



IGBA 2012 Year End Newsletter

2012 FINANCIAL REPORT	
Jan. 1 Beginning Balance	\$5,397
Total Income	\$47,773
Total Expenditures	\$35,805
Balance as of 10/24/12	\$14,558



EPA Recognizes IGBA's Efforts With Award

The Island Green Building Association is thrilled that our efforts were recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency earlier this year, when we were presented with a USEPA Region 1 Environmental Quality Award.

The EPA noted our Tropical Green Building Certification program and our ReSource Depot in the press release announcing the award.

"Change that will create a healthier and more sustainable future begins with people like those the EPA is honoring today," said EPA Regional Administrator Judith Enck in a prepared statement. "They give of themselves and set a high bar in their actions to protect public health and the environment."

Keeping St. John Green

Since its inception in 2004, the Island Green Building Association has grown by leaps and bounds in its efforts to promote responsible, green building on the island of St. John.

This year, we continued our monthly seminar series, featuring presentations on native landscaping, composting, and living green in the V.I. We've also contributed to keeping a significant amount of waste out of local landfills with our ReSource Depot (photo bot-

tom right), we earned an award from the Environmental Protection Agency, and we were awarded a grant by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Read on to learn more about how IGBA is making a difference, and how you can too.



HELP WANTED!

IGBA needs your help! The ReSource Depot and our monthly seminar series take a lot of work to manage. If you have some extra time, why not volunteer with IGBA?

Helping out at the ReSource Depot or helping to plan and set up during our Seminar Series are both fun, rewarding experiences, and you'll get to meet and talk with like-minded members of the community.

Volunteer today! Contact Barry Devine at bdevine3485@gmail.com or 340-514-3532 for more information.

NOAA Grant Helps IGBA Reach Out to Contractors

IGBA reached out to island contractors this year with the help of a generous grant of \$18,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Our Contractors Who Care Campaign consisted of advertisements placed in local media that discussed the merits of designing a green home, how building green can actually save money, and how heavy equipment operators can make a difference when excavating at a construction site.

Thanks to funding from the grant, we also participated in a steering committee to develop training modules for everyone involved in the construction process.

Once "Contractors Who Care" have attended green building workshops and implemented green construction practices, we look forward to rewarding them by promoting their business.

Board of Directors

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www.igbavi.org

ReSource Depot

As we near our one-year anniversary of opening the ReSource Depot, we are amazed at the impact it's had on the St. John environment. With close to 500 volunteer hours, numerous donations, and excellent sales, we kept about 14,000 pounds of waste out of local landfills this year. We also recently expanded our hours at the ReSource Depot (see box below), which is now open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, Mondays from 7:30 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon.



If you haven't had the chance to stop by, the ReSource Depot is located near the intersection of Giffit Hill and Centerline roads, across the

street from the Susannaberg transfer station.

We've got several containers full of donated building materials, including doors and windows, plumbing and electrical supplies and fixtures, paint, tools, lumber, and hardware, which are generally consistently in stock. At the time of publication, we also had some unique items for sale like a fabulous wall-mounted, motor-driven fan with 20 palm leaf blades, aluminum storm shutters, and a stainless steel Wolf down-draft range vent, all pictured.

Take a look at our general inventory before you come by visiting our web site, www.igbavi.org, or by checking local Craigslist listings, where we generally advertise new donations.

If you're building a new house or just renovating your current space,



be sure to stop by the ReSource Depot to see if we have what you need. You'll be going easy on your wallet, and on the environment too.

Dan "Pants Man" Carlson is our new manager. Stop by and he'll give you a tour and help you find the best deal.

Additionally, if you have items to donate, or wish to help out by volunteering or helping with container or advertising costs, please stop by during our opening hours, or contact IGBA Executive Director Barry Devine at 340-514-3532.



ReSource Depot Expanded Hours

Mondays 7:30 a.m. to noon / Thursdays 8 a.m. to noon / Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon

Two Homes Awaiting Tropical Green Building Certification

IGBA's Tropical Green Building Certification recognized local architect Doug White's home and the Concordia Eco-Resort for their efforts in green building this year. We currently have two pending applications.

For more information on how to have your home or development certified by IGBA, visit www.igbavi.org.

2012-2013 Seminar Series

The Seminar Series will kick off at The Marketplace on the second floor on Thursday, Nov. 29, with a presentation by local architect and IGBA founding member Doug White, who will discuss the current status of net metering on St. John.

Please contact Sarah Haynes at 340-643-2273 if you have ideas for future presentations on green things we can all do to protect our island.

Board of Directors News

IGBA bid farewell this year to Executive Director Karen Vahling, whose efforts were the primary reason for IGBA's growth and success. She will continue to serve on our Board of Directors as she moves on to a position with the Friends of the VINP.

Filling her shoes are Dr. Barry Devine, who will act as executive director for this season, and local writer Andrea Milam, who will handle communications for IGBA.

Something to Consider: Do we sometimes forget that everything we have, everything we eat and everything we drink, comes from our environment? A good reason to realize we can't have unlimited growth on a limited planet.