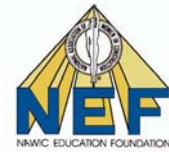


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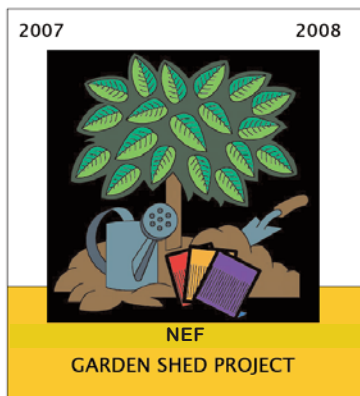
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NEF Unveils New Middle School Program

New NEF pilot program, the Garden Shed Project, is earning great reviews.



The Garden Shed Project is the latest addition to the NAWIC Education Foundation's (NEF) collection of K-12 programs designed to introduce students to construction.

Targeted to middle school students, the pilot project requires students to be design-build contractors who have been contracted to build a garden shed on a specified site. The students must design a garden shed with specific features and within a budgeted amount of \$18,000.

Ashley M. Hines, CIT, is the 2007-2008 NEF Building Design Chairperson, who is overseeing the implementation of this new project.

She said that the Richmond, Va., Chapter of NAWIC has been sponsoring a Building Design program for the past decade with much success. An average of 600 to 800 students participate in the program annually as a result of the work of

the Richmond Chapter. The chapter is presenting an abridged version of its project through NEF in hopes of encouraging more NAWIC chapters, technology instructors and students to participate.

"We are testing the waters this year with our presentation of The Garden Shed Project," says Hines. "We hope to garner more interest and participation from NAWIC chapters and members nationwide, while promoting the industry."

Hines said that a great awareness of construction has been created as a result of student participation in the project. Involvement in the project has helped students realize the diversity of careers that the construction industry offers and the earning potential of those careers. In addition, students are exposed to construction while applying their math and English composition skills. The icing on the cake is that students learn to work as a team and think creatively.

If your chapter is interested in sponsoring a Garden Shed Project, Hines says that it's necessary to know your target group before diving into the project.

"For instance," she says, "a middle school technology instructor may need less support from a chapter or members as he or she has other resources readily available to them through their school. On the other hand, a scout troop leader

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will likely need more support." Once you've identified your group, you must tailor the project to the age and skill level of the participants. Finally, Hines says, she encourages chapter to have fun with the project while making a difference in a child's life.

To find out more about the program, including complete details on how to sponsor a Garden Shed project in your local middle schools, visit www.nawiceducation.org, K-12 programs, or you may contact Ashley Hines at ashley-hines@comcast.net. Be sure to put "NAWIC" in the subject line of your e-mail or call NEF at (866) 277-2883.

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Around NEF

Message from the President ... Sherry J. Yarbrough, CIT

A personal letter to NEF supporters from the president.

Dear NEF Supporters,

It is my privilege to be writing you as president of the NAWIC Education Foundation. It's been a busy year since my installation last September in Orlando, Fla.



Last fall I traveled to the Construction Users Roundtable Meeting & Trade Show. At this meeting our national Block-Kids winner, Patrick Collins, was recognized at the Construction Innovation Forum's Nova Awards Ceremony (see photo at right).

What a great thrill it was for him and for us! Block-Kids continues to be one of NEF's most popular K-12 program, and it's a great success story. In this issue of the newsletter, be sure to read about another great K-12 program, the Garden Shed Project, which is aimed at middle school children. This program can be offered in a variety of settings and time frames and has sparked some great interest among our chapters. Several are testing it this year, and I encourage your chapter to get involved, if you haven't already.

One of the priorities this year for NEF is to develop the Construction Bookkeeping 101 course as our next certification program. A committee is hard at work, and much of the curriculum material has been identified.

Also, I'd like to remind you that the May test date (with a March 15 registration deadline) will be the last opportunity to test under the old Construction Document Specialist exam. As you know, we have launched a new version of the CDS program, and are phasing out the old material. Contact the NEF Office today if you have an interest.

Finally, I know that NEF has gone through many changes during the past year with the move to the Clemson, S.C. office. Our dedicated volunteers have worked hand-in-hand with staff to ensure that NEF continues to promote the programs that help current and future generations of construction personnel realize the great potential in the industry. Thank you for your support of NEF, and I encourage you to read the rest of the newsletter to see how NEF is promoting construction through education!

