

“Our Cultural Landscape” Lecture From The Classical Design Foundation

Charles Birnbaum, Founder and President of The Cultural Landscape Foundation, Washington, DC, will speak on “Our Cultural Landscape,” **Wednesday, October 28 from 7 – 9pm at the Sunrise Theater**, 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines, NC. The event is free and open to the public.

Birnbaum is an internationally known author and speaker, and will present a talk on Southern Pines’ cultural landscape. The program will explore the unique role landscape design played in the establishment of the town, and why residents should care to sustain our landscape heritage. The introduction will be provided by Lawrence Earley, author of “Looking for Longleaf, The Fall and Rise of an American Forest.”

Ray Owen of The Classical Design Foundation asked Sustainable Sandhills to partner with them on this exciting event. He states, “My reason for approaching Sustainable Sandhills is based on the unique role landscape design played in the establishment of Southern Pines. During settlement, the prospective resort was desperately trying to invent itself from the dusty remains of a lumber and turpentine industry past. Town founders devised a landscape restoration plan emphasizing sympathetic plantings of native flora, along with drought-tolerant ornamentals. Southern Pines emerged as a ‘garden place’ with the planting of hundreds of thousands of trees and shrubs.”

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