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(For a regional list in Oregon of fireplace retailers who can speak to the event, see below)

This Ain't Your Father's Wood Stove:

Symposium Features Experts on Address Wood and Pellet Stoves and Renewable Fuels

SALEM, Ore. - Residential biomass heating - a fancy term for heating with wood and pellet stoves - is increasing in popularity due to interest in renewable sources of energy. The *Renewable Heating Symposium: A Conference on Wood and Pellet fuel for Residential Heating* provides a series of seminars on renewable fuels, regulatory policies, and technological advances related to residential biomass heating.

The event is April 15, 2009 at the Salem Conference Center, 201 Liberty St SE, Salem, Oregon. Registration is open to the media, fireplace shop owners, chimney sweeps, government and air quality administrators, and anyone involved in the biomass fuels industry. Registration is \$60 or \$85. At the door registrations cannot be guaranteed a lunch. A registration brochure and agenda can be found online at www.oregonfireplaces.com.

Modern woodstoves are highly efficient sources of heat. They produce a tenth of the emissions of an uncertified, dirty burning stove. In a typical household, the single largest energy expense is heating the home. Responsible use of renewable biomass fuel in certified wood and pellet stoves reduces use of electricity, which in many parts of the country is produced by coal fired power plants.

“Oregon is the cradle of residential biomass heating in the U.S. We invented the modern woodstove and the pellet stove, so what better place is there to hold this event than here?” says Harvey Gail, Executive Director of Oregon Hearth Patio and Barbecue Association.



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Speakers include industry experts and manufacturers of wood and pellet stoves. Also speaking are representatives from the Hearth Patio and Barbecue Association (HPBA); HeatGreen Council, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality; Lane Regional Air Protection Agency; and various county air quality programs.

A live-burn display* of wood and pellet stoves and a new low emission fireplace is planned. Members of the press are welcome during the lunch hour to ask questions and view the displays. For information go to www.oregonfireplaces.com/RenewableHeatingSymposium.htm or call 503-371-7457.

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**Live-burn display units: woodstove, catalytic woodstove, pellet stove, masonry heater, pellet boiler, low emissions fireplace (EPA phase 2).*

Fireplace retailers who can speak about the event and related issues:

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