



Newsletter Summer 2007

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Fence and Fountain Update - Restored sections of the fence facing the corner of Cherry and Forrest Streets will be up by mid-July thanks to Larry Weatherford, John Johnson, Brian Gorecki, Bill Perk, Larry Busch, Cornelius Crane, Tom Redmond and a summer visitor named Ike. The Arbor District's, Chuck Litecky, decided to make the Dome Fountain his pet project. He's "got it going". We are grateful to all.

City of Carbondale and Carbondale Park District Contributions - Both the City of Carbondale and the Carbondale Park District have been instrumental in our efforts this spring. The City made a huge in-kind donation by removing the trees that were in the way of fence construction. The Park District donated \$5,000.00 to RBF Dome's educational and museum work.

Update -- National Historic Landmark Status - RBF Dome's Board voted to accept White & Borgognoni Architect's proposal to prepare our National Historic Landmark nomination application.

Dome on "Illinois Great Places" List - The American Institute of Architects, Illinois Council (AIA), announced in March its "150 Illinois Great Places" and the RBF Dome in Carbondale is on the list. Take a look at the company we are in - www.illinoisgreatplaces.com.

Carbondale After Dark Donation - HB Koplowitz's *CARBONDALE AFTER DARK* was written in the Dome and RBF Dome supporter Deb Browne was a part of its production. The book has recently been re-issued and thanks to Deb Brown \$1 of each sale of the book in Carbondale will go to RBF Dome. We have already received \$250.00 from Deb. Go to <http://hbkoplowitz.com:80/CAD/CADbuy.html> for more information and a photo of the author in the Dome. Thank you, Deb.

"Digger Donates" - Many thanks and best wishes to friend and supporter Digger O'Toole for his generous contribution of his "Synergy Rings." We now have

some fun educational tools to share. For more information on Digger and his work go to <http://www.synergyrings.com/>.

Educational Outreach and Networking

*RBF Dome Board and Advisory Council members orchestrated a number of educational and networking activities. Board member Larry Busch attended Southern Illinois Association of Museum's meeting and hosted a visit of "Leadership Carbondale" at the Dome.

*Joseph Clinton, an R. Buckminster Fuller "Design Scientist," co-Founder of the "Synergetics Collaborative," and a RBF Dome Advisory Council member visited Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC) May 2 through May 7 for several events on design science and environmental change. Clinton presented on Fuller's "World Game & Geoscope" concepts at Quigley Auditorium on Friday, May 4th. Clinton also met with Morris Library's Special Collections staff to discuss their recent discovery of Fuller era artifacts. The events are sponsored by RBF Dome NFP and the SIUC School of Architecture.

*Board secretary Tom Redmond hosted a Dome Tour for a John A. Logan College art class. Much thanks to Professor Darby Ortolano for keeping her students up on Bucky.

*In June, RBF Dome President Cornelius Crane made a presentation in Chicago on the Dome to the Illinois Statewide Preservation Conference.

Board Retreat-Board Priorities - The RBF Dome Board held a retreat at Bella Vista Farm in Johnson County in February. Much thanks to Ray Lenzi who volunteered his expertise in facilitating. The Board developed these priorities: 1. Fence restoration; 2. Achieving National Historic Landmark status; 3. (tie) Educational outreach and Development of membership, supporters/network/organization; 5. Strengthen organizational ties; 6. Fundraising/marketing; 7. Property acquisition; 8. (tie) Develop museum/interpretive center plan; 9. (tie) Address staffing/treasurer needs; 10. Review by-laws and mission statement.

Roam Home to a Dome CD and iTunes -- Please DOWNLOAD- Much thanks to Stace England for all his work in getting the "Roam Home to a Dome" CD approved for digital distribution and it has been sent to the following companies: Apple iTunes ;AudioLunchbox; BuyMusic; Inprodicon; MP3-Extension; MusicIsHere; PayPlay; Tradebit; Bitmunk; Daiki; MP3tunes; Napster and SNOCAP. Stace England is not only a big Dome supporter, he is an extraordinary singer-songwriter-historian and all around great guy. Visit his website to read about his work www.staceengland.com.

Bucky Bits - Items of Interest - Just for fun go to:

*www.youtube.com and search "Buckminster Fuller" - Wow!!!

*The New York Times (www.nytimes.com) for these Fuller-related articles "Art in Review; Burgeoning Geometrics", Andrea Scott, New York Times, January 5, 2007.

"The Dome Gains Weight and Settles Down," Alastair Gordon, New York Times, January 11, 2007,

Web site under construction - Thanks to all who have been so patient as we "re-construct" our website, especially Tiffany Gooden. We'll be up by the end of summer.

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Feedback and Volunteer Contact - Please contact Mary O'Hara at maryohara@mchsi.com or (618)457-0424 for feedback-questions-or volunteer information. We need help with the newsletter, grant writing for our Landmark status and developing educational/outreach programming.

