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Working His Magic:
Robert-Runyon, Working with Nature to Create the New Pavilion.



Panelists were, Left to right : Dan Coody - Mayor, City of Fayetteville , H. Collins Haynes - CEO, Haynes Limited, local architecture and land development firm , Jon Johnson - Executive Director of Applied Sustainability Center, University of Arkansas, Kim Smith - Chair of Biological Science, University of Arkansas; board member ONSC . Moderator, Mike Adelman

The focus of the Fayetteville Natural Heritage Association' 2008 Annual meet-



2008 Golden Acorn recipient, Marion Orton, Sharing a few wonderful memories with the group.

ing was sustainability. It was presented to 74 members and guests in the form of a panel discussion among representatives of government, business, academia, and science.

Over the course of a ninety minute conversation, the Association's panelists indicated sustainability was still a viable strategy for our society, but as depletion of non-renewed resources continues, sustainability will cease to be an option and will emerge as a mandatory imperative. Panelists indicated citizens can learn how to be more sustainable in our homes and

community, but need to communicate to both business and government desirability of cooperative action for better resource allocation throughout our society. A special plea was made to engage youth as champions for sustainability through education both in schools and in our homes, echoing Seattle's maxim that 'we don't leave the future to children, we borrow it from them.'

Additionally, Hugh Kincaid was presented the Association's 'Golden Acorn' award



Golden Acorn Award recipient, Hugh Kincaid,

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COMMUNITY NATURAL AREA PRESERVATION

Exposure to Concepts about Community Natural Area Preservation

At the National Partners in Community Forestry Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, Karen Rollet Crocker

and Bob Caulk joined with people from 47 states. The major messages that were useful for Fayetteville Natural Heritage Association were: We, as natural area preservationists,

should insist that urban foresters and environmental planners take a more active role in the planning process of our city

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Sustaining Our Natural Heritage

At the recent Annual Meeting of the FNHA, a very significant panel discussion took place. It was on SUSTAINABILITY, a concept defined as using the earth's resources today in such a way that future generations will have adequate resources for their use. One statement was made that caught my attention -- at the present rate of consumption, we will run out of oil by the year 2040! It seems that if we are to sur-

community support and a passionate, dedicated and talented board of directors. With this combination, the FNHA has been able to raise over \$600,000. This spring we will complete our \$300,000 pledge to the City to help purchase Mount Sequoyah Woods. Part of this pledge will be a natural stone and timber pavilion designed and built by Robert Runyan at the lower end of the Woods. It will be the Underwood - Lindsey Pavilion because of their contribution to pre-

Hugh Kincaid, neighbors and other citizens to raise funds to help save this property for Fayetteville. Currently trails and overlooks are being designed so that everyone can enjoy this special place.

In order to identify other significant places of our natural heritage, the FNHA initiated a study, "The Urban Forest Conservation Assessment for Fa-



The Pavilion in Mount Sequoyah Woods
Photo by Duane Woltjen

to pass on the natural gifts we have been given to future generations. He will have an exceptional board including Karen Rollet-Crocker (vice chair), Tom Lonon (treasurer), Nancy Varvil

IN ORDER TO REMAIN SUCCESSFUL IN SAVING OUR IRREPLACEABLE NATURAL HERITAGE, FNHA NEEDS YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

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vive on this plant we must learn to wisely use what we have been given and pass it on to future generations.

Saving our natural heritage resources in Fayetteville for future generations is exactly why the FNHA was formed in 2002. The organization has grown and been successful because it has had strong

serve the Woods and build the structure.

The FNHA has also worked to preserve the fourteen acre Brooks-Hummel tract, a beautiful valley in Fayetteville with a stream and pond just north of Lake Lucille. We helped raise \$180,000 to support the City's effort to purchase the property. The FNHA worked closely with

etteville". This project was made possible by a \$20,000 grant from the Arkansas Forestry Commission and the technical support of the Fayetteville office of The Nature Conservancy. The FNHA matched the grant with our expert labor. Karen Rollet-Crocker, vice chair of the FNHA, was the project director. She completed the study with the help of FNHA board members Bob Caulk and Duane Woltjen as well as Ethan Inlander with TNC and John Crone with the University.