Sherry J. Yarbrough, CIT
NEF President



2007 Block-Kids Winner

Tamie Taylor, CDT, CDS, CIT, NAWIC president, left, and Sherry Yarbrough, CIT, NEF president, were on hand to see Patrick Collins, the 2007 National Block-Kids winner, receive a NOVA Award from The Construction Innovation Forum (CIF) in Naples, Fla., last November. CIF is an international, non-profit organization formed in 1987 to recognize and encourage innovation that improves quality and reduces cost of construction. Congratulations, Patrick!

2007-2008 NEF Officers

Congratulations to the 2007-2008 NEF Officers! The officers were installed in September at NAWIC's 52nd Annual Meeting and Convention in Orlando, Fla.

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Sponsor Spotlight

Able Body Labor Makes Unique Donation

NEF gets a little help on its marketing materials from temporary staffing agency.



When Amanda Dawson, marketing account executive for Able Body Labor, was asked to be on the NEF marketing committee, she didn't quite realize the extent of involvement that her employer would have with the committee.

In 2007, Able Body Labor – which is a temporary staffing agency headquartered in Clearwater, Fla. – made a generous donation of helping NEF design and print its marketing materials, which included its brochures.

“When I saw what the [marketing] committee had already created,” says Dawson, “I knew the design team at my company could really help take the brochures to the next level. Able Body Labor has the resources to design and print in-house so it seemed like a natural fit.”

As a result of Able Body Labor's donation, NEF received brand new brochures for its various programs including Block-Kids, CAD Design, NEF K-12 Programs, Construction Document Specialist (CDS) and Adult Education Programs. Able Body Labor donated the writing, designing and printing of all of the brochures, which were distributed at the NAWIC convention last year in addition to the Construction User's Round Table (CURT) exposition this year.

“The brochures will truly help promote the Foundation as a great source for continuing construction education and help introduce the youth programs to the community,” Dawson says.

Able Body Labor is a family-owned and operated temporary staffing agency. Celebrating 22 years in business, the company provides temporary workers to more than 5,000 customers in 24 states. Built on a philosophy of taking care of its workers, it has placed more than 100,000 men and women in 2007.

Support NEF Through Sponsorships – Become a 'Partner in Education'



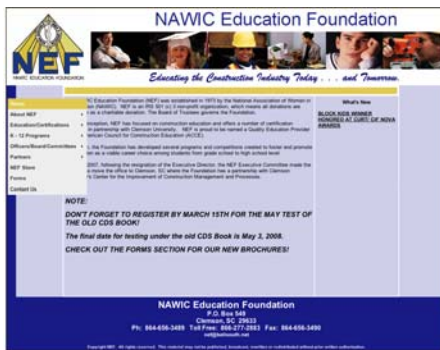
As you can see, the sponsorship support of Able Body Labor was a unique and welcome donation.

NEF offers five sponsorship levels for those companies wanting to become a “Partner in Education,” supporting the purpose and goals of the organization.

Sponsorships range from \$10,000 to \$500 per year to suit every interest level. As an NEF sponsor, companies support the quality work of NEF's programs and are entitled to various promotional and marketing opportunities. To learn more about the benefits of a sponsorship, please contact the NEF Office at (866) 277-2883.

New Administrator Enjoys Challenge of NEF Office

Emma Campbell coordinates programs, fields questions and handles everyday details.



Emma Campbell is the new administrator at the NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF) office based at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. As the administrator, she manages the daily activities of the national office including overseeing the various educational programs that NEF offers.

Campbell has served as administrator since August 2007. She said that the 2007 NAWIC convention in Orlando, Fla., was a great introduction to what NAWIC and NEF is all about. She was impressed with the warm welcome that she received from members.

“I had only been on the job for a month when I arrived for this event [NAWIC convention],” she remembers. “I was very nervous about meeting everyone for the first time. However, I met a great group of ladies who made me feel like I had known them forever.”

Campbell says that she is enjoying her job as administrator and the challenges that the job provides. One of her main duties is to field various questions by members. Here are the most frequently asked questions that she receives at the NEF office and their answers.

Question: How much does the CIT book cost and how much is the test?

Answer: The CIT course is \$160 and that includes the cost of one test.

Question: Can I still take the “Old” CDS test?

