Do You Practice Sustainability? Home Renovation Can Be Done Sustainably, Too

Previous sessions were about home a boatload of money.

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This Arvada Cottage Is 'Cute as a Button'

floor. There is no basement. The main floor has original hardwood, except

for the kitchen and bathroom. Upstairs has all-new carpeting and has been

freshly painted. The heated 2-car garage is in addition to a one-car garage

Lookout Mountain 2-Story Has Walk-Out Basement

insulation (January), home heating technology (February), solar power (March), and electric cars (April).

This month, the topic is sustainable renovation. Our presenter is an expert in sustainable practices when it comes to home renovation. His name is Steve Stevens, and he has been my mentor regarding sustainable practices for nearly two decades.

A retired scientist from Bell Labs, Steve has made a lifelong project, it seems, out of reducing the carbon footprint of his 1970s brick ranch in South Golden.

Retired and living on a fixed income, he has developed several

Tonight is the fifth in Golden habits/practices that are not only used to transport the goods you pur-Real Estate's Sustainability Series. sustainable but also have saved him

> For example, he only buys cull lumber from Lowe's, and he buys returned products (typically mis-ordered) such as windows and doors, which are then sold for a fraction of their original price.

Steve also seeks out salvaged goods such as windows and doors. As with buying cull lumber and returned products, collecting salvaged products means

zero new carbon footprint for doing your renovation.

Steve, being a scientist by training and passion, always considers the *embedded* carbon footprint of products, whether it's food or build-

You'll feel like you're in the country when

you visit this home at 8050 W. 50th Ave., just

3 blocks west of the Arvada Costco store.

Built in 1949, the seller has owned it for 25

years. It is on well water, but connected to the

public sewer system. The second floor, with its

four dormer windows, has two bedrooms, in

addition to the two bedrooms on the main

chase? For example, are you buying slab granite mined and shipped from Asia, or an alternative material mined or created closer to home?

Steve will share his shopping and construction tips that save money and are also sustainable.

For example, he emphasizes insulation, which should always be your first measure when it comes to saving energy. But what products should you buy, and where should you start?

The session will be held tonight, May 16th, from 5 to 6 pm in the Golden Real Estate office at 17695 S. Golden Road, Golden. There are still seats available. Reserve yours by emailing me at Jim@Golden RealEstate.com.

Each of our sessions is videotaped by our friend, Martin Voelker, from the Colorado Renewal Energy Society. You can watch videos of the first four sessions at SustainabilitySeries.info. This session will also be recorded and posted there.

Big Price Reduction on Listing at the Top of Golden Gate Canyon

A couple weeks ago we listed a home 12 miles from downtown Golden at 1296 Golden Gate Drive. It was listed at \$650,000, but it was just reduced to only \$595,000. A special feature is its low property taxes. Because it's just over the Gilpin County line, the 2018 property tax bill was only \$718, yet it is served by Jeffco Public Schools. Call for a private showing today!

5-BR Littleton Ranch Has a Finished Basement ing materials. How much energy is



This 2,963-sq.-ft. brick ranch at 8006 S. Vance Court is in the Columbine Knolls South subdivision, north of Chatfield Ave. between Wadsworth & Pierce. It has four bedrooms and 21/2 baths on the main floor, plus a 5th bedroom and 3/4 bath in the basement, along with a rec room and plenty of

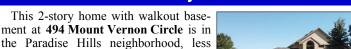
unfinished storage. It's a super quiet location, as you'll observe on the narrated video that you can view at www.ColumbineKnollsHome.info. Some features that caught my attention include the three Solatubes and one skylight bringing natural light into the home's interior spaces, including the kitchen, plus the beautiful family room with rock fireplace and vaulted ceiling. Watch that video tour, then call your agent or me for a private showing — or come to our open house this Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

in the backyard that a previous owner used to store his Model T. The seller Updated Golden Tri-Level Home Backs to Greenbelt uses if for storage. Take a narrated video tour at www.ArvadaHome.info, then call for a private showing. Open Sat., May 18, 3-5 p.m.

This 3-bedroom. 2½-bath home at 491 Somerset Drive is in the Lakota Hills subdivision, also known as Eagle Ridge. It sits on top of a ridge overlooking Rooney Gulch and offering unobstructed views of Lookout Mountain. It has been beautifully updated with slab granite countertops, new



stainless steel appliances, new carpeting and paint throughout. The sellers purchased it earlier this year, but personal developments make it necessary for them to sell it. Their loss is your gain. Take a narrated video tour, including drone footage, at www.SouthGoldenHome.com, then ask for a private showing. I'll be holding it open this coming Sunday, May 19th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Or call me at 303-525-1851 for a private showing.



the Paradise Hills neighborhood, less than one mile from I-70. It is perched high on a hillside with terrific views of Mt. Vernon Canyon and beyond. The interior was updated last month with refinished hardwood floors, new paint,



5-piece bath and walk-in closet, a great room with gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings and large south-facing windows, and a study with connected 3/4 bathroom which could serve as a second main-floor bedroom. Upstairs you'll find a large loft and two guest bedrooms sharing a full bath. The walkout basement has a bedroom, 3/4 bathroom, recreation room, and a large storage room which could be made into another office or workshop. View a narrated video tour on the MLS or at www.ParadiseHillsHome.info, then call your agent or broker associate Chuck Brown at 303-885-7855 for a private showing. Open on Saturday, May 18th, 11 to 3.



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