

# Arizona HPBA NEWSLETTER

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## President's News

Dear AHPBA Members,

The first quarter of this year has passed, and things seem to be getting better with the economy if you listen to all the forecasts and predications. Hopefully this year has been good to you both in business and personally. Our Annual Event is coming up soon, and I am hoping that all you can make it, enjoy some great barbecue, and mingle with old and new friends. If I have not met you in the past, please stop and introduce yourself to me. I am looking to meeting you and seeing old friends too.

If you have not signed up as a member of the AHPBA, please do so. We need you as a member, and I feel that you need us as an association especially in

these times with all the governmental rules coming around that could affect your business now and in the future. Become involved with the AHPBA, both as a member, and working with the board. Please contact me at any time.

Please invite any of your friends that are not members to our annual event so they can see who we are and what we do. See you at the annual event.

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Larry Grogan - we'd love to have you participate!

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## HPBA News

Hello, I was recently honored to be elected to serve as the Region 8 HPBA Board representative. I'd like to start off by thanking our previous representative, Bob Hill, for his service. I've known Bob for many years, and I hope to serve as well as he has. My wife and I have owned The Firebird, a retail store in Santa Fe, NM for over 20 years. I had previously been a retail representative to the Board of the Hearth Products Assn., predecessor to the current HPBA, and current President of the RMHPBA. I look forward to working with you on concerns that face all us here in our region. Jack Wofford has graciously invited me to your upcoming annual event, and I anticipate the opportunity to meet many of you

personally. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 505-983-5264 or at [retail@thefirebird.com](mailto:retail@thefirebird.com).

Gene Butler



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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ AHPBA Annual Event May 4-5
- ◆ AHPBA Board Meeting May 5
- ◆ HPBA Board Meeting Jun 27
- ◆ HPBA EXPO Mar 13-16, 2013

## 2012 ANNUAL SPONSORS

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*Other donations by  
Broilmaster, Forest Energy, Holland, MHC, Primo, Skytech, The Good One, and Twin Eagles.*

## Annual Event News

The annual event for 2012 has been scheduled for the May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Southwest Gas Building in Tempe, AZ. At 5:30PM, we will have a reception followed by our 2<sup>nd</sup> barbecue cook off event including last year's champion, FireMagic and others like Broilmaster, Holland, MHC, Primo, The Good One, and Twin Eagles. At the reception, we will have a short speech by our current President, Jack Wofford, and a short talk from Jack Goldman, HPBA President.

All members are encouraged to come, and it is free to all members and their employees. Please also invite some non-members if you know any. Our sponsors will also be invited to attend, so come and say hello to them and thank them.

### Sponsors:

We are looking for more sponsors for 2012. Included with the sponsorship will be a listing on our website, acknowledgement in all 2012 newsletters, acknowledgement at all functions including our annual event, meetings, and educational events. We are also interested in donations of door prizes for our annual event meeting, so if you can help with that, that would also be greatly appreciated.

**AHPBA MEMBERS - PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS BY USING THEIR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES!**

Sponsors, Thanks again, from the AHPBA Board and all our members

## HPBA EXPO News

The HPBExpo will be in Orlando next year on March 13-16. The website for the EXPO will be up and running sometime around September. Go to [www.hpbexpo.com](http://www.hpbexpo.com) to check out some of the things that happened in Atlanta at the show. Since the two parties this year were such a hit, there will be two parties again next year in Orlando. The tail gate party this year was such a hit with a marching drum line, cheer leaders, Atlanta Brave's mascot and Georgia Tech's mascot, and great food that it will be held next year in the outdoor burn area, and the Friday night party with the theme to be determined, will also happen again. Please plan on attending. More people took advantage of the education classes than last year. This is a great way to get ceu's and learn new things with all this education in one spot. The new line up for education next year should be up on line in or around September this year. Keep looking on line for it, and I will notify when it is available too. Please make plans to attend next year's EXPO. In 2014 it will be back in Salt Lake City, and in 2015 it will be in Nashville at the new convention center there. One more thing, the Young Guns committee has been set up with one member from each Region and Canada, and our Region 8 representative is Erica Peterson of Earth Energy.

We will also have our raffle again this year, and have some fantastic prizes. Everyone that comes will get one raffle ticket, and if you RSVP by April 30<sup>th</sup> you will get a second one. Some of the prizes we will have will include \$500.00 credit towards a future AHPBA membership, \$500.00 worth of Class A chimney, \$300.00 credit towards a future AHPBA membership, a 6 x 25 chimney relining kit, a one year subscription to Hearth On Line (\$249.00 value), a ton of pellets, and many other things. There will also be raffle tickets on sale too.

Don't forget the NFI review classes and exams on Friday May 4. We look forward to seeing everyone at your annual event!

## General News Items

At EXPO this year, I was involved with tours of the outdoor and indoor booths with HPBA and EPA. Our group included two ladies from Indiana utility companies that will be working with the local HPBA affiliate on two stove change out programs very similar to the one we just had in Eastern Arizona. In their programs there is more money than we had. The change out programs will be in Northern Indiana and one in Southern Indiana, and are part of a court

mandated program in conjunction with EPA.

Besides the Indiana ladies there were representatives from the states of South Carolina, Tennessee, Michigan, Alaska, and Washington plus some members of the Centers for the Disease Control (Air Pollution and Respiratory branch).

