# Why Women in Solar! Why Women in Solar? Why, Women in Solar!

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### Overview

\* My Story
\* Training/Teaching
\* WISE Award
\* Barriers
\* Inspiration and moving forward
\* Photos





\*Why am I in solar?
\*What inspired me?
\*What held me back?

Training (Why Separate Training for Women?) \* Women expressed the need for separate hands-on classes \*Lack of exposure to power-tools and hands-on workshops \*Comfort level working with hands-on applications \*Being the minority in an all male class \* Social and cultural issues



## WISE Award

\* Why create it?
\* Who is it for?
\* What were the obstacles and barriers?
\* What do we talk about?
\* What is the status?



#### What are the Barriers?

\*What stops us and holds us back? **\***Our fears? \*What are we scared of? \*Are we worried about what others think? What do they think? \*Where does this start? Young girls? \*What about compensation? \*How do we get taken seriously?

Inspiration and Where do WE Go From Here?

- \* How to we encourage each other?
- \* How do we inspire each other?
- \* Where do we start?
- \* How do we get pride in our work?
- \* How do we get pride and respect in our lives?
- \* What makes us powerful?
- \* How do we empower each other?















Thank You!



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