



Welcome to **GREEN BUILDER®**! These are exciting times in the world of green building and sustainability. Every day brings more news of the ever-increasing momentum of Earth-friendly, socially responsible advances in the art and science of integrating the built environment into the Natural one...

From the beginning of 2005, we at **GREEN BUILDER®** have been busy with building and development projects, as well as presentations and workshops for builders, contractors, architects, building officials, designers of all kinds, product manufacturers and a variety of other professionals, including folks who just have an interest in healthier living.

We began January with our involvement in the Not So Big Show House, near Orlando Florida, designed by Sara Susanka and built by Cameron Bradford for the 2005 NAHB International Builders Show. In addition to on-site tours of the show home, video and audio presentations for the visitors and written articles about the project, **GREEN BUILDER®** also participated in a Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC) Green Building Guidelines workshop and an official NAHB educational track about the show house.

February found the partners of **GREEN BUILDER®**, Ron Jones and Sara Gutterman, in Houston to deliver a presentation at Rice University's 13th annual environmental conference, the Urban Jungle: Cities in the Image of Nature and then on to present the keynote address to the Environmental Connection 2005 Conference and Expo hosted by the International Erosion Control Association and held in Dallas.

Ron and Sara began March with a pair of presentations at the annual corporate conference of the Toronto-based insulated concrete forms (ICF) manufacturer, AMVIC, which was held at the Gaylord Texan near Fort Worth. The partners then attended the 2005 NAHB National Green Building Conference in Atlanta, which was highlighted by the National Green Building Awards and green project tours of greater Atlanta.

April proved to be especially busy for **GREEN BUILDER®** as the partners participated in Engineering Sustainability 2005 conducted at the Pittsburgh Convention Center and presented by the Mascaro Sustainability Initiative and the University of Pittsburgh School of Engineering. They then found inspiration from guided tours of Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob, two of the well know works of Frank Lloyd Wright which can be found only miles apart in western Pennsylvania, before moving on to the Nation's capitol for NAHB Spring Board of Director's meetings.

While at those board meetings, **GREEN BUILDER®** announced the birth of Green Builder® Magazine, which will debut its premier issue in the Fall of '05. Additionally, the Board of Directors honored Ron by naming him a Life Director of NAHB.

The first half of May found Sara and Ron once again in Florida, where they presented another SBIC workshop, this time at the store facility of HealthyHome.com in St. Petersburg. They then traveled to the Coverings Conference in Orlando, where they delivered a joint presentation on green building trends and roamed the exhibit hall taking in the latest offerings in tile, stone and other popular floor covering products...

Stay tuned for future updates in the adventures of **GREEN BUILDER®**. Upcoming events include presentations at EcoBuild America in June in Orlando, as well as a three-week green building workshop in July at Hollyhock, an educational retreat center on stunning Cortes Island in British Columbia. For more information about **GREEN BUILDER®**, visit [www.thegreenbuilder.com](http://www.thegreenbuilder.com) or send an email to Sara at [sara@thegreenbuilder.com](mailto:sara@thegreenbuilder.com). If your company has an event or announcement that you'd like for us to include in our next newsletter, please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you!

In the meantime, have fun, be well, and live green.