Answer: The last opportunity to take the old CDS test is May 3, 2008. The reg-

The NEF Web site has brochures of all of the educational materials offered that can be printed from the Web site. To access these brochures, please visit www.nawiceducation.org.

istration deadline for the May 3 exam is March 15, 2008. After that date, the certification will require two tests based on the new CDS course.

Question: Does NEF have any materials that I can pass out at my chapter meeting?

Answer: The NEF Web site has brochures of all of its educational materials as well as the K-12 programs offered. They can be printed directly from the Web site. To access these brochures, please visit www.nawiceducation.org.

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Sherry Yarbrough Installed as NEF President

President focuses on staying the course and new Bookkeeping 101 program.



NEF installed Sherry J. Yarbrough, CIT, an education advocate and former NEF trustee, as its president at the organization's Annual Trustees Meeting held during the National Association of Women in Construction's 52nd Annual Meeting and Convention in Orlando, Fla., last fall.

Yarbrough is executive director of the San Diego Associated Builders and Contractors Apprenticeship Trust in Poway, Calif. Prior to becoming president, she was president-elect. Yarbrough has extensive involvement with NEF. Besides serving on the NEF Board of Directors as secretary, vice president and president-elect, she has served several terms as NEF trustee.

A long-time education advocate, Yarbrough has a bachelor's degree in business and economics and was a certified teacher. Much of her professional life has been devoted to education, specifically working in construction apprenticeship and craft training. As executive director, she oversees the training of more than 700 apprentices and trainees and the maintenance of a 50,000 square foot training facility. Yarbrough is a member of the San Diego Chapter of NAWIC.

For the 2007-2008 year, Yarbrough plans to work closely with the new NEF staff. The staff is headquartered in the Construction Science and Management Dept. at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. Her first and foremost goal is continuing to provide the quality educational

products and services that students of NEF and the construction industry have come to expect. In addition, she is looking forward to the development of a much-needed certification course – Construction Bookkeeping 101.

Yarbrough would also like to increase the visibility of NEF's construction education products to employers, trade associations and those professions affiliated with the industry such as insurance, bonding, accountants and attorneys.

"We will continue to build on NEF's success in recent years such as approval as a quality educational provider by the American Council on Construction Education (ACCE)," she said. "We also hope that our work with educating young people about construction careers will ultimately generate corporate sponsorship of our K-12 programs and allow us to reach more children."

Yarbrough has personally benefited from NEF's programs through the Construction Industry Technician (CIT) course. She said the knowledge she gained through the course material was extremely valuable in her current position. Other students, who have taken NEF certification courses, share the same opinion as Yarbrough's, which is why she plans to work so hard to promote NEF programs.

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Helen Adams Receives Volunteer Award

NEF award recognizes individuals for their service and talents.



Long-time NEF volunteer and former NEF president, Helen Adams, CIT, received the Darline H. Johnson Volunteer Achievement Award. The Darline H. Johnson Volunteer Achievement Award is given to individuals for their outstanding contribution of time and talents to advance the work of the NAWIC Education Foundation. Awarded annually by the NEF Executive Committee, it is named after past national president of NAWIC, Darline H. Johnson.

Adams, an accountant with Lloyd Construction Co. Inc. in Tucson, Ariz., received the distinguished honor for her extensive volunteer work for NEF during the past three decades. She served as president of NEF from 2002-2003. Her accomplishments include:

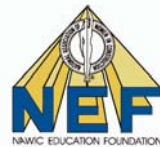
- Helping to market the first NEF textbook, which eventually became Introduction to Construction, written for NAWIC by Dr. Keith Blankenbaker.
- Serving as coordinator for the Intermediate Construction course, which grew from the Introduction to Construction course.
- Serving as guardian controller of the NAWIC Education Committee during the early years in NEF's history.

Adams remembers when women were not encouraged to go into construction-related occupations. Entering college in the early '60s, she wanted to become an architect but was told that "women will not be accepted as architects" so she switched her major to financial business

and management. She has been able to put her degree to good use having worked in the construction industry for more than 40 years. Adams is glad to see the strides women have made since she was in college.

"Now, there are women architects and engineers and what an asset they are to the industry!" Adams says. "I just wanted women to have the same opportunities in construction as men and by offering them some level of continuing education, that door of opportunity would be opened to them. One of my best rewards is seeing CIT, CCA and CDS after so many members' names!"

After 30 years of NEF service, Adams has no plans of slowing down. She is already working with past NEF presidents Linda Young, CIT, and Susan Carson, CIT, on the new text for the Bookkeeping 101 course.



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