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New Case Study Showcases Use of Cypress at Usonian House

PITTSBURGH, January 22, 2014 – The Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association has published a new case study that details the use of cypress at the newly constructed Usonian House at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Fla. Originally designed in 1939 by Frank Lloyd Wright, the home is the latest masterpiece to highlight the famed architect’s affinity for cypress.

Architect M. Jeffrey Baker of Mesick, Cohen, Wilson, Baker Architects in Albany, N.Y., who oversaw construction of the house, said, “The only finished wood Wright used on the campus was cypress. He specified the material in many projects throughout his lifetime and it was a signature trademark of his Usonian homes throughout the country.”

“When we constructed the Usonian House, we expected it to be remembered for the exquisite use of Wright’s signature ‘textile’ blocks, which are indeed remarkable,” Baker said. “But we were unprepared for the warmth the cypress added to the feeling of the spaces. And when people comment on the beauty of the house, they never fail to mention the cypress.”

Download the case study at www.CypressInfo.org. To view photos of the Usonian House, [click here](#).

The Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of cypress building products to trade professionals and consumers. For more information, visit www.CypressInfo.org.

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Editor’s Note: High-res photography is available upon request