

Fuller -- Era Artifacts at Southern Illinois University (SIU)

Two representatives of SIU Library's Special Collections Research Center met with the RBF Board last month. Pam Hackbart Dean, Director of Special Collections, and staff member, Randy Bixby informed the Board that they had approximately 300 models and several films of Bucky Fuller at the Library that they needed assistance in identifying prior to putting the collection on-line. Bill Perk explained that the models may be part of a NASA grant that Joe Clinton was involved with or possible Tom Turner, a former assistant of Fuller's. The Board thanked the representatives for their interest in Fuller's artifacts and offered to collaborate on possible education/library grants with them.

National Landmark Status Work

We continue to focus our attention on obtaining National Landmark status. and the restoration of the redwood fence designed by Fuller that surrounds the Dome. Please send what you can to RBF Dome , P.O. Box 1262, Carbondale, IL., 62903

.Dinner at the Dome

RBF Dome Advisory Council member Joe Clinton and wife Elberta dined at the Dome with members of the "Bucky" board and neighbors. Joe Clinton studied under Buckminster Fuller at Southern Illinois University and worked with Fuller after graduation from SIU. Joe has gone on to be the world's foremost expert in geodesic geometry.

Welcome

Welcome to Larry Busch and Brian Gorecki new RBF Dome Board members. See some of Larry's work at "Creativity College" offering a series of hands-on problem solving – See our new board member Larry Busch at work <http://www.amcreativityassoc.org/creativitycollege/index.php>
Also joining us is Dennis Leitner, the Arbor District Board <http://www.arbordistrict.org/> liaison to the Dome.

Other News

PRESENTATIONS

Larry Weatherford reported on the meeting at the Dome of the Carbondale Federated

Fence Update

Board Member, Larry Weatherford reported that he received the shipment of cap material from Bond Brothers Hardwoods in Ridgway, Illinois and displayed one of the pieces of redwood. He noted that 370 feet of the aged redwood cap was received for a cost of \$793.05. Larry Busch offered to join the Fence Committee and suggested that the Board should consider repairing the most visible sections of the fence at the corner of Forest and Cherry Streets. There was general discussion about where and how to proceed and the staging of the necessary steps in the reconstruction. There was also discussion about possible fundraising ideas, including sponsoring a section of the fence. It was agreed that once the project was underway it would be easier to get donations. If you would like to be a part of the fence project contact Larry Weatherford at zsignman@verizon.net

**** 4 Ways to Help

1. GET IN THE HABIT . . . OF MAKING YOUR AMAZON.COM ORDERS THROUGH THE RBF DOME WEBSITE www.buckysdome.org

Start with this A new CD from the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage *Buckminster Fuller Speaks His Mind* Recorded by Emory Cook , Artist R. Buckminster (Richard Buckminster) Fuller. Twenty-four audio recording of Fuller. **And then order this** *Worldchanging: A User's Guide for the 21st Century* is a 608-page compendium of the most innovative solutions, ideas and inventions for building a livable, prosperous future, written by more than sixty noted writers and thinkers, with a forward from Al Gore and an introduction by Bruce Sterling. *Read Advance praise for the book:*

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*. **Restore** a section of Bucky's Dome Home Fence, designed by Fuller himself, as a gift or to honor a loved one.

*. **Volunteer** – We need people to: Help with the mechanics of our newsletter; be on the Fence Committee and Grant committee; invite us to speak about our work. Contact: maryohara@mchsi.com

Women's Club that he and Tom Redmond met with. He noted that the group was very interested and supportive of the project.

GEODESIC MATHEMATICS AND RANDOM CHAOS

JOHN CAGE AND BUCKMINSTER FULLER <http://www.vpa.niu.edu/events/symposium.html>

RBF Dome President, Cornelius (Corny) Crane attended Bucky Fuller/John Cage symposium at NIU. He noted that the gathering was very interesting and also allowed him to spend time with Allegra Fuller Snyder. He indicated that further discussion occurred regarding the possible donation of some of the original furniture back to the Dome and a closer relationship between RBF Dome and the Buckminster Fuller Institute.

STYLISH AND STURDY, COULD GEODESIC DOME HOUSES FACTOR IN THE REBUILDING OF NEW ORLEANS? <http://www.metrotimes.com/editorial/story.asp?id=8200>

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