

BIAW's EPA-Certified Lead-Safety/Renovations/Paint Initial and Refresher Class April Schedule

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| 4/9 | Initial..... | Longview |
| 4/9 | Refresher | Longview |
| 4/13 | Initial..... | Bremerton |
| 4/14 | Refresher | Bremerton |
| 4/21 | Initial..... | Vancouver |
| 4/30 | Initial..... | Burlington |
| 4/30 | Refresher | Burlington |

To register, contact Education Program Manager Amanda Fields at (360) 352-7800, ext. 114 or by email at amandaf@biaw.com.

Accessibility Forum Speaker **MARIEL KRAUS**

Mariel C. Kraus is a 1999 Allied Health graduate from Loma Linda Medical University and received her Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy. She has worked in skilled nursing in-patient rehabilitation where her home modification consultations facilitated her patient's ability to return home safely. For the past five years, she has been increasingly involved in home modification work, providing community outreach education on staying safe at home. Mariel's private practice—Integrative Therapeutic Solutions, LLC—focuses on CAPS, early onset Parkinson's interventions and upper extremity disorders.

Accessibility Forum Speaker **CHERYL MAINES**

Cheryl Maines is a Senior Appraiser and Specially Adapted Housing Agent of the Veterans' Administration Home Loans Division in Seattle. Cheryl is well-versed in the loan and grant programs available to veterans, which allow them to remodel their homes. Cheryl has been actively involved in supporting home modification for accessibility and regularly works with contractors as well as homeowners to insure a safe, protective and comfortable home environment for veterans.

EVENTS PROMOTE ACCESSIBILITY FORUM+TRADE SHOW

MEETING ATTENDEES LINK UP WITH VENDORS AND INDUSTRY EXPERTS

Veterans returning home with injuries, families caring for those with progressive disabilities, and aging adults choosing to stay in their homes longer have all added to a steady increase in interest for more and better home accessibility. For all these reasons and more, builders and remodelers need to find ways to make existing homes better and new homes more welcoming.

On March 3, the 50+/Accessible Housing Council presented its third Accessibility Forum and Trade Show. During the Winter Board meeting held in Olympia, members packed into the forum to learn more about VA grants and



BIA of Clark County member Mike Kinnaman checks out HealthCraft Products' universal design shower merchandise during the BIAW Accessibility Trade Show.

funding to assist veterans and heard assessment tips regarding remodeling and home conversions.

After the forum, BIAW members and guests had the opportunity to walk through the trade show and meet vendors who specialize and offer accessibility products or services. Based on the overall interest of members in attendance, the Forum and Trade Show was a success!

Aging in place, staying in place, universal design—or whatever you'd choose to call it—is a field that will continue to be part of the changing environment of home buyers and homeowners, and it is BIAW's goal to bring issues and answers to members.

If you have questions on how you can be part of these activities for the 2016 BIAW Winter Board meeting, please contact Special Projects Coordinator Karen Hall at 360-352-7800, ext. 136 or karenh@biaw.com.

A big THANK YOU! to our Trade Show Vendors

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Accessible Living Concepts
ADM Architecture
Build Products
HealthCraft Products
Integrative Therapeutic Solutions
Legacy Caring
Rainier Sun Systems

Rebuilding Together-S. Sound
Rebuilding Together-Thurston Co.
SATECH, Inc.
Global Security & Communications
Schluter Systems
Trusted Transitions NW
Washington Lawns