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Cover: Chicago by Design tour participants hear Kathy Nagle (right center) describe 160 North LaSalle project, under renovation by Holabird & Root. Cover photo by Chris Chwedyk, AIA, tour committee member. See Chwedyk's story pages 10 & 11.

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FOCUS on PROGRAMS

Commercial Property: Redevelopment and Reuse Round Table

Sponsor: Real Estate Committee
Wed., Nov. 6, 5:30 p.m.
Cocktail Reception precedes program
Haworth Showroom
Space 830, Merchandise Mart
$7, members; $10, non-members

Scott Baltic, Midwest Real Estate News, will moderate a panel of redevelopment professionals, including: Steven Aarens, senior development manager, JMB; Deborah Peltz, vice president of marketing and leasing, Rubloff; Mark Dewalt, architect, Jack Train & Associates; and Charles Dare, architect, Metropolitan Life.

The panel will explore the process and issues of redevelopment and reuse of commercial properties. Hypothetical situations illustrating the redevelopment process will be discussed, drawing on the various panel members’ actual experience and differing interests. Current opportunities and high interest among owners, architects, brokers, attorneys, and users/tenants in redevelopment of existing buildings promises an engaging evening.

An early reservation is suggested as space is limited. To expedite your intent to attend, you may use your credit card for payment. For details and reservations, call the Chapter office, 312/663-4111, or fax your reservation, 312/347-1215.

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Preliminary Environmental Site Assessments

Sponsor: Committee on the Environment
Tues., Nov. 12, 5:30 p.m.
CCAIA Board Room
RSVP: 312/663-4111
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Harvey D. Pokorny, project manager, Boelter Environmental Consultants, will present a brief synopsis of preliminary (Phase 1) environmental site assessments. Mr. Pokorny will discuss the legal background of CERCLA/SARA, potential liability, and a typical “scope of work,” which includes most issues that are addressed for “due diligence” on a site.

Mr. Pokorny is a certified geologist (AIPG) who has performed over 50 environmental assessments during his 15 years experience as a geologist/environmental scientist and his three years as a real estate appraiser.

If you would like to find out what alphabet mixes such as CERCLA and SARA mean, what the regulatory requirements are for property owners, what is involved in an environmental audit, the various phases of environmental audits, lender liability, responsibilities for environmental problems, and what is required versus what is prudent for buyers and/or sellers of property, this program is for you.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining the committee, please call me at 708/692-4700, or my co-chair, Yue-Kuang Ku at 708/973-2444.

Steven L. Blonz, AIA Committee Chair

Downtown Chicago Urban Design Forum

Sponsor: Planning and Urban Affairs Committee
Wed., Nov. 20, 5:30-8 p.m.
The Cultural Center
78 E. Washington, 4th fl.
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Interested in giving your input regarding urban design issues in downtown Chicago? Come and join the forum focusing on urban design issues outlined in Planning Principles for Chicago’s Central Area. These principles, assembled and recently released by Chicago’s Department of Planning, are the forerunner of future revisions to the open space zoning bonus provisions of the Chicago Zoning Code. Your input at this time can have a significant impact on the direction that future modifications to the zoning bonus provisions will take.

This forum is also co-sponsored by the American Society of Landscape Architects, American Planning Association, Friends of the Chicago River, Friends of Downtown, and the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois.

Joel V. Stauber, AIA Committee Chair

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- Dirk Lohan, FAIA, president, Lohan Associates and Bernie Babka, AIA, principal, Hammond Beeby and Babka.
- Cynthia Weese, FAIA, who was president during the national design debate on design/build, will lead us through the day and provide ample opportunity for your questions.

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Climate Design and Energy-Efficient Buildings

The Committee of the Environment was fortunate to have one of its members, Ms. Helen Kessler, AIA, speak on climate design and energy-efficient buildings at the committee’s September meeting. Ms. Kessler covered a broad range of sub-topics, focusing on what architects can do to make their buildings more energy-efficient. The history of appropriate climate design, current technologies available for designing energy-efficient buildings, principles of solar energy, and energy-efficient lighting were discussed.

Ms. Kessler opened her discussion with the principles of solar energy, including the sun’s path in the sky during the winter and summer, and talked about direct and indirect solar heat gain. The principles of passive solar heating (conduction, convection and radiation) and how these work in relationship to buildings were discussed, as well as the location of windows in buildings and the various ways to allow sun in or keep it out of a structure: new low emissivity (low E) “super windows,” which have two layers of glass with a film in between, reflect infrared radiation (heat) while allowing light from the sun to pass through. Radiation, conduction, and ventilation, all principles of passive cooling, were discussed. Through slides, Ms. Kessler showed various examples of solar energy and discussed various building materials and how they have been used, as well as ways in which they can be better used with respect to energy in buildings.

Passive solar houses and features such as trombe walls, direct gain, earth berms, and other means to temper the indoor environment were approached with detail. Ms. Kessler discussed retrofitting existing buildings and ways to reduce energy consumption. Examples cited were insulation of walls and roofs, double-glazing of windows, energy efficient lighting, such as compact fluorescent lighting and occupancy sensors. Information relating to energy codes was also discussed. Ms. Kessler concluded her presentation with information about product and materials selection in the design of energy-efficient buildings including locations and sources where they may be obtained.

For those wishing to discuss these issues, Ms. Kessler can be contacted at Sieben Energy Associates, Ltd., 312/477-7792. For further information on the Committee on the Environment, please call me at 708/692-4700, or my co-chair, Yue-Kuang Ku at 708/973-2444.

Steven L. Blonz, AIA
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IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES E. DUSTER, AIA
July 13, 1929 - October 11, 1991

Charles’ contribution to Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and the architectural community was a quality of compassion, a consistency of attitude. -Walter A. Netsch, Jr., FAIA

His evenhandedness gave him the ability to keep things in perspective without fanfare or self recognition. -Robert L. Wesley, AIA

He was selfless in his devotion to the causes he adopted. Charles was a professional mentor and my friend. -Rael D. Slutsky, AIA

