



Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association

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Learn About Cypress on the Sweets Network

Learn more about building with cypress

The SCMA recently launched a page on McGraw-Hill's Sweets Network. Similar to an online tradeshow, the site enables design professionals and consumers to learn about building with sustainable cypress, view finished project photography, and read case studies about innovative projects.

Visit the SCMA's [page](#) and learn why cypress is a natural choice for durable interior and exterior projects.



Photo by Tria Giovan, courtesy Woman's Day Special Interest Publications

Build a Raised Vegetable Garden Bed

Cypress was used for a raised vegetable garden bed featured in the spring issue of Garden Ideas & Outdoor Living, a Better Homes & Gardens Special Interest Publication. The article offers readers a seven-step guide to building their own vegetable garden.

Cypress is an ideal material given its durability—a benefit of cypressene oil, a naturally occurring preservative in the wood that makes it resistant to rot, decay, chemical corrosion, and insects.



The project requires 10 pieces of 1" x 4" lumber cut to 4-foot lengths. Find a local cypress lumber supplier at www.cypressinfo.org.

Read the full article [here](#).

Cypress Enhances New Projects

SCMA members have been busy supplying cypress for high-profile community building projects.

[New Orleans Botanical Garden Duplantier Volunteer Pavilion, New Orleans, La.](#)

The Duplantier Volunteer Pavilion originally was built as a tool shed for volunteers who helped restore the gardens after they were almost completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Acadian Hardwoods & Cypress, Ponchatoula, La., donated the cypress used on the 1,000-square-foot project.

View photos of the project [here](#).

[Merchants Millpond Visitor Center, Gatesville, N.C.](#)

The 7,500-square-foot facility helps visitors understand and appreciate Merchants Millpond State Park's unique ecosystem. Gates Custom Milling, Gatesville, N.C., milled the cypress siding and interior wainscoting used on the center as well as a canoe shelter.

View photos of the project [here](#).

Visit the SCMA at AIA Florida's 2010 Tradeshow

Friday, August 20

SCMA representatives will be exhibiting at American Institute of Architect's 2010 Florida Tradeshow on Friday, August 20, at the

Sawgrass Marriot in Ponte Vedra, Fla.

Stop by booth #40 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 Florida [website](#).

Welcome Our New Officers

Join us in welcoming our new president, Christopher Sackett of Turn Bull Lumber Company, Elizabethtown, N.C., and vice president, Frank Vallot of Acadian Hardwoods & Cypress, Ponchatoula, La.

"I'm excited about my new position and the coming year. Our promotion plan is designed to reach the design community and homeowners so they can confidently build with a naturally durable and sustainable material," noted Sackett. "Data from the U.S. Forest Service shows that more cypress is growing than is removed in the southern states. Our goal is to continue that trend through our member's continued commitment to responsible forestry practices.

SCMA members voted for the new officers at the Association's Annual Meeting in March, at the Renaissance International Plaza in Tampa, Fla.

Briefly...

- The latest proposed change to the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design's (LEED) Forest Certification credit is open for public comment at www.usgbc.org, until July 4. The emerging policy evaluates certification standards against a benchmark with numerous criteria. Use of products meeting the certification standards will earn half credit, full credit, or double credit to programs depending on their degree of compliance.

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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