



Guerrieri Academic Commons Finishing Touches

As the Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons began to take shape in the spring, a new “lawn” was planted – though most will never see it, and even fewer will ever set foot on it.

Crews from Green Roof Outfitters of Charleston, SC, spent a week at SU installing the building’s green roof, a 20,000-square-foot “lawn” atop the building, comprised of a regional blend of plants.

Sitting on a rubber liner in thousands of one-foot-by-two-foot plastic trays, the plants cover a majority of the roof. While rooftop gardens are not new at SU – University Dining Services unveiled an herb garden atop the Commons dining hall in 2013 – the functionality of the Guerrieri Academic Commons’ green roof is unique among SU buildings.

The green roof will act as a collection and filtration system for rainwater landing on the building, absorbing and cleaning the water before a system of stone-and-concrete collectors distributes it back into the ground, significantly reducing runoff. It also will serve as a natural barrier between the roof and the sun, providing an interior cooling effect for the building.

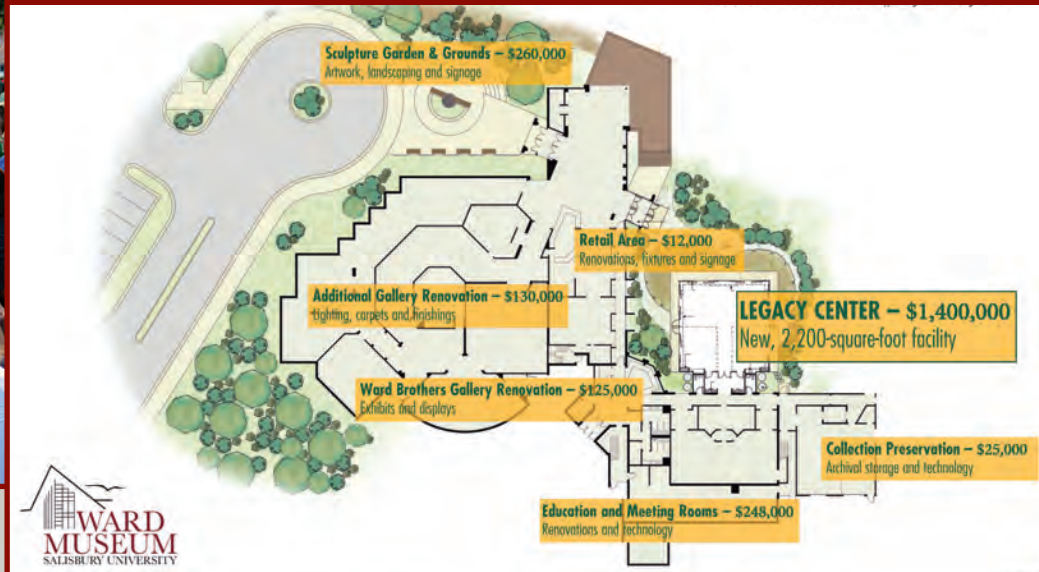
Areas of the roof not covered by the garden, such as those reserved for HVAC or other equipment, will be painted white to reflect the sun, further reducing the amount of heat entering the building from the outside and reducing the urban heat island effect. These measures will allow less energy to be used in cooling the facility.

The building was specially designed to support the weight of the green roof. The plants used on the roof are drought-tolerant – though not all are evergreen.

Gallery Building Gift

Thanks to local developers Palmer Gillis and Tony Gilkerson, SU has a much-anticipated larger presence in downtown Salisbury. They donated one of West Main Street’s signature structures, the Plaza Gallery Building and Annex, to the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. The gift is valued at some \$4.4 million. Located within the city’s historic district, enterprise zone, and arts and entertainment district, the four-story, 60,000-square foot building includes retail, office and residential areas. Potential SU uses for the building include enhancing cultural and extra-curricular education offerings, relocating the SU Art Galleries, providing support for young entrepreneurs, and developing engagement opportunities for retirees, volunteers and other community members.

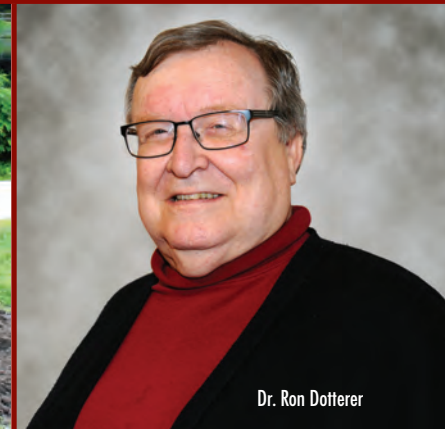
Salisbury University Foundation, Inc.



Stephanie Willey (right)



Legacy Center Groundbreaking



Dr. Ron Dotterer

Willey Performing Arts Gift

Alumna Stephanie Willey '82 plans to help future SU students follow their passion for vocal and musical performance, as well as theatre and dance, by creating the Stephanie T. Willey Performing Arts Scholarship. A planned gift, the scholarship will be funded via an IRA that Willey has designated to SU upon her passing. "What I wanted to do was leave a legacy," said Willey, a local sales manager for Comcast Spotlight. "I believe that higher education is very important and the arts face issues with funding nationwide; I thought I could make the biggest difference for students who want to pursue a degree in the performing arts."

Ward Museum Education Facility

The Ward Foundation, Inc. earned \$300,000 in grant funding from the State of Maryland to support the construction of a new education facility at Salisbury University's Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art – the John A. Luetkemeyer Sr. and Thomas F. Mullan Jr. Legacy Center.

The John A. Luetkemeyer Sr. and Thomas F. Mullan Jr. Legacy Center will add 2,200 square feet to the museum and be used as an education center and flexible meeting space to serve the growing needs of educational and cultural programs for all ages. Last year, SU's Ward Museum increased its educational service to the community by 39 percent, reaching over 20,000 individuals of all ages with educational programs.

Dotterer Endowed Lecture Series

Past Fulton School of Liberal Arts dean and English professor Dr. Ron Dotterer prepared for retirement after 45 years in the classroom by giving back to SU. The Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. announced the creation of the Dotterer Public Lecture on Literature, endowed with a \$20,000 gift from Dotterer. When considering what he wanted his contribution used for, Dotterer recalled the prestigious speakers that had presented at the University during his tenure – including Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, anthropologist Jane Goodall, feminist pioneer Gloria Steinem, author John Barth, and world leaders Lech Walesa and F.W. deKlerk – and wanted to ensure that students continued to hear from outside voices. Dotterer said though the new series will be focused on literature – teaching English has been one of his life's joys – he intentionally left the topic open-ended enough that speakers could include anyone from scholars to creative writers.