

Green Umbrella Meeting 4/21/2008

Present: Minor Shaw, Martha Pellett, Judy Cromwell, Pedrick Lowrey, Paul Ellis, Scott Carlson, Jennifer Rigby, Jennifer Sparks, Gayle Warth, Ed Marshall

Discussions at the meeting focused on the Green Umbrella Symposium to be held October 23rd and 24th, 2008 at Furman. A focus for the symposium, possible schedule and suggested speakers for the symposium were discussed.

The purpose of the symposium is to announce the formation of the Green Umbrella group and kick off the "Legacy Tree" campaign. Thursday night, October 23rd will feature a keynote speaker and Friday, October 24th will consist of several speakers or panels and a possible tour of Cliffs Cottage.

The dinner and symposium will be held at Younts Center at Furman. Cost for the dinner is estimated to be \$75 and the symposium \$75 or \$150 for both. The symposium will hopefully attract gardeners, developers and realtors as well as public officials and others.

Possible title of symposium – "The Green Legacy" or "Our Green Legacy"

The tentative schedule for the symposium and suggestions for speakers is as follows:

Thursday night – Welcome by Dr. Shi

Honor Mr. Milliken for his work with Noble Trees (his birthday is also October 24th)

Rick Webel

Keynote speaker Mike Dirr (Dr. Dirr has been asked and we are waiting for a confirmation)

Friday – Possibly 3 speakers before lunch and/or a panel discussion

Possible speakers, to be lined up by June 1st:

- Moderator to set the stage and MC – why do we care about legacy trees, why important, show "hot spots"? (Bob Becker from Strom Thurmond Institute or Rick Webel)
- Jim Urban, urban forester (Paul will contact)
- Developer involved in "green" developments (Minor to contact Bob Hughes for suggestions)
- Architect involved with "green" architecture (Pedrick to contact Brad Smith for suggestions, Gayle will look into Southern Living contacts)
- John Floyd, editor of Southern Living, to speak during lunch about Cliffs Cottage and sustainable landscaping (John Floyd has committed)
- Tour of Cliffs Cottage after lunch

Please give us feedback and input about speakers, focus and any other suggestions. This is “our” symposium and we want everyone to be involved. Send any mailing lists, including e-mail addresses, for the event (preferably in an Excel spreadsheet) to Gayle Warth at gayle.warth@furman.edu by June 10th.

Next Green Umbrella Meeting: **May 15th at 2:00** at Gayle Warth’s office, Montague Village at Furman

Submitted by Pedrick Lowrey