

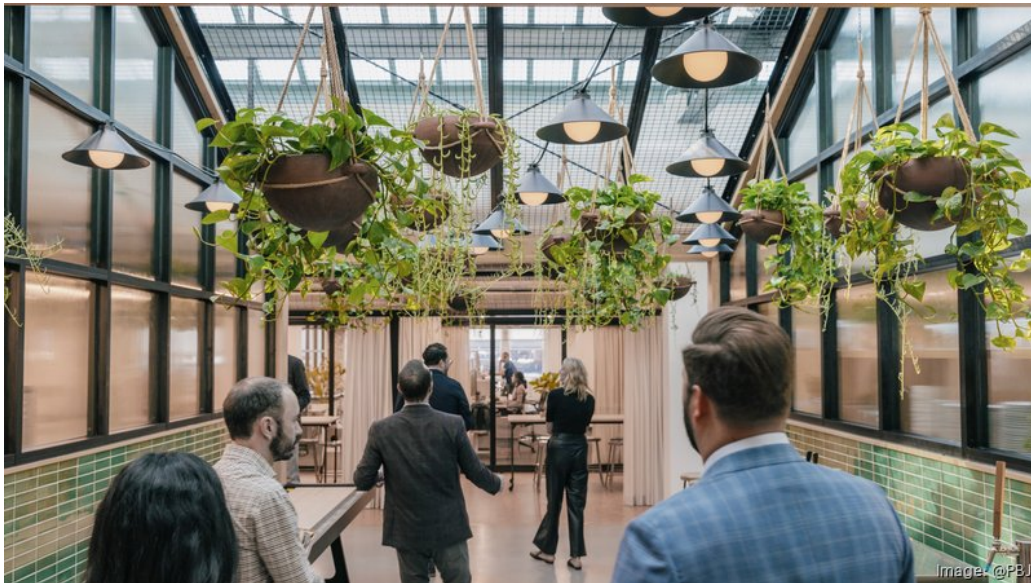
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## Mass timber talk, MMT and SERA HQ tours anchor Sustainable Building Week

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A recent tour of SERA Architects new headquarters at the Galleria building. The space will be a highlight of Sustainable Building Week in Portland.

Organizers of Portland's Sustainable Building Week pulled together a full schedule for this week.

Among the highlights of the event, now in its fifth run, are a tour of the new eco-conscious Meyer Memorial Trust headquarters, a panel discussion facilitated by Gensler on how to "plan for and envision a future Portland that fosters more closely knitted and sustainable communities" and a symposium to talk about mass timber, one of the hot building materials for developers looking to amp up project sustainability.

Sustainable Building Week participants can tour the new SERA Architects HQ inside the Galleria building.

Galleria, at 600 S.W. 10th Ave., has undergone millions in renovations and is now completely fully electrified. It has eliminated on-site fossil fuels, with a design so that its energy use intensity should come in 80% lower than that of the typical modern U.S. office building, as the Business Journal has previously reported.

"Our main objective has remained the same from when we initially started, which is to foster collaboration and break down siloed thinking. And that has been successful every year, and something that just continuously needs to happen in the ... design and construction industry," Webly Bowles, Sustainable Building Week's co-founder, said.

Bowles is excited for in-person components of Sustainable Building Week, which have been on hold with Covid-19. Meeting people face-to-face means more conversations in the hall.

"Sometimes that's worth the admission alone," she said.

Terry Campbell, Sustainable Building Week's other co-founder, said they've also started Sustainable Building Monthly, which occurs the second Tuesday of each month.

"(It) helps keep the opportunity for people to get out of the Covid cloud and come and meet new colleagues," Campbell said.