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

### Government Affairs Update:

**NSPS** - NSPS is still on track, and a formal draft should be out this summer. HPBA expects to file extensive comments about the draft and also expect some states and others to file comments also. The final rule will not be out until mid-2013. If anything changes, HPBA will be sure to keep us informed. For more information, contact John Crouch, [crouch@hpba.org](mailto:crouch@hpba.org).

**DOE RULE** - HPBA has filed a brief to the US Court of Appeals over the DOE rules on decorative gas fireplaces and gas logs. EPA has filed several procedural motions in HPBA's challenge of its rule. Currently the briefing schedule has been postponed, and awaiting word from the court on which order it will hear cases. HPBA will keep us posted. This rule could have a tremendous impact on you if you sell decorative gas fireplaces or gas logs. For more info: Contact Ryan Carroll ([carroll@hpba.org](mailto:carroll@hpba.org)).

**CSPC** - A CSA Working Group has finalized its new language to the CSA Z21.50 and CSAZ21.88 standards for barriers (screens, etc.) to protect children and other at-risk individuals from accidental burns on glass-fronted fireplaces. The revised standard will be going out to the committee in mid April for a public 90 day review, and could be finalized in June. 2012, and in December 2013 all must cease making units that are non-compliant. For more info contact: Tom Stroud, [stroud@hpba.org](mailto:stroud@hpba.org)

The HPBA board has approved a glass front education program and approved the program for 3 years to educate homeowners who purchase new units and also to educate existing owners of after market options.

**ICC 700 - NAHB Green Bldg. Std.** - The main committee of the ICC 700 met in Feb. and here are some updates: Vent Free Products were rejected from the standard - Clean biomass can be saved for points - Manufactured wood-burning fireplaces must be EPA certified to receive points - remodel sections are clearer and friendlier. For more info please contact Tom Stroud, [stroud@hpba.org](mailto:stroud@hpba.org).

**NET ZERO** - HPBA and HPBA Pacific are still working on Net Zero in California. For more info please contact John Crouch, [crouch@hpba.org](mailto:crouch@hpba.org). or Kaity Van Amersfort, [kaity@hpbapacific.org](mailto:kaity@hpbapacific.org)

**UL127** - HPBA has now requested an emergency amendment to the International Code Council's Board of Directors to amend the portion of the 2009 IECC code that requires gasketed doors on all fireplaces to allow UL127 fireplaces not to have gasketed doors. This amendment was approved and has been sent to the ICC Board for a final decision. There is also a proposal to add this to the International Mechanical Code (IMC). For more info please contact Tom Stroud, [stroud@hpba.org](mailto:stroud@hpba.org).



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## Education Update

Our next NFI class will be at the annual event May 5, 2012. We will be offering review classes and exams in gas, wood burning, and pellet. We will need 5 students to make it worthwhile to hold the review class. No matter what, we will still offer the exam for all areas of expertise in the afternoon, and even if we don't offer the review class, someone will be around to talk over the material prior to the exam. Please let me know if you are interested for the review, exam, or a retest.

The prices will be \$329.00 for AHPBA members, \$359.00 for other HPBA affiliate members, \$599.00 for non-members, and \$129.00 for a retest (member price if you have failed an exam in the last 13 months). This price (except for the retest) includes the manual, exam, and a review class if enough people sign up.

We also offer EPA RRP classes too.

Please contact Larry Grogan at 480-772-2169 or [LGrogan@cox.net](mailto:LGrogan@cox.net) if interested.

## Membership Update

We are still waiting for some of last year's members to sign up for this year. Remember we work together better as a group than alone to try to make sure things that could affect our business we have some control over. Like the things that the HPBA are working on right now, NSPS, DOE, Code issues, and CPSC. Without them working as a group for you, things could get worse in your business. Other benefits for members includes low cost credit card processing fees, business liability insurance, and low cost freight charges through UPS, FedEx, USF, & YRC. Please check the HPBA website at [www.hpba.org](http://www.hpba.org).

If you know of anyone that is not a member, please let me know, and please invite them to our annual event.

Contact me at [LGrogan@cox.net](mailto:LGrogan@cox.net) or call me at 480-772-2169.

For those of you that have signed up, thanks!

**WE NEED YOU AS MEMBERS!!!!!!**

### Member Spotlight:

In this issue we will be featuring Builders Wholesale of Prescott, AZ. Please see their pictures on the last page.

#### Other member news:

Members who have signed up for the 2012 year:

Ace Hardware of Payson  
Builders Wholesale  
Cory Church  
Diversified Builder Supply  
Fireplace Furnishings  
Homco Ace Home Center  
Masonry Heater Association

#### Congratulations to:

Erica Peterson, Earth Energy, Tucson, AZ for being appointed to the HPBA Young Guns Committee

If you have any news on our members, please let me know at [LGrogan@cox.net](mailto:LGrogan@cox.net).

## PICTURES FROM OUR MEMBERS:



Photo of the Builders Wholesale - Top Photo - Owners Ty Scott, Charlie Fullmer, & Lora Scott. Lower Photo - Builders Wholesale Show Room located at 400 W. Goodwin St. Prescott, AZ 86303. Stop by and say hi and give them a call at 928-778-6655 or visit their website at [www.buildersprescott.com](http://www.buildersprescott.com).