Now we look to the future. The FNHA is fortunate to have Bob Caulk as its new chairman. Bob, will bring (as he already has) his organizational skills and vision to keep the FNHA moving on to new projects and to further its mission

(secretary), Duane Woltjen (with wife Judy constant conservationists), Doug James (professor of biology and ecology), Walt Eilers (business consultant), Steve Hatfield (newsletter editor), Sara Caulk (web site editor), Mike Adelman (Procter and Gamble executive turned conservationist and organizer of our annual meeting) and Deborah Coody (conservationist and City government expert). With this group, we all can work together to sustain ourselves and those who come after us.

Article by: Pete Heinzelmann



Nearing Completion, The Pavilion in Mount Sequoyah Woods
Photo by Duane Woltjen

Community Natural Area Preservation

We can, and should, develop individual and organizational partnerships to accomplish our goals

There are social, environmental, educational and economic reasons why we should preserve community forests and natural areas

Natural area preservation and tree planting and management can no longer be seen as 'beautification', 'amenities' and 'lifestyle' issues: they are a matter of human health, environmental health, the challenge of global climate change, and water preservation

Message one: We, as natural area preservationists, should insist that urban foresters and environmental planners take a more active role in the planning process of our city. We need growth management that interweaves our natural areas with de-

velopment. In Lakeland, a suburban area near Memphis, the forestry program was able to use its Natural Resources Inventory of the community in a very effective way to protect natural resources and maintain community character. The inventory map was used to make informed land use ap-



proval decisions and see how natural areas connected across the landscape. A conservation overlay was checked against each proposed development

This is an advanced planning method that Fayetteville should consider. Message two We can, and should, develop individual and organizational partnerships to accomplish our goals. Presentations about developing partnerships suggested that we might list potential partners and

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for his leadership in securing preservation of several unique natural sites in Fayetteville. Marion Orton received a 'Golden Acorn' for her work over many years including establishment of a community recycling program and driving creation of Fayetteville's sign ordinances. A special 'Golden Acorn' rec-

ognition was also given to Dr. Pete and Margo Heinzelmann for their contribution to the creation of FNHA and its first years of accomplishment.

In other business the members elected Ms. Deborah Coody to the Board of FNHA, filling the unexpired term of Denis Petersen.

The Fayetteville Natural Heritage Association's meeting was featured

then recruit the strongest partners as a first step, seeking out the right people who have an interest in our goals.

We should plan our projects by working backwards from the end point, developing a time line.

We should conduct effective, efficient meetings so that people don't ramble on or take over the proceedings. Also, our work should be fun and we should always be flexible.

Message three and four We need to continue to educate citizens about the need for natural area preservation.

There are social, environmental, educational and economic reasons why we should preserve community forests and natural areas. Natural area preservation and tree planting and management can no longer be seen as 'beautification', 'amenities' and 'lifestyle' issues: they are a matter of human health, environmental health, the challenge of global climate change, and water preservation.

Over the past few years, the perception of the need for forest and natural area preservation has radically changed. A representative from the US Forest Service commented on the daunting challenge of global climate change and the public's lack of knowledge about the part forests play in this equation. Statistically, 60% of US forests are in decline. Also, 25% of our water supplies, many of which are collected in forested areas, are not being managed successfully.

John Rosenow, Chief Executive of The Arbor Day Foundation pointed out that our connection with nature is a large part of our human heritage, and it is less and less available. Many other presenters pointed that the freedom of ranging through natural areas is an experience that leads us to save these places for our children.

We expect our exposure to this information will serve our organization as we continue to absorb and use it.

Article by: Karen Rollet-Crocker,

broadly in the local press and telecast on Fayetteville's Local Government

TV channel.

Article by: Mike Adelman



Bob Calk Presents a Special Golden Acorn Award to Pete and Margo Heinzelmann