

Who

Since 1978, Southface has promoted sustainable homes, workplaces and communities. Our programs reach thousands of people each year and are often developed in partnership with government agencies, businesses, foundations and community-based organizations.

In 2016, Visionary Dinner sponsors and host committee included: Mohawk Group; The Turner Foundation, Cox Enterprises, Inc.; The Home Depot Foundation; The Ray C. Anderson Foundation; UPS Foundation; Whole Foods Market, Inc.; Baker Donelson; Columbia Property Trust; eventologie; Georgia Power; Gilbane Building Company; Michael A. Leven School of Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality at Kennesaw State University; Patterson Services, Inc.; and the Ray C. Anderson Center for Sustainable Business at Scheller College of Business at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Past keynote speakers include: Steve Curwood, Andrew Winston, Bridgett Luther, Amory Lovins, Richard Fedrizzi, Quayle Hodek, Jonathan Lash, Ray C. Anderson, Paul Dolan, Lester Brown, Ray Suarez, William McDonough and Paul Hawken.

Renowned Local Chefs

Highly sought-after local chefs collaborate with our in-kind food sponsor to create a regionally sourced, organic and memorable five-course, wine-paired feast.

Past chefs include: Mary Moore of The Cook's Warehouse; Virginia Willis, cookbook author and Southern Living editor; Kevin Gillespe of Revival and Gunshow; Linton Hopkins of Restaurant Eugene and Holman & Finch; Gerry Klaskala of Aria; and Zeb Stevenson of Watershed.

What

The Visionary Dinner raises awareness and funding for Southface's continued work in high-performance affordable housing, green infrastructure, clean energy and healthy buildings and communities. This effort allows policy makers; industry leaders; design, development and construction professionals; and a growing body of interested and concerned citizens to collaborate and celebrate environmental leadership in the region.

To recognize and celebrate sustainability in action, Southface also presents its prestigious Argon Award each year at the Visionary Dinner. This award recognizes exceptional leadership in environmental advocacy. Former winners include Laura Turner Seydel and Rutherford Seydel, Ray Anderson, Arthur Blank and Ted Turner. The 2016 Argon Award was presented to Southface co-founder and outgoing Executive Director, Dennis Creech.

Why This Year is Special

This year's Visionary Dinner will be especially memorable as our new President, Andrea Pinabell, puts her unique touch on the event. As the successor to our co-founder, Andrea brings a fresh and creative perspective to the celebration, including new networking opportunities and a new mix of entertainment, information and celebration.

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