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Sustainable Building Week returns for milestone fifth year

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Sustainable Building Week industry events are returning to Portland Oct. 10-15.

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The cross-disciplinary industry conference Sustainable Building Week is returning to Portland.

For the fifth year, the volunteer-led Sustainable Building Week is featuring industry events starting Oct. 10 and continuing through Oct. 15.

Sustainable Building Week brings together city planners, architects, designers, builders, contractors, developers and others with tours, discussions and in-person events.

Weblly Bowles and Terry Campbell are co-founders of .

"Sometimes we forget that to be sustainable, as a society, we need to connect and care for one another. We need those side conversations and to hear about topics that might not come up if we weren't there in person together," Bowles said. "Participants have said that a local event like this allows us to ho

each other accountable and makes it easier to help people reach their goals by calling on each other for ideas."

Since 2018, Sustainable Building Week has hosted more than 100 events for an estimated 2,500 attendees.

"Sustainable Building Week kept people connected during the dark days of COVID, and that connectedness is continuing to grow," Campbell said. "Our door is open to everyone. No matter your profession or role, this is a place where you can come, meet others and dream up new ideas together."

About 30 events are planned for the week this year. Some charge an entry fee, but some are free; some events are in-person, but some are available virtually. For more details or to register for this year's events, visit .