

Ellen Dibble

NECO Board

Ellen is a retired school media specialist and district administrator who ended her career building educational data systems for a Native American reservation in Scottsdale, Arizona. She became a certified Infinite Campus trainer for the Bureau of Indian Education when they adopted this student information system for all BIE schools. As an educational technology expert Ellen served as director of educational technology services in a Tempe, Arizona high school district with her team providing computer applications support for teachers and administrators. She also pioneered a web server for teacher/student communication.



Her organizational leadership included serving on the board of the Indiana Computer Educators and as president of the Association of Indiana Libraries regional group. She also served as conference director and president of the Arizona School Technology organization. She has given several presentations at state and national professional conferences.

She and her husband have been dedicated to sustainable living since college. As readers of the first Mother Earth News magazines they became homesteaders on 40 acres in Indiana. Ellen learned to milk a cow, raise chickens, sew clothes, make cheese and butter and can vegetables from a large hand dug garden as well as to design and build a tiny house and then a larger passive solar home. A career change took them to Arizona where they added solar hot water and other energy improvements to a typical cinder block home.

A retirement move to Colorado, to be closer to grandchildren, provided the opportunity to do a gut rehab of an early passive solar earth bermed structure that is their current home. Ellen took the LEED green rater training and the remodeled home qualified in 2022 at the Platinum level. Through various presentations including at ASES, USGBC Colorado and an NREL lunch session, she became aware of and involved in the 2017 Metro Denver Green Homes Tour committee. Their passive solar trombe wall home was on the tour in 2017 and 2022.

Ellen has served as the volunteer coordinator for the home tours, maintains the NECO website, and helps manage the budgets for NECO events.