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# Clean-burning stoves promoted

By Donna Gavin **Emerald Reporter** 

Rain and cool temperatures enhanced the celebration Thursday by the National Steelcrafters of Oregon Inc. at its expanded production plant and retail outlet in Eugene.

Soft lighting and dancing flames in each model of the clean-burning pellet and gas stoves rekindled mankind's ancient attraction to a fireplace. But what a difference a few million years has brought.

Cave dwellers may not have worried about particulate emissions or fuel efficiency, but neither could they start a fire with a remote control.

NSO's 60 employees in Eugene and another plant in Ohio make and sell the Breckwell brand of pellet-burning fireplace inserts and free-standing appliances for retail distribution throughout the United States and Canada.

The open house at the Craft Stove Center also called attention to "The Great Stove Changeout," a program spon-sored by the Oregon Hearth Products Association, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, the Oregon Lung Association, Northwest Natural Gas and the



Jerry Myers, a worker for National Steelcrafters of Oregon Inc., puts the finishing touches on one of the company's pellet-burning stoves.

Oregon State Home Builders Association.

The program's aim is to replace the 300,000 uncertified wood stoves the DEQ estimates are still in use.

NSO President Ron Crasilneck explained that before the energy crisis in the early 1970s, wood stoves accounted for only 2 percent of home heating sources. But by 1979, the Eugene-born Fisher Stove Company and a competitor

were serving the demand for 12 million wood stoves.

However, early industry leaders did not keep pace with technological advances and the laws that were enacted to control wood-burning pollution.

An NSO chart shows that wood-burning fireplaces have zero- to 20-percent efficiency because they must use energy

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