



Arts-Oriented Plein Air Breaks Ground

Long known as a haven for artists, musicians and writers, the tiny hamlet of Taylor, Miss., is about to host Plein Air, a TND dedicated to the arts. When completed, Plein Air will include 200 individual homes and a dozen or so commercial and retail buildings.

Named for the French-inspired painter's movement that started in the 1800s, Plein Air will have traditional Southern vernacular wooden homes from 1,200 to 2,200 square feet, with tin roofs and front porches. The neighborhood's commercial district will feature a ceramics institute, an art gallery, artist studios and an open-air amphitheater, as well as restaurants, a grocery market and a general store.

Infrastructure work on Plein Air started in July 2006; the first block of homes should be complete in May 2007. For more information, call 662.832.2770 or go to www.pleinairtaylor.com.