



HELPING YOU FIND YOUR WAY HOME

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH
"A person starts to live
when he can live
outside himself." Albert
Einstein

**Do you have a favorite
quote? Send it to us to
include in the
newsletter!**

Congratulations

Please join us in
congratulating Ryan for
winning the November
Trivia Contest. Thank you
to all who participated and
this month the prize could
be yours.

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Real Estate Fact

In Portland the biggest return on your investment for a cost vs. value remodel is a bathroom. The anticipated return is 104%. If you would like details on other cost vs. value remodels let us know as we have all of the details of the 2006 Remodeling Report.

Upcoming Fun Activity

5 friends from Japan – This fun, interactive exhibit introduces visitors to Japanese culture. The excitement begins in a typical Japanese classroom setting and follows the friends home to explore different rooms of a house. All modeled after real Japanese residences. This runs through January 15, 2007 at the Portland Children's Museum and you can find more information at: www.portlandcm.org

Trivia Contest

Put on your thinking caps or at least your creative brain to find the answer on the web. What does the average person spend on holiday gifts for family, friends and coworkers? We are looking for three separate figures that the average person spends.

Energy Saving Tips

Here are tips that you can easily and cost effectively do at your home to lessen the effect on the environment and slow global warming. It really only takes a minute and it will hopefully make you feel great that you are being mindful of future generations. Go ahead try them and pass them along.

1. Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs, cost under \$5.00 and if each household switched 5 regular bulbs to 5 of these bulbs it would be the equivalent to taking 1 million cars off the highways for one year.
2. Outdoor Lighting, cost under \$20.00. These are for walkways or patios and they are solar so they do not need electricity or burn any fuel.
3. Programmable Thermostat, cost \$50.00- \$100.00. Set the temperature to be a bit cooler in the winter and warmer in summer. Adjusting this by 2 degrees can reduce a home's emissions by up to 9% over the span of one year.
4. Air Filter in Heating and Cooling System, cost under \$11.00. By changing these regularly you can reduce you household emissions by up to 2% in a year.
5. Blanket for Electric Hot Water Heater, cost is \$18.00. This can reduce the CO2 emissions by 4.5%.

Client Circle

Congratulations to Jordana and Ryan for selling their SE Portland House!

Congratulations to Jesse on his new home in SE Portland!

Congratulations to Tim on his new home in SE Portland!

Congratulations to Al and Jan for selling their Milwaukie House!

