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The July 12th meeting of Green Drinks Boone will be hosted by Upper Watauga Riverkeeper Donna Lisenby at her newly constructed home in Sugar Grove. Donna's home was designed by Boone Architect Amy Tyson and Donna's partner Nita O'Brien. It was constructed by Sunny Day Homes with featured elements made by local craftsmen and suppliers, many of whom will be on hand to answer questions about their work. It is an excellent example of how green and sustainable building practices can be incorporated into a traditional Appalachian farm house design. The home was built to meet the National Green Building Standard of the American Standards Institute and the EnergyStar New Home Certification. The event is scheduled from 5:30 till 7:30 at the Lisenby home located at 154 Silverstone Farms Road in Sugar Grove.

The Upper Watauga Riverkeeper, a program of Appalachian Voices, was founded in 2007 and serves as the primary watchdog and spokesperson for the Elk and Watauga Rivers which run from their headwaters in Watauga County. The Riverkeeper mission is to protect and restore the communities, water quality, and ecological health of the watershed. Donna Lisenby is Director of Water Programs for Appalachian Voices and is the full-time public advocate for the Watauga River, the Elk River, Roan Creek and Watauga Lake watersheds. She is part investigator, scientist, lawyer, and advocate and she will be sharing information about the Water Programs of Appalachian Voices and demonstrating the green and sustainable features of her new home.

Appalachian Voices is one of the foremost environmental organizations in our region with a successful history of protecting the land, air and water of the central and southern Appalachian Mountains. The organization has been distributing The Appalachian Voice magazine throughout the region for more than a decade, providing insights into the environmental issues that impact our area.

Green Drinks Boone is an informal social networking organization that hosts monthly events for anyone interested in "green" activities in the High Country. It's a great way to catch up with local people involved in "green" services and make new "green" contacts. Green Drinks Boone is among 15 other North Carolina communities and 750 cities worldwide that host monthly gatherings of sustainably-minded people who meet to informally discuss green business, green services and green activities. The Boone network organization has been meeting since 2008.

Green Drinks Boone gatherings are free and open to the public. The slogan of the International Green Drinks organization is "Saving the World One Sip at a Time." Green Drinks offers a great way of catching up with people you know and making new contacts. Everyone invites someone else along so the crowd is always different, making Green Drinks a fluid, self-organizing network. These events are simple and unstructured with a lot of positive benefits. Attendees have found jobs, made friends, developed new ideas, done deals and had moments of serendipity.

Green Drinks Boone will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month and they invite interested people to join them on FACEBOOK at Green Drinks Boone to receive future updates.

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Join the group on July 12th at the home of Donna Lisenby located at 154 Silverstone Farms Road in Vilas. Take US 421 west out of Boone and take a left on Tater Hill Road, a left on Silverstone Road and a right on Silverstone Farms Road. Call 828-297-3777 for additional directions if needed. Join us from 5:30 to 7:30 to learn more about the important work of this organization and see how a green sustainable house can make a contribution toward making our world a better green place.