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Happy New Year!
May 2016 be a banner year for us all!



SFC is proud to announce that 2016 is our 10th anniversary year!

Join us for a year long celebration that will culminate with a party Oct 21 in High Point where we began.

SFC EVENTS:

Las Vegas Market

Furniture | Home Décor | Gift

Join SFC for our LVMKT events! Jan 24-28, 2016

Hope for the Future- Inside and Out

Monday, January 25, 1-2pm

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Join us for a vibrant a panel discussion moderated by Michela O'Connor Abrams, President of [Dwell Media](#). Panelists include Sustainable Furnishings Council DESIGNINGGreen Leaders [Robin Wilson](#) and [Monica Pedersen](#) along with SFC Executive Director and resident expert, [Susan Inglis](#). The discussion will inspire responsible choices, point designers to excellent resources among Las Vegas Market exhibitors, and illuminate how going "green" is a great way to grow your business. (0.1 CEU) [REGISTER HERE >](#)

SFC "Sustainable Style" Progressive Luncheon Tour Sunday, January 24, 11:30am-2pm

Sustainable Furnishings Council's Susan Inglis, Executive Director and resident expert, provides you with an overview presentation "What is Sustainable Furniture, Anyway?" then guides you through SFC member showrooms where you see examples and learn more, enjoying a progressive lunch along the way as we view and glean insights about the wide range of stylish sustainable furnishings on offer at Las Vegas Market. Showrooms we will visit include

Kravet, Phillips Collection, Norwalk, and Vispring. CEU-104621 is offered for this tour. [REGISTER HERE >](#)



**Sustainability Essentials Webinar:
The State of Sustainability in the Home Furnishings Industry**

January 21, Noon ET

Discussion lead by SFC Board President Steve Freeman will include a recap of major accomplishments of 2015 and a description of plans for 2016, including our grand 10th anniversary celebration during October High Point Market.

[Click here to Register](#)

Heading to imm cologne? Join SFC for a special tour.



**Education & incentives for SFC visitors
IMM COLOGNE / LivingInteriors
Jan. 18-24, 2016 in Cologne, Germany.**

Programming on sustainability topics is expanded at imm cologne 2016, and includes an on-stage presentation by [Susan Inglis](#), SFC executive director, covering the topic "[Designing to Sustain a Healthy](#)

[Future](#)," on Monday, January 18.

The SFC contingent to imm cologne will enjoy VIP treatment and a variety of special events, including a program at **Ecosign Academy**. Established in 1994, Ecosign Academy offers an interdisciplinary design program that addresses the environmental, social, cultural and economic challenges of our globalized world. SFC will spend 2 hours on Tuesday January 19 enjoying special lectures by professors and a tour.

[Registration](#) for the SFC Tour of imm cologne is free, and provides the following:

- Complimentary exhibition ticket.
- A Welcome Reception.
- Special program & presentation at Ecosign Academy
- Exhibition & Showroom Tours, including to SFC members Calligaris, Ekornes, Jaipur & Vispring.
- Invitation to the immDesign night (limited availability).
- Local Language Support.
- Travel & Visa Assistance.
- Free shuttle service to the event, including airport pick-up and transfer.
- Business Meetings organized with buyers, associations & Koelnmesse management.
- A unique cultural experience – dinner at one of Cologne's breweries.
- Guided City Tours – Cologne, Düsseldorf, Berlin or Munich.
- Cologne Carnival Event.

REGISTER NOW!



Jan 20 - 26, 2016

The [Dallas Total Home & Gift Market](#) is the premier destination for trending products. Access more than 20,000 gift and home décor lines within a convenient, easy-to-shop marketplace.

This market, SFC's Susan Inglis will lead a tour during Design Camp with Lori Dennis and Kelli Ellis. [Learn more here >](#)



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What Educational Offerings does SFC have scheduled?

**Check out our
Events Calendar for 2016!**

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MEMBER NEWS



[Naturepedic](#), a manufacturer of certified-organic mattresses and sleep accessories, with headquarters in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, has earned the [Rainforest Alliance](#)'s Forest Stewardship Council Chain of Custody certification for the natural latex used in its products. [Read more >](#)



THE NEW AMERICAN HOME® is one of the [National Association of Home Builders](#)'s most successful and visible programs produced and presented by the NAHB Leading Suppliers Council (LSC). The design, construction and amenities are market-driven, and showcase the latest in innovative products for the future of homebuilding. In 2017 the home will be designed to Wellness Within Your Walls standards and will feature SFC members' products. To learn more about being included, contact Rob Turner at Phil Kean: turner@philkeandesigns.com



Las Vegas Market announced today that entries for the fifth edition of the prestigious Global Goodness Award, which recognizes furniture, gift and home décor companies for environmentally-friendly, sustainable and socially responsible business practices, will be accepted through Friday, January 8. This year, one company will be selected to receive a Global Goodness Awards, along with a special "People's Choice," award, at Winter 2016 Las Vegas Market, running January 24-28, 2016.

[Enter here >](#)



SFC members acknowledge the tremendous urgency of addressing climate change,

and take immediate steps to minimize carbon emissions, waste stream pollutants, un-recyclable content and primary materials from unsustainable sources from any product platform under their control. SFC member Impact Consulting takes up the topic annually with a special edition of the magazine.

The February issue of **Home Furnishings Business** will feature their annual epistle on sustainability, eco-friendly retailing and manufacturing that makes a difference to our environment.

Reserve your space by January 15, 2016

Contact [Trey](#) or [Stefanie](#) today!

