

LARELLA

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LIVING LIGHTLY
ASSOCIATION

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MASSIVE
SOLAR
REBATES NOW
AVAILABLE —
50% OR MORE!

SUSTAIN
ABILITY MOVES
TO A NEW
LOCATION

NOFA-NH
WINTER
CONFERENCE
MOVES TO
CONCORD,
MARCH 7TH



WINTER LARELLA ACTIVITIES

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, February 15th** at our usual meeting location, The Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, 172 Pleasant Street.

Joanne Morin will present a summary of the work of the Governor's Climate Change Policy Task Force which has met for the past year to develop a state climate action plan. She will review the recommendations of the Task Force and how the state anticipates implementing the plan. She will also highlight new opportunities for funding of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

An Environmental Ponzi Scheme

People often have trouble understanding the concept of "overshoot", i.e. – how can we be borrowing from the future environmentally. Think of the recent Madoff Ponzi scheme – he used money coming in from new investors to pay off older ones who thought everything was fine. In a similar way, we are borrowing energy and resources from future generations in order to enjoy the industrial society we have today. Pollution in the air and water now will continue to grow for decades even if we immediately drastically reduced our pollution (and that is not the

We also invite you to our customary pre-meeting potluck from 5:30-6:30pm!

The March 15th meeting will include a discussion of Rob Hopkin's wonderful new book "The Transitions Handbook: From oil dependency to local resilience", and hopefully a presentation on Permaculture. **We welcome your suggestions for topics and speakers as well!** Would you be interested in leading a discussion? Check LARELLA's website for updates on future meetings.

Massive Solar Rebates Now Available!!!!!!

Though our economy has slowed in the past few months, there are good reasons to consider solar electricity NOW. The Economic Recovery Act of early October included a provision that drastically increased rebates available for installing solar (PV) electric systems. Rebates above 50% of your purchase price are now available. This is the best the solar rebate has ever been and now is a good time to consider a new system.

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Sustain Ability NH, the local green store focused on reducing your energy costs and lessening your environmental impact, is moving to a new location!

They will be reopening on February 17th at their new location. Canal

ORGANIC FARMING

CONFERENCE MARCH 7TH

NOFA-NH (Northeast Organic Farming Association, NH) will be holding its Winter Conference in Concord this year, at the Rundlett Middle School. The focus this year is "Building Community – Many Hands, Many Voices". Building on last year's theme "The Sustainable Future", this year the core of the conference is building community. The conference provides a wonderful opportunity for like-minded individuals to shape our sustainable future by building and weaving together our local agricultural communities.

For more information, please go to www.nofanh.org.

ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION...

LARELLA is a network of those who are interested in sustainability, stewardship of the earth, voluntary simplicity. It is meant to support those who focus on living sustainable lifestyles, and to help others learn ways of reducing their consumption and energy usage. Humans need to make changes in their lifestyles, as we are collectively depleting our natural resources and polluting the earth and atmosphere at unsustainable rates. We need to reduce our environmental footprint, the impact we have on the earth's ecosystem – individually and collectively. LARELLA is meant to help connect people who share these concerns, and to be a resource for those wanting to move their lifestyle in a more sustainable direction.

Street is the street that goes between Main Street and the Post Office. We are at the other end of the building that Awakenings Café is in.

Please come see Sustain Ability at its new location! Open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm!

ENVIRONMENTAL PONZI

SCHEME (CONTINUED)

current trend). We are borrowing from our children's future to enjoy our high standard of living.

And our children will pay for it. The most dangerous part of overshoot is the delay in perceiving and responding to the overshoot. Currently scientists are near unanimous in perceiving the overshoot – climate change, global warming and ozone hole are no longer dismissed out of hand - but our response to the overshoot is still not organized and, as proposed, is insufficient to remedy the overshoot. LARELLA urges all to become familiar with overshoot and its consequences.