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**BLUE EYED DAISY BAKESHOP RECEIVES SILVER LEED CERTIFICATION**  
*Serenbe's Bistro & Bakery is Smallest Building in the Nation with this Designation and is a Model for "Green Business"*

ATLANTA, 03.07—The Blue Eyed Daisy Bakeshop, located in the Chattahoochee Hill Country's Serenbe community, recently achieved Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) status, making it the smallest building in the nation with this significant designation. The certification marks the year-old Blue Eyed Daisy Bakeshop as a leader in environmentally-conscious building and business operation. The "LEED team" was made up of Steve and Marie Nygren (founders and developers of the Serenbe community), Paul Bartos (builder, Morgan & Bartos), Randy Miller (architect), Smith Hanes (interior design), Angie & Johnny Mosier (Blue Eyed Daisy founders), and Brenda Morawa (LEED expert, BVM Engineering).

To celebrate the certification, Serenbe hosted a celebration in its new Ryan Gainey-designed courtyard, located behind the bakeshop. Dennis Creech, executive director of Southface, was an honored guest and spoke on the importance of the bakeshop's Silver LEED status: "Buildings in the US account for approximately 48 percent of our greenhouse gas emissions and are major contributors to water and natural resource challenges. The LEED green building program is making impressive gains with larger commercial buildings, however progress has been slow with small commercial buildings. This is unfortunate as approximately 70 percent of all commercial buildings are small—they are corner stores, doctors' offices, dry cleaners and restaurants that people visit daily. The Blue Eyed Daisy at Serenbe showcases how we can make smaller buildings affordable to operate, healthy and environmentally friendly, as well as charming spaces that people love to visit."

According to former restaurateur and Serenbe developer Steve Nygren, "the Blue Eyed Daisy is a prime example of how small businesses can make a big difference in generating environmental awareness. We are constantly asked, 'Why is there a shower in the bathroom at the bakeshop,' which gives us the opportunity to explain that installing it was part of our LEED certification process, so that employees may ride their bikes here rather than driving, then shower before getting to work. That can lead to even deeper conversations about other ways to reduce your carbon impact, and other small changes individuals and businesses can make that benefit the environment."

Said builder Paul Bartos, "Since the bakeshop is such a small building, we had to take into consideration the environmental impact of every step of our building process. The Silver LEED certification is the ultimate validation in terms of what can be done on a building of this size."

The Blue Eyed Daisy is located in the heart of Serenbe and serves casual lunch seven days a week, a bistro-style dinner Wednesdays and Friday through Sunday, and breakfast on weekends. The bakeshop is operated by Executive Chef Nicolas Bour. For more information, visit [www.serenbe.com](http://www.serenbe.com).

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