

JOIE de VIVRE

June 2008 Team Newsletter and UPDATE

We would like to update you on the progress of **TEAM BeauSoleil**. Your involvement is very important to us and to our success as we continue to research and progress in all areas of the project including **design, communications, media outreach, funding, and fabrication**. We are continuing to gain momentum and are looking forward to the future promise of the project. Our recent involvement has ranged from **presenting to elementary through college students** and interacting with local media. BeauSoleil has been featured recently in the **Currents in Baton Rouge, The Times of Acadiana, and The Vermillion**. We have also done a film piece with **Cox Communications** and are about to begin another film with the **Cinematics Art Program here at UL**. We are excited about the new partners offering support for TEAM BeauSoleil and thank you to all who continue to be consistent in our process. Please continue to spread the word about the potential of this home and we will continue to keep you updated on our progress!

-TEAM BeauSoleil (This is the first of monthly JOIE DE VIVRE newsletters)

We could not do this without our partners who have graciously offered their expertise, opinions, and skills. Our Partners and Funders list is growing and TEAM BeauSoleil is proud to announce that we have achieved one third of our fundraising goal! We have more to go but would like to thank the following for their cash and in kind gifts that bring us that much closer to the competition in Washington DC!

LIVE OAK PARTNERS (\$25,000 and up):

Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

MAGNOLIA PARTNERS (\$10,000 - \$24,999)

Gulf Coast Reovery Fund - A Community Foundation of Acadiana Fund
BP Solar (Solar Golfcart)

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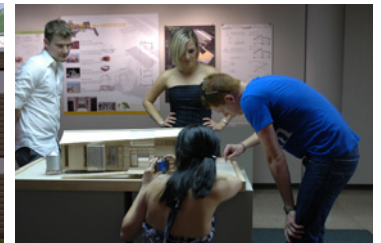
Rebirth Capital LLC
Roy T. Dufreche and Associates

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John and Colleen Chappuis
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Louisiana Architectural Foundation
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JOIN TEAM BEAU SOLEIL:

TEAM BeauSoleil invites all partners and friends to join the team for **bi-monthly meetings every other Monday starting June 30, 2008** in Dean's Conference room located on the second floor of Fletcher Hall. The BeauSoleil Louisiana Solar Home 1/2"=1' model will be on exhibit in the Dean's gallery on the 2nd floor of Fletcher Hall until the end of July. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS SUBMITTAL:

June 3rd TEAM BeauSoleil reached a new milestone by presenting the first version of the team's design and construction documents, communications plan, and web site to the United States Department of Energy Solar Decathlon organizers for review. The design has reached a new level of completeness and looks forward to hearing from the judges mid-july.

For more information on the BeauSoleil Louisiana Solar Home, please call Geoff Gjertson (337) 278-2722 or Catherine Guidry (985) 519-1782.

In January 2008, the US Department of Energy announced that TEAM BeauSoleil was one of twenty universities in the world to be selected to participate in the 2009 Solar Decathlon in Washington D.C. Since, the TEAM has vetted over twenty different design scenarios and has arrived at a design that is regionally-appropriate, affordable, and an energy hybrid of passive and active systems. The overall house form is known as a "dog-trot" for the passageway that extends through the home allowing for cool breezes. This "transitional porch" can be enclosed as an additional interior living area or left open as an exterior porch or entertainment space. At only 800 square feet, the BeauSoleil is a highly efficient starter home for singles, young families, or empty-nesters. Subsequent versions of the BeauSoleil Home will also offer additional bedrooms for growing families. The BeauSoleil Home will generate its own power from roof-top solar cells, collect its own drinking water from rainwater harvesting, and heat the water with solar energy. Structural Insulated Panels (SIPS), low-energy appliances, lights, and a highly-efficient air-conditioning system will reduce overall energy use.

For the most up-to-date information from TEAM BeauSoleil visit www.BeauSoleilHome.org