

## News

### From Design to Practical Use

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### Northonsixty: Sustainable Furniture & Woodworking

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[Northonsixty](#) creates unique hand-built furniture & building materials with artisanal craftsmanship, quality and zero waste. Nestled in "the bush" as they like to say on Highway 60, the Northonsixty workshop sits on over 100 acres of property within a 10 minute drive to Algonquin Park.

Yuill MacGregor, owner of Northonsixty, believes no building material should be wasted - leftovers from one project could be used someplace else. With this belief in mind, Yuill and his team began by collecting wood from landfill sites and gave them new life as custom built furniture.

Northonsixty are the artisans who created the beautiful table that can be found in the [Sustainable Condo](#).

The plinth (which became the legs of the table) were created by using cutoffs from old timber framing projects...all was used.....zero waste. From a plinth - a side table and stool were created - from the longer pieces emerged a table base which when topped with a piece of glass became the wonderful dining table at the Sustainable Condo.

They heat their workshop with a wood outdoor boiler. The wood comes from managed forests, shop cutoffs and sawmill's slabwood. Even the sawdust created during projects goes to farmer's fields. Zero waste!

Northonsixty is one of a handful of companies to have been awarded the [FSC Recycled designation](#).



### Minto EcoHome - Inspiration comes to life

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As one of 12 teams selected by [Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation](#) to participate in the [EQuilibrium™ Housing Initiative](#), Minto designed and built Inspiration to be a healthy, energy-efficient, and affordable net-zero home that produces as much energy as it consumes on a yearly basis.

Inspiration is Minto's first single-family home designed to target the Canada Green Building Council's [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design \(LEED®\) Platinum certification](#).

Well it has gone from design to reality! Located in the village of Manotick, in the south end of Ottawa, the Inspiration Ecohome had its grand opening in mid June and is open for tours!

The house is loaded with innovative eco features such as:

- an “all-off” switch that the owners can use to conserve energy when not home. It not only turns off all lights, but all your computers, cable boxes, and computer games.
- beautiful hand crafted furniture locally made from FSC certified wood

If in the area this home is worth seeing.

Open House Schedule: Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5pm.

Guided group tours are available.

Please contact Lenard Hart. email. [lhart@minto.com](mailto:lhart@minto.com) tel. 416.850.8397

For those of you not in the Ottawa area a virtual tour is available: [click here](#)



## Upcoming Event

**GREEN DAY August 19th, 2008**

**Living Green: From Design to Practical Use**

**Location: [Green Zone](#), in the CMHC Ecopods**

Now in it's sixth year, the green program at the Canadian National Exhibition is dedicated to promoting environmental initiatives and educating the public about the benefits of greener living.

This year, Green Day will be focused on the theme of this year's **Green Zone: Living Green: From Design to Practical Use**. Green Day hopes to promote the idea that the transition from environmentally-friendly design to your everyday life is easier than you think. Fairgoers are given the chance to try their hand at "green" fashion design, browse exhibits by innovative groups and are invited to take a tour of the [CMHC Sustainable Condo](#), made and furnished completely with "green" products and processes.

**At 11 a.m. on Green Day**, we will also be holding a special event and media launch, where everyone is invited to hear some interesting green innovators speak about their involvement with these topics. This will be followed by an exciting fashion show which will showcase eco-friendly clothing by local fashion designers.

- All [Sustainable Condo Partners and Supporters](#) have been invited to attend and if on site during the tour will explain their product to attendees.
- There are ten newly trained tour guides on board and they eagerly await the expected 10-15,000 visitors to the exhibit

The premise behind the exhibit is simple: it demonstrates that comfortable eco-friendly living can be achieved simultaneously – as summed up in the simple tagline for the exhibit: “Using Less; Enjoying More.”

A recent radio piece, on the Powerlines show, is a great example of how this



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