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Free Presentation Focuses on Reducing Heating Costs in Existing Homes

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County hosts their Annual Meeting and presentation on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at the SUNY Ulster campus in the Student Lounge located in Vanderlyn Hall at 6:30pm. The meeting and presentation is free and open to the general public. Please pre-register no later than December 1, 2008 by calling 845-340-3990.

The evenings agenda begins with a brief presentation about Green Development in Ulster County by Lance Matteson, President of Ulster County Development Corporation followed by the election of new CCEUC Board and Program Committee members, Treasurers report, a review of CCEUC Programs of 2008 and CCEUC Staff and current Board and Program Committee member recognition followed by fall themed desserts, coffee, cider and tea. The evening closes with the featured presentation entitled, Reducing Heating Costs in Existing Homes, How Low Can You Go? presented by Mark Pierce, Extension Associate with the Department of Design and Environmental Analysis at Cornell University.

Presentation Description:

In New York State, the majority of a homes annual energy budget is consumed for space heating purposes. But by adding insulation and using advanced air sealing techniques a homes annual heating costs can be reduced by over 85%. Even with heating fuel oil at \$4.50 per gallon, the annual heating bill for a well insulated and air-sealed 2,200 square foot New York home could be reduced to as low as \$200 per year. While it is easiest to insulate and air-seal a home while it is under construction, it is possible to retrofit existing homes. *Reducing Heating Costs in Existing Homes, How Low Can You Go?*, a presentation by Mark Pierce, Extension Associate with the Department of Design and Environmental Analysis at Cornell University, will provide information and highlight case studies that will show you how you can begin to retrofit your own home to be super energy efficient.

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