

School Food Gardens get Glass Greenhouses

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 20, 2012 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – When a local Hillcrest resident asked EcoHouse to remodel his 60 foot sunroom, architect and custom home builder Rodney Collins suggested donating the glassed room to local educational gardens. Not only will the material be reused, but the local food system movement will benefit by better educating our school children and producing good food for the schools and the local farmers markets. The environment will be better served in so many ways, instead of filling the landfill. The final disassembling and move will take place on Saturday, March 24, 2012.

“We are happy to have a new home for the glass house,” says Clark Trim. Gold Sponsors of the Arkansas Flower & Garden Show and Owners of Colonial Wines & Spirits, Clark Trim and Henrick Thostrup make the generous donation of the sunroom.

EcoHouse contacted the Arkansas Sustainable Network for help finding a suitable local garden who needs the structure. “Smells of orange blossoms,” Rodney told them.

Carsten Platz of Ace Glass, already a proponent of local food, donates his time, expertise and equipment for the massive project of disassembly, moving the curved glass room and reconstruction into new forms.

The sunroom will go mostly to Hall High School here in Little Rock for a large educational greenhouse. The gardening program is under the direction of Jonathon M Buford who is hands on helping with the move. Remaining portions of the sunroom will also go to Felder Farm and the Victory Garden Project. Felder Farm is a school farm and educational market garden located at Felder Academy, a Little Rock school for 6th thru 12th grade. The Victory Garden Project is a non-profit urban farm in the Stifft Station neighborhood of Little Rock, Ark., sponsored by the Central Arkansas New Agrarian Society and the Arkansas Sustainability Network.

EcoHouse is an architect and builder of fine custom homes and remodeling in Little Rock area. More information: www.EcoHouseConstruction.com . Contact Rodney Collins, architect at 501 303 4578. Contact Carten Platz, glass installer at 501 766 4740. Contact Jonathan M Buford, educator/farmer at 501 952 1188.

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