Passive Solar Design Consultant for Virginia's Energy Division in Richmond and delivered that agency's Solar Design Assistance Program. He also created and delivered the first educational programs advocating passive solar energy and efficient design for designers and builders throughout the Virginia housing industry. In 1986, Merrill established his own practice as Commonwealth Architects in Lexington, now Lee Merrill Architects. As of 2010, Merrill has designed over 100 additions/remodels, over 90 new Virginia residences, and 32 institutional/commercial building projects, mostly passive solar oriented designs.

Merrill has recently served his community as President of Rockbridge Area Conservation Council where he has been a board director since 1978. He also has served as a Trustee of the Historic Lexington Foundation, and initiated the Lexington Tree Committee (now a Lexington City Board). Merrill currently is a member of the USGBC Southwest VA Chapter RRAC Committee.