

Dear BOBer,

I can't wait to share some news and make sure you plan to join us next week for the

**Building Outside the Box (BOB) Quarterly Meeting:
Design Resource Office and Demonstration Garden
A Sustainable Suburban Office and Landscape Tour**

Thursday, June 10, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

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(see directions below)



Please see the details below and **RSVP to gwengriffith@gmail.com** so we have a count for **free provided lunch from Bread and Company!** Feel free to pass this along to all interested parties!

First – Congratulations to Kevin Guenther and Design Resource!! The Design Resource Office and Demonstration Garden has been chosen by the **Sustainable Sites Initiative™ (SITES™)** to be one of the **first pilot sites across the country** to test the nation's first rating system for green landscape design, construction and maintenance.

SITES™ selected the Design Resource Demonstration Site based on its extensive environmentally friendly elements and unique applications of green technology over an existing suburban context. The demonstration gardens were designed by landscape architect Kevin Guenther to retrofit a model of sustainable design over a small 1/3 acre residential lot. The project will exemplify the rebuilding of healthy soil, backyard wildlife habitat and hydrological systems within a suburban setting. The production of organic food and the integration of living animal systems are also of

prime importance in the site design. The careful design of these systems produces a beautiful setting that adds economic value and connects the site to its surrounding community.

Some of the design elements on the site include:

- **Rain water harvesting**, protecting clean water and high efficiency irrigation
- A native and drought tolerant **plant palette** with seasonal color and texture
- Demonstration of **green roof** technology
- A rich **biodiversity** in flora and fauna
- A high yield of **food** from compact garden space
- **Composting** and healthy soil management
- Application of **solar technology** to harvest energy
- Attractive **design patterns** that reflect the interface between people and nature

The timing is perfect for our long planned tour of this fascinating sustainable suburban landscape. On top of that **Bread and Company is generously providing lunch for the tour!!** Please plan to join us and see the wonderful outcomes that have resulted from this collaboration of Design Resource with a team of experts including the Center for Holistic Ecology, GroWild Nursery and TN Land and Water Incorporated. For more information about the SITES™ initiative visit www.sustainablesites.org.

**Please RSVP to gwengriffith@gmail.com and let me know you if you plan to attend.
Hope to see you there!!**

Directions to Design Resource, 501 Woodland Hills Avenue, LaVergne, TN

- From Nashville go South on I-24 East
- Go about 13 miles on I-24
- Take exit # 64, take the ramp right for Waldron Road toward LaVergne
- Go about 0.5 miles and turn left onto Waldron Road
- Take a quick left onto Silver Birch Land
- Take next right onto Woodland Hills Drive
- Arrive at 501 Woodland Hills Drive on the corner on the right

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