



## Public Architecture announces ScrapHouse

***Demonstration house being built entirely of salvaged material***

The ScrapHouse challenge: to build a green home with only scrap and salvage—and to do it on San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza. A rockstar team of San Francisco artists, engineers, architects, city officials, and builders has come together to build an architecturally bold demonstration house, completely from salvaged materials.

The first challenge is design. ScrapHouse takes the form of a single-family home that fits on a city lot. Within this familiar form the ScrapHouse team will surprise you with elegant design solutions created from reclaimed materials. The structural frame, the flooring, and the lamp were all rescued and re-used.

Finding appropriate innovative materials was the next challenge. The team spent weeks scouring the Bay Area for building materials, furnishings, and finishes; purchasing new only hardware and fasteners. The new structure will meet all applicable building and energy codes.

The ScrapHouse team's final challenge is a two-week blitz build, kicking off the last week of May. The building process is in full view for the public to observe on-site and online at [www.scraphouse.org](http://www.scraphouse.org).

The public is invited to tour and experience this light-filled environment June 2-5. You'll be welcomed into our home, created by a team of volunteer professionals. After our open house, the structure will be further "recycled" into a more permanent use, funds permitting.

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*ScrapHouse is the convergence of creativity, sustainability, and urban excitement, located at the intersection of Grove St. and Polk, on Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco. It will be open to the public from 10:00am to 8:00pm, Thursday, June 2 through Sunday, June 5, 2005. These dates coincide with the United Nations' World Environment Day 2005. More information is available at [www.scraphouse.org](http://www.scraphouse.org), along with photos of the process and additional information on green building and reuse. Information is available by phone at 415/355-3700 and by email at [info@scraphouse.org](mailto:info@scraphouse.org).*

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