

## Green Building Program Members Featured in the Press

Long time Green Building Program member [Barley & Pfeiffer Architects](#) was featured in the September issue of [Fine Homebuilding](#). The article, written by Peter Pfeiffer, is about the Pfeiffer family's new home in Central Austin. Several Austin homes have earned a five star rating from the Green Building Program; however, the Pfeiffer residence is the current record-holder for highest number of points ever accumulated on a five star rating. Lots of folks got an up close look at the beautiful Arts and Craft style house during last year's USGBC International conference when it was part of the Green Building Tour.

You will also find an article in the September/October issue of [Natural Home](#) featuring a kitchen remodel in South Austin by another member, Bobby Zirkel, owner of [Shelter Design & Construction](#). Bobby's article outlines several green opportunities during a kitchen remodel to enhance durability, functionality and beauty while keeping energy efficiency and the natural environment in mind.

## City of Austin's Green Garden Award

The City of Austin's [Green Garden](#) initiative is a group of six City of Austin departments who work together to promote environmentally responsible landscaping practices. The six departments are:

- [Water and Wastewater \(Dillo Dirt\)](#)
- [Solid Waste Services \(Composting\)](#)
- [Grow Green](#)
- [Green Building Program](#)
- [Parks and Recreation \(Zilker Botanical Garden\)](#)
- [Water Conservation Department](#)

A Green Garden Award is being given out once a week to outstanding gardens and yards that incorporate the [principles of a green garden](#). The awards are not just for homeowners, businesses can nominate themselves as well. Nominating a yard is easy—just fill out the nomination form and mail it in. [Download the form](#) or pick one up from most area nurseries and bookstores. To be eligible, the business or homeowners must be City of Austin water customers.

## [Previous winning gardens](#)

## [Landscaping design templates created just for Austin!](#)

For more information, call 974-1986.

## Member Bulletin Board

### **Second LEED™ Intermediate Workshop to be held in Austin**

Due to the overwhelming response to the July LEED™ Intermediate Training Workshop, another LEED™ Intermediate Workshop will be held in Austin on October 8, 2003. [On line registration](#) is currently open on the USGBC website.

### **On a Related Topic...**

The Green Building Program is trying to gauge the level of interest you have in attending an **LEED™ Advanced Training Workshop**. Or, are you ready to participate in a **LEED™ for Existing Buildings Workshop**? Send e-mail to [Liana Kallivoka](#) indicating your preference. Click here for a [description of the workshops](#). **LEED™ Advanced Training Workshop Description**

This workshop provides in depth instruction and hands on exercises to prepare design and construction professionals for pursuing LEED™ Certification of projects and/or LEED™ Professional Accreditation. Participants will build on their knowledge of the LEED™ Rating System criteria and use LEED™ tools and resources in individual and team exercises. Completion of the LEED™ Intermediate Workshop or a strong knowledge of the LEED™ Rating System and general green building practices and technologies is strongly recommended.

### **LEED™ for Existing Buildings (LEED-EB™) Workshop Description**

This workshop covers the technical requirements and process for achieving certification under the LEED™ for Existing Buildings Rating System, which is scheduled for public release in early 2004. LEED-EB™ is a set of performance standards for the sustainable operation of existing buildings. It includes building operations and upgrades of systems and/or processes in existing buildings where these upgrades do not significantly

### **Remodeling Checklist Nearing Completion**

After several years of talking about a Green Building Rating Tool that addresses the unique needs of remodeling, a checklist is in the final stages of development. The checklist covers Building Shell, Interiors and Finishes, Project Site, and Systems. We intend this checklist and the accompanying Rating Certificate to be a positive tool that our members can use to work with clients to make their homes healthier, durable, and energy efficient.

### **USGBC Leadership Award Nominations Being Accepted**

During the past year, have you been inspired by an exceptional leader in green building? Now is the time to have them recognized—nominations are now open for the 2003 USGBC Leadership Awards. One recipient will be honored in each of the following categories:

- USGBC Leadership Award

- Local/Regional Leadership Award
- Green Building Business Award
- Public Service Award (Government and Non-Government)

You must be a USGBC member to submit a nomination. Balloting closes September 30. Award recipients will be announced in November at the Greenbuild conference. Visit the [USGBC website](#) for more information.