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Green Business Roundtable - April 8th, Henry Strater Theater, 12 pm

Handmade Wealth: Lessons from Portland's Artisan Economy

Charles Heying, Associate Professor of Urban Studies and Planning at Portland State University

Something special is happening in Portland, Oregon these days. As many communities rely on global companies to grow their economy, Portland is relying on do-it-yourself artisan businesses to provide jobs for its growing population. The Green Business Roundtable welcomes to Durango special guest Charles Heying, Associate Professor of Urban Studies and Planning at Portland State Universtiy to share lessons from his research on the rise of Portland's ethic of handmade wealth. His recent book, Brew to Bikes: Portland's Artisan Economy profiles bike manufacturers, specialty restaurants and food carts, microbreweries, clothing designers, maker groups, re-use and recycling hubs, and more. Learn how to strengthen the artisan movement in Durango and the Four Corners region and create jobs that allow for the passion, ingenuity, and creativity of our residents to shine through.

Register or RSVP <u>here</u> or to <u>info@sanjuancitizens.org</u> by 9 am Monday, April 6th. Cost is \$15

This will be the final luncheon of the 2014-2015 season. The Green Business Roundtable will kick-off its 14^{th} season on September 9^{th} , 2015.

Green Business Roundtable (GBR) is a monthly meet-up for those interested in green business. Luncheons are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September through April, at the Strater Hotel Theater in Durango from noon to 1 pm.

Participants are treated to inspiring presentations on a variety of topics, a delicious locally grown lunch, and exceptional networking opportunities with business owners, elected officials, and community leaders.