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### **Build a 60w PV Module in Jonesport ME**

**Sat & Sun, Jan 17-18, 2009 (to be repeated Sat&Sun Feb 7-8 and Mar 7-8 same time and location)**

Learn how to assemble your own Photovoltaic module for producing electricity. Richard Komp has pioneered PV module production as a cottage industry in Nicaragua, Mali, Haiti and India. In this workshop you'll get to participate in assembling a 60 Watt PV module, utilizing the encapsulation process, developed in Nicaragua with Grupo Fenix. Depending on the number of participants, we will be making one or more 60 W modules, which are capable of charging 12 V batteries and thus are a good start for a small home or cabin PV system. This workshop is in conjunction with SEADS, non-profit group. **Instructors:** John Burke, of SEADS will be co-facilitator. John has had many years of experience working in the solar field and is currently working with the ARC Center in Harlem, NY, developing a program to manufacture UL approved PV modules. Soni Biehl, treasurer of MESEA, has experience with PV installation and assembly and will be co-facilitator.

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**Date, Time:** Sat & Sun, Jan. 17-18, 10am - 4 pm , Lunch included.

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**Place:** The workshop will be held at the solar home of Rich Komp, 17 Rockwell Rd SE, Jonesport, Maine. - Carpooling from Four Corners Columbia, ME parking lot 9:30 am!

**Cost:** \$50.-one day, \$85-.two days; optionally, pre-purchase a 60 Watt module for an additional \$300.- (Only one module available for purchase at Jan. workshop.)

-(Participation limited to 8 folks for the Jan 17-18 weekend workshop.)

(Checks should be made payable to MESEA and sent to: MESEA, 351 Wilcox Rd., Trescott Twp, ME 04652)

### **NESEA Building Energy 09**

**Boston Seaport World Trade Center – 10-12 March 2009**

Nearly 200 speakers, experts from every field of the sustainable energy and building industries, are preparing dozens of sessions and accredited workshops for BE09. Richard Komp and others from MESEA will be giving an all day workshop on PV-thermal Hybrid systems on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Listings of all sessions and workshops information can be viewed at the BE09 website, [www.buildingenergy.nesea.org](http://www.buildingenergy.nesea.org).

### **Grupo Fenix Solar-Culture Course**

**5 through 15 January, 2009, Nicaragua, again in July 2009**

For more information on this winter's session of this popular course, please check the [www.grupofenix.org](http://www.grupofenix.org) website. The cost is \$995, including all travel and expenses in Nicaragua and the group is limited to 15 participants, so please sign up early as last January's course was full.