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PASSIVE SOLAR DESIGN**

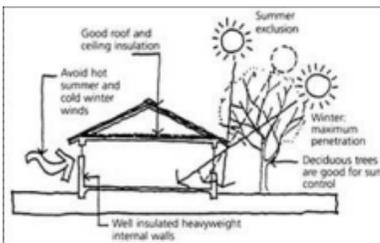
Passive solar design's goal is to use sunlight as useful energy without the use of mechanical systems. Designing a home with this concept in mind, you purposefully orient the home to allow the warm winter sun in and keep the hot summer sun out to facilitate ventilation for cooling. A design concept that has been around for centuries, passive solar design is truly the foundation for a high performance home- responding to, instead of reacting to, the home's natural environment.

ENERGY STAR SALES TAX HOLIDAY

This Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes when they purchase certain energy efficient appliances and other household equipment bearing an Energy Star label.

"Conservation and energy diversity are critical for Texas to continue meeting the needs of a growing population and a thriving economy," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "The Legislature created the Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday to reward Texans for choosing the most energy efficient appliances available and helping preserve the state's energy resources."

For more information on qualifying products, click [here](#).



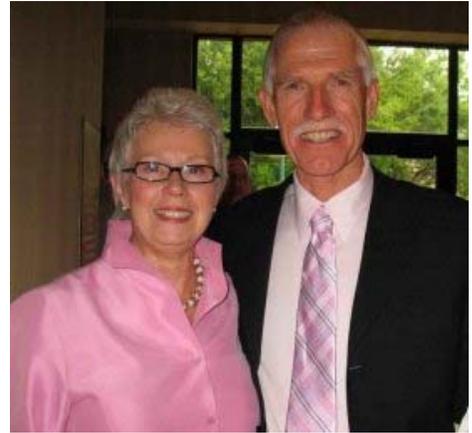
NAHB GREEN BUILDING CONFERENCE

Ferrier Custom Homes was proud to participate in the '09 NAHB Green Building Conference by featuring one of their EVHA homes on the Green Home Tour, presenting education sessions and serving as the Master of Ceremonies at the Green Home Awards Dinner. As such, Don noted that in a trying year for the home building industry, when housing starts dropped to record lows in a sputtering economy, green homes represent "hope and the future, and the future is green home building. The ladies and gentlemen

"The best friend of earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources on earth." – Frank

Lloyd Wright

we honor this evening understand that. These awards honor their leadership and their practical example to others in the industry." For more on the awards, click [here](#).



**Don Ferrier with Donna Shirey,
Remodeling Advocate of the Year**



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