



## Newsletter - Fall 2007

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### "Buy Bucky" -- Alternative Holiday shopping

\*Shop 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern Illinois Alternative Gift Fair, Carbondale Civic Center, Dec. 2, 2-5 pm. We'll be there with geodesic toys (Thanks Digger), CD's, tee shirts and gift cards acknowledging donations (\$20 for fence slat).

\*Dinner Party at the Dome (for 12 guests) when you donate \$1500.00 to restore a section of Fuller's Fence.

\*Want to revitalize your "Fuller" sensibilities? Buy this 5-hour Fuller audio program on 5 CDs "*Only Integrity is Going to Count*" at [www.bfi.easystorecreator.com](http://www.bfi.easystorecreator.com).

\*RBF Dome gets a donation whenever you access Amazon.com through [www.buckysdome.org](http://www.buckysdome.org).

\**Roam Home to a Dome* songs available on: Apple iTunes ;AudioLunchbox; BuyMusic; Inprodicon; MP3-Extension; MusiclSHere; PayPlay; Tradebit; Bitmunk; Daiki; MP3tunes; Napster and SNOCAP.

**Revitalizing the Legacy – Southern Illinois University (SIU) Projects on R. Buckminster Fuller** Since the summer, RBF Dome has been involved with an incredible amount of collaboration with SIU's -- Library Special Collections, Bioneers, Department of Art and Design and Department of Radio and TV. Go to <http://archives.lib.siu.edu/controlcard.php?id=8&q=fuller> for new resources at SIU Library's Special Collections, including Fuller's *Patterns and Designs*. This DVD of Fuller was a part of local programming for the 2007 Bioneer's Conference. RBF Dome hosted a gathering of participants in the Aesthesia Symposium, organized by Shai Yeshayahu, School of Architecture. It was a wonderful event with people from all over the world gathered under the Dome. Thanks to Jay Needham's Radio and TV students there is now an audio collection oral histories of local people who worked with Bucky in a variety of capacities. Details of the projects will be posted on RBF Dome's website in the near future.

**Fence Update** – We now have four completed sections of the fence up. Special thanks to Ike Eickstaedt, Evan Kroeker, Michael Nolan and the City of Carbondale for all their help.

**Ben Gelman Archives on Bucky, Thank You Laraine Wright** – Longtime *Southern Illinoisan* columnist and photographer, Ben Gelman died on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the age of 86. Friend and fellow bird lover Laraine Wright has been busy getting Ben's archives to those who will make us of them. Thanks to her RBF Dome now has Ben's photos of the Fuller Dome. They are a unique addition to the Dome's photo collection and will really help with documentation for the Dome's National Landmark application.

### **Current and Upcoming Events/Exhibits on Fuller**

\*The Ford Museum in Detroit and the Whitney in New York are both sites for exhibits on Fuller. The Ford Museum's *Best of Friends, R. Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi* <http://www.thehenryford.org/museum/bestOfFriends/default.asp> runs until January 15<sup>th</sup>. The retrospective on Fuller at the Whitney will open at the end of June 2008. The winner of the *Buckminster Fuller Challenge* will be announced at the Whitney on July 12<sup>th</sup>, Fuller's 112<sup>th</sup> Birthday. A group from Carbondale will attend both exhibits, call (618)-457-0424 for further details.

\*Shoji Sadao, principal of Fuller and Sadao PC and former Executive Director of the Isamu Noguchi Foundation, is featured speaker at the Religious Center at SIUE Saturday, April 12, 2008. Go to [www.siue.edu/religion](http://www.siue.edu/religion).

\*"Buckminster Fuller's Synergetics and Mathematics" March 15-16, 2008 Spring Eastern Meeting of the American Mathematical Society (AMS) <http://synergeticists.org/snec.announce.meeting.2008.03.html>.

\*Synergetics Collaborative Summer Workshop July, details at <http://www.Synergeticists.org>

**"Preserving the Future" working for Landmark Status** – Board members Cornelius Crane and Chuck Litecky participated in this year's National Preservation Conference, October 2-6, in St. Paul, Minn., Chuck reported to the Dome Board on upcoming preservation and museum trends. Special thanks to Josh of Weatherford Signs for the poster he designed for our presentation at the Conference.

**AIA award and Carbondale Preservation Commission** Thanks to Brad Klein of White & Borgogoni Architects (<http://www.wb-architects.com>) for RBF Dome's AIA nomination and Carbondale's Historic Preservation Commission for hosting a celebration of our receipt of the Illinois American Institute of Architects, "150 Illinois Great Places" award [www.illinoisgreatplaces.com](http://www.illinoisgreatplaces.com).

**Outreach and Networking** – Along with our SIU outreach Board members have been doing many community presentations and tours of the Dome, eight since July. Please contact us if you are interested in further information on outreach and education.

**Board Updates** – RBF Dome has two new Board members both professors at SIU – Charles "Chuck" Litecky from the School of Management and Information Systems and Shai Yeshayahu School of Architecture.

**Bucky Bits** –"Yo" Bucky. Check out Bucky's "myspace" page at <http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=54990669&MyToken=42e282f6-e1d6-4e8f-9f95-c10f6d4ef4e5>

**Web site under construction** – Still in progress but, "Check it out" – [www.buckysdome.org](http://www.buckysdome.org) and give us some feedback.

**Feedback and Volunteer Contact** -- Please contact Mary O'Hara at [maryohara@mchsi.com](mailto:maryohara@mchsi.com) or (618)457-0424 for feedback – questions - or volunteer information. The RBF Dome's Board needs help with the newsletter, the fence, grants, developing educational programming . . .