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The Triplets, transformed, take a bow Open house events this weekend in West Seattle

SEATTLE—Thanks to a unique public-private partnership, three West Seattle homes from the 1920s will hit the market this weekend as energy-efficient homes for modern lifestyles.

Named Clara, Zelda and Louise after three women who defined the flapper era when the homes were built, the “Triplets” are ready for their closeup.

“We’re so glad to have kept these as small homes on large lots, while adding incredible energy-efficiency and spaces that work for families in 2013,” said Aaron Fairchild, CEO of Green Canopy Homes. The Seattle company worked with the Washington State Housing Finance Commission’s Sustainable Energy Trust to buy and remodel the homes starting last fall.

The Triplets are Built Green certified and are expected to use 25-50% less energy than before the remodeling, as determined by a pre- and post-work energy audit.

The three-bedroom, two-bath homes range from 1,300 to 1,600 square feet, on lots of 7,440 square feet. Each includes a surprising addition at the rear: a “great room” with 11-foot ceilings that connects living, dining and kitchen space with the back yard. Two homes have detached garages; all three offer plentiful off-street parking and alley access in the rear.

Green Canopy Homes builds and remodels houses in local neighborhoods using leading efficiency methods and sustainable materials.

Owners of energy-efficient homes are 32 percent less likely to default on their mortgages, according to a March 2013 study by the Institute for Market Transformation.



OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

8820 24th Ave. SW
West Seattle [see map](#)

- **Saturday June 8, 1-4 p.m.**
Private open house for media, neighbors and guests
 - Tour the restored homes
 - Learn about energy-efficient building
 - Meet the neighbors, builders and funders
 - Enjoy lemonade and snacks
 - More info :
greencanopyhomes.com/home/open-house-event
- **Sunday June 9, 1-4 p.m.**
Public open house for homebuyers, real estate agents and others

To buy and rebuild the Triplets, Green Canopy was able to borrow funds from the Sustainable Energy Trust (SET) at an interest rate well below market.

“Energy efficiency directly contributes to affordability across all sectors of the economy,” explained Avi Jacobson, senior sustainability energy coordinator for the Commission. “That’s why we’re committed to fostering energy efficiency through the SET and our other programs.”

The Commission established the SET in 2009 at the direction of the state legislature in order to increase access to below-market-rate financing for energy-related projects, especially smaller ones, and to expand the pool of lenders who are active in the state’s energy sector (www.wshfc.org/energy).

“This project was possible because of the Commission’s flexibility and willingness to explore ideas with us,” said Fairchild. “We went from conversation to speculation to implementation in less than a year. We greatly appreciate how the Commission engages proactively with the business community.”

THE TRIPLETS, TRANSFORMED

l-r: back in the day > before construction > today

Clara



Zelda



Louise



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[Green Canopy Homes](http://www.greencanopyhomes.com) renovates and builds Seattle homes with quality, energy efficiency, and today’s lifestyles in mind. The company focuses on the long-term impact of their work on the environment, and seeks to create a community of urban dwellers who care about their neighborhood and their footprint within it. Green Canopy was voted Washington’s #1 Green Small Business in Building and Construction by Seattle Business Magazine in 2012.

The [Washington State Housing Finance Commission](http://www.wshfc.org) is a publicly accountable, self-supporting team, dedicated to increasing housing access and affordability, and to expanding the availability of quality community services for the people of Washington. The commission, which receives no regular state funding for its operations, works with lenders, investors, developers, nonprofit organizations, first-time homebuyers, beginning farmers and ranchers and energy companies to bring private investment dollars to benefit families and achieve public goals in Washington.