Visit SFC Members at these shows in January 2016

(included but not limited to)

Atlanta Home Furnishings Market, Jan 12-19

Currey & Co, Eangee Home Design, Europe2You, Jaipur, Jamie Durie Design, Jeffan, Leftbank Art, Libeco Home, Loloi, Maine Woolens, Montes Doggett, Nourison, Peninsula Home, Phillips Collection, Safavieh, Surya, Tritter Feefer

Dallas Market, Jan 20-26

American Leather, Apropos, Classic Home, Copper Instincts, Creative Elegance, Currey & Co, Feizy, Harden, Ibolili, Jaipur, Lazar, Lee Industries, Loloi, Nathan Anthony, Norwalk, Nourison, Omnia Leather, Pacific Green, Peninsula Home, Phillips Collection, Surya, Tomlinson, Vanguard

NYNOW, Jan 30-Feb 3

Canvas Nursery, Itinerant Studio, Maine Woolens, Safavieh



Member info needed for member kits

Each month we send out 20+ member kits to new and renewing members and we would love to include info about your company. SFC can be a great way to network! Let us help you build

your business! Contact Janet,
[252-368-1098](tel:252-368-1098) or
janet@sustainablefurnishings.org
with questions or info.

Industry & Environmental News

The year in rainforests: 2015

Between the landmark climate agreement signed in Paris in December 2015, Indonesia's fire and haze crisis of the late summer and early fall, and continuing adoption of zero deforestation policies by some of the world's largest companies, tropical forests grabbed the spotlight more than usual in 2015.

Here's a look at some of the biggest tropical forest-related developments from the past year. [Read more >](#)



COP21: Was it a Success?

Grand promises of climate change must include keeping fossil fuel in the ground. Read more in [the Guardian >](#)

Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awards

Call for Applications: 2016 Award Cycle Now Open

The second annual Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awards recognize program participants for advancing the goal of chemical safety through exemplary participation in or promotion of the Safer Choice Program. [Apply by January 29, 2016 to be](#)

[considered](#). Award winners will be announced at a ceremony in late spring of 2016 in Washington, D.C.

Safer Choice Program participants are continually driving innovation to make chemical products safer. Our program currently labels more than 2,000 products, used by consumers, institutions and industry, that meet our Safer Choice Standard.



RECENT NEWS:

[The Policy Solution to Climate Change](#)

December 22, 2015

ASBC co-founders David Brodwin and Richard Eidlin co-wrote an article in the Conscious Company Magazine making the business case for a tax on carbon.

[Next Step: A Carbon Tax](#)

December 21, 2015

Quinton Zondervan, president of CABA (an ASNC member), wrote a letter to the editor in the New York Times noting ASBC's and CABA's work to support a carbon tax.

[Reactions to Paris Climate Pact](#)

December 21, 2015

Richard Eidlin wrote a letter to the editor in the Denver Post in support of the Paris climate agreement.

[Senate Passes TSCA Reform, Conference Committee Next](#)

December 21, 2015

Late in the evening of December 17, the U.S. Senate approved its version of reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), wrapping up a months-long saga of process technicalities and holds. The bill now must be reconciled with the substantially different House bill, which passed last spring, through a process known as conference committee. In... [read more](#)

[ASBC Testifies in Support of Toxic Flame Retardant Ban](#)

December 17, 2015

Bryan McGannon, ASBC's policy director, testified before the Consumer Products Safety Commission in support of a petition that would ban a class of toxic flame retardant chemicals from certain consumer products like furniture, mattresses and children's products. The chemicals, known as organohalogenated flame retardants, have been linked to... [read more](#)

[ASBC Praises Paris Climate Agreement](#)

December 15, 2015

In response to the international climate change agreement reached on December 12 in Paris, ASBC released a statement applauding the deal and calling on Congress not to hamper climate response efforts in the US. Among other things, the deal commits the 196 participating nations to significantly reduce carbon emissions and report on their progress... [read more](#)



Reference Websites for you and your Business.

Winter Air Quality:

EPA, together with state and local governments, has expanded air quality forecasting to include year-round, daily information on particle pollution. "Particle pollution" consists of microscopic particles in the air that can get deep into the lungs, potentially causing serious health problems. Unlike summertime ozone, particle pollution can occur throughout the year. Although particle levels aren't high every day, you should check your Air Quality Index (AQI) forecasts to determine whether you need to take action to reduce your exposure. Forecasts, health information, and maps showing real-time particle levels are available on EPA's [AIRNow website](#).

Energy Saving for your Business:

Find financial resources, find [ENERGY STAR Buildings & Plants](#) products and services, calculate your savings, receive free technical help, get a no-cost upgrade manual, and get recognition for your efforts.

E-Cycle Electronic Gear you no longer use:

Is your old TV serving as a coffee table while your retired computer is doubling as a plant stand? And with new technology introduced every day-more powerful computers, HDTVs, and combination wireless phone and internet, do you wonder just how many plant stands and coffee tables you have room for? You're not alone! [Find a recycler where you can drop off old electronics](#).

Not a member yet? Join [Sustainable Furnishings Council](#) TODAY!



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and useful resources such as access to our

Guidance Toward a Toxic-Free Furniture Industry,

**Waste Reduction Resource Guide and Consumer
Research.**

Join TODAY!

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**Ready to take the next step in SFC Membership and be recognized as
Exemplary?**

[Contact Susan](#) to see how to qualify.

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We want you to get the recognition you deserve!

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