



# Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association

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## SCMA Offers New Case Studies

*Discover the Cypress Log Cabin and the Shangri La Botanical Gardens*

Learn more about one of America's most sustainable, durable, and versatile resources through a growing library of [case studies](#) developed by the Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association (SCMA). Each project showcases the natural attributes of cypress. Read what the projects' architects have to say about their experiences with, and reasons for, building with cypress.

## Cypress Withstand the Test of Time on the Shores of Lake Michigan

The legendary durability of cypress is on display in the 75-year-old, recently-restored marvel. Originally built as a state-of-the-art model home for the 1935 World's Fair, it's now a year round residence that features original cypress siding, paneling, flooring, and structural timbers, despite receiving little to no maintenance on the shores of Lake Michigan for the last 30 years.



## Cypress Helps Shangri La Rise from Ruins to Platinum

Cypress lends its natural decay- and infestation-resistant attributes to the first architectural project in the Gulf Coast region ever to earn Platinum LEED certification for new construction. Cypress shines in one of the American Institute of Architects' Top 10 Green Projects of 2009, as a prominent building material



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CYPRESS  
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at the intersection of three eco-systems: wetland, grassland, and forest.

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### Visit the SCMA at AIA SAR

*October 1 and 2, in Greenville, S.C.*

SCMA representatives will be exhibiting at the American Institute of Architects South Atlantic Region Expo 2009 on Thursday, October 1, and Friday October 2, at the Carolina First Center in Greenville, S.C.

Stop by booth #179 and learn how versatile, distinctive cypress can add value, natural durability, and elegance to your green projects.

For a complete schedule of events, please visit the AIA SAR 2009 [website](#).

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### Cypress Shines at the 2009 Solar Decathlon

*BeauSoleil Features Innovative Cypress*

The SCMA is a proud sponsor of the 2009 University of Louisiana at Lafayette Solar Decathlon team. The biennial competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy challenges twenty international teams to build the most livable and energy-efficient solar homes.



Locally sourced cypress siding was chosen by the students over other products, including: plastic, steel, aluminum, cement boards, and other species of wood. Functional cypress shutters were designed to help cool the inside of the home and protect its windows from 140mph hurricane winds. Cypress also was used for the indoor/outdoor breezeway wall covering, interior doors, and custom side tables. Kitchen cabinetry was fabricated from formaldehyde-free cypress plywood.

Built to resemble traditional Louisiana style, the 800-square-foot BeauSoleil, which means "beautiful sun" in French, meets LEED standards. It's designed to incorporate local materials, generate more energy than it consumes, collect its own water using a cistern, and capture natural breezes and sunshine.

The solar homes are open to the public on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., from October 9-13 and 15-18. More than 200,000 visitors are expected at this year's "solar village."

For more information on BeauSoleil and its team, please visit [www.beausoleilhome.org](http://www.beausoleilhome.org). For more information on the Solar

Decathlon, visit [www.solardecathlon.org](http://www.solardecathlon.org).

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## Smart Specification of American Hardwoods and their Future Role in Carbon-Neutral Buildings

*Hardwood Council Offers Podcast*

In June, the Hardwood Council exhibited at CONSTRUCT 2009 and sponsored a seminar based on its popular continuing education unit, The American Hardwood Advantage: Carbon Neutral Materials for Today's Zero-Tolerance Goals. Martha Carlson, educator, conservationist and timberland owner, delivered the material.

Learn what carbon neutrality is, why wood is carbon neutral, and how using wood can assist in net zero construction.

Download a 24-minute [podcast](#) of the presentation at [www.hardwoodcouncil.com](http://www.hardwoodcouncil.com).

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## Delta Millworks Joins the SCMA

Please join us in welcoming Delta Millworks of Austin, Texas, as the newest member of the SCMA.



Delta Millworks was founded in 1985, as a home restoration business. Since then, Delta has evolved into a specialized, high-quality wood product and millwork supplier to Central Texas.

For the year, the SCMA has gained five new members.

For information on joining the SCMA and promoting one of America's most sustainable resources, please visit [www.cypressinfo.org](http://www.cypressinfo.org).

### About the SCMA

The SCMA is proud to promote cypress as part of one of the best kept secrets in the world - forests in the United States are the country's greatest renewable resource and the world's best source for renewable and legal forest products. Member companies are committed to sustainable forestry practices in the harvesting of cypress timber.

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