

The Green House Effect

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Nearly 500 visitors from as far away as Chicago and Boston toured the first HGTV Green Home at Tradition Hilton Head last week.



“We are excited about the start of public tours,” said Martin Sauls IV, Public Relations Director for Tradition Hilton Head. “The initial day was fantastic. Visitors were impressed with the HGTV Green Home, as well as our new Green Preview Center, a first for the region. We look forward to the thousands of visitors over the coming months.”

Melanie Coffman and her daughter Kristen Bronke vacationing on Hilton Head Island from Chicago were the first to tour visitors to step onto the veranda of the Lowcountry-style home which has achieved the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Gold certification.

“This tour is a great opportunity to learn about green building and interior design and lifestyles that help protect the environment,” said Bronke, a high school teacher. “We definitely will be entering to win the home.”

United Way of the Lowcountry is the charitable recipient of proceeds from the HGTV Green Home public tours, and local United Way volunteers are guiding the tours.

On Monday, volunteers from United Way-funded agency Access Network were on hand to give the tours. A total of 150 United Way volunteers will assist in the HGTV Green Home tours. The home is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., and tickets are \$20 per person. The house will be open to the public through May 18.

With Melanie Coffman and Kristen Bronke in the first group to tour the HGTV Green Home Monday morning were David and Cathie Townsend of Greenville, S.C.; Bob and Rita Lindberg of Waterford, N.Y.; Joanne Dahl of Waterford; and Jane Gasser of Muncie, Ind.

By the end of the first day Sauls reported that nearly 300 visitors had toured the home which features cutting-edge environmental design and construction, energy- and water-saving appliances and technology, recycled materials, solar panels on the roof, high-efficiency air filters, on-demand hot water, state-of-the-art insulation, pervious pavers, and native, non-intrusive plantings, all of which Tradition Hilton Head’s preferred builders can incorporate into your new home construction.

Visitors also are invited to walk through the region’s first-ever Green Preview Center located next to Tradition Hilton Head’s Welcome Center, where shuttle vans pick up the HGTV Green Home tours.

For more information on the HGTV Green Home and to enter for a chance to win visit www.HGTV.com/greenhome

Tradition Hilton Head – Located in between historic Savannah, GA and the resort community of Hilton Head Island, SC in the city of Hardeeville, Tradition Hilton Head is a 5,300-acre master-planned, mixed-use community unlike any other in the South Carolina Lowcountry.

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