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Benedictine Sisters form monastery grounds committee for Tucson monastery

TUCSON, Ariz. - Friends of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration's Tucson, Ariz., have formed a new committee to spearhead future landscaping and sustainability projects for the monastery.

The Grounds, Landscaping and Well Upkeep Committee includes John Wesley Miller, a homebuilder who has been a leader and innovator in green technologies for more than 30 years.

"His passion now is to help us see the connection that saving water is saving energy and saving energy is saving water," Sister Lupita Barajas, OSB said.

Miller is joined by Gene Zonge, president of the Community Gardens of Tucson; Al Le-Cocq, a custom homebuilder and a long-standing volunteer in many areas over the years with the Sisters. He is currently sharing his expertise and materials to improve the Sisters' irrigation system. Also assisting are Libby Davidson, retired head of the University of Arizona's arboretum; Diana Turner, a sustainable landscaper and Paula Smith, a landscape maintenance consultant.

"It is a blessing to have these people contribute their expertise," Sister Lupita said. "An inventory will be taken of the existing trees and plants. A plan will be drawn in order to decide how to proceed with the care of the grounds and to reflect how we envision the grounds in the future."

For more information, please contact Sister Lupita at (520) 325-6401 or barajasosb@gmail.com.

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A new committee will help shape the grounds and spearhead new projects—such as the recent addition of this pergola—to the Tucson Monastery.

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