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## Solar Directory

ABRI Sustainable Design & Consulting

Andy O'Brien Solar Home Design

Advanced Heating Solutions

Appleseed Energy

Atlantic Solar Systems

Aztek Solar Ltd.

BDR Research Ltd.

Bentley Built Homes

Bfreehomes

Cansolair Inc.

Chemtech Concrete Solutions Ltd.

Creative Solar

Doctor Solar

Don Roscoe, Solar Designer/Builder

EnCom

Green-Lizard

Green Power Labs

Harris Atlantic

Kassner Goodspeed Architects Ltd.

Lunenburg Foundry & Engineering Prometheus Solar Tech

My Generation

Nova Sun Power

SAGE Energy Inc.

Seaforth Energy

Sun Ross Energy Systems Limited

TNG - The Nodding Group

Thermo Dynamics Ltd.

(List as of March 28, 2012)

## Last Paper Issue: Solar Nova Scotia E-NEWS

This is the last paper issue of the Solar Nova Scotia Society Newsletter. In recent issues it has been difficult for us to get articles from different authors and we have been publishing material from the same authors. Thus, instead of providing material from the same people all the time we have decided to utilize electronic media and publish the Solar Nova Scotia E-News.

The E-news will be mailed to the e-mail addresses of Solar NS members and friends. It will contain links to interesting articles, other related material, and items of interest to Solar Nova Scotia Society Members. This will provide a much broader base of information to our members and friends and more often than our published version. It is expected that this method of sharing information with our members will provide a more relevant approach with timely material that will be much more effective way to get out the word.

People who are interested in sending material for the E-news send it to our secretary, Daniel MacKay [daniel@bonmot.ca](mailto:daniel@bonmot.ca)

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## FACEBOOK PAGE – Discussions, Ideas

*Hello Solar Nova Scotia member or friend!*

*Following Richard Zurawski's suggestion at our AGM on Wednesday, I've created a Facebook page where people can discuss, bounce ideas back and forth etc.*

*If you're interested - join it at*

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/265261586893243/>

*I'm looking forward to seeing how people use the group. Enjoy!*

*Daniel MacKay  
Secretary, Solar Nova Scotia*

Editor's note:

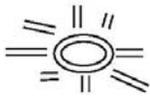
The group was created on Friday, March 23, 2012 at about 5:00 pm. As of noon on Monday, March 26, 2012 there were 60 members in the group and it is growing.

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## FROM THE CHAIR

2012 will be a landmark year for solar in Nova Scotia. As Halifax continues to progress with its SolarCity project, solar thermal will receive unprecedented attention from not only other Nova Scotia municipalities but also from jurisdictions across North America. On April 17, Halifax council will be asked to approve the financial

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commitment needed to launch the project. All other preparations are in place, including the submissions made on February 14, 2012 by the solar contractors hoping to lend their skills to the installation of systems in more than 500 homes in HRM.

Solar Nova Scotia has been working with HRM from the beginning and, of course, we are looking forward to seeing this project proceed. We are also continuing with our commitment on other fronts to make solar technology a part of everyday life in Nova Scotia. Public education through our construction courses, speaking engagements, media interviews, coordinating with the Nova Scotia Community College on course offerings, and expanding our on-line presence have all been priorities over the past 12 months.

This will be our last hard copy newsletter and, moving forward, we invite you to join us as we continue to support the growth of solar technology in our province. As a member, you will receive regular copies of our E-News, notices of home and building tours, and the opportunity to have access to an incredible wealth of talent revolving around solar science, building design, and the application of innovative technologies. Please join with us as we continue to build our organization and make real progress in the adoption and implementation of solar in Nova Scotia.

Richard Vinson, Chair, Solar Nova Scotia

## Upcoming Solar Shelter Courses

Solar Nova Scotia is offering practical, how-to courses on designing and building Solar Shelters, including Greenhouses, Solariums, additions and especially Solar Homes. Topics include: 1. Solar Basics; 2/3 Climate Control; 4. Site Designing; 5. Shelter Designing; and, 6. Making it Happen. This course is intended for the general public and for those in design and construction.

Registration: for courses with a phone number for registration, instructor Don Roscoe.

There's a course outline at <http://solarns.ca/course.php>. Up coming Courses:

**HALIFAX:** Citadel Community Centre (North of the High School), Six Thursdays 7-10:00pm - April 12 to May 17, 2012. Register with Solar NS, by phone at 852-4758 or email at [solardon.ns@gmail.com](mailto:solardon.ns@gmail.com).

**BRIDGEWATER:** There is no course being offered in Bridgewater this spring.

The cost of the course is \$90.00 for an individual, \$150.00 couples, which includes handouts. An optional textbook, the Canadian Solar Home Design Manual is offered at \$35.00. Don offers a Solar Construction Course based on demand in early May. Contact him at [solardon.ns@gmail.com](mailto:solardon.ns@gmail.com)

A course is also offered by Andy O'Brien in the Annapolis Valley, see Solar NS website for updates.

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### Tell us what you are interested in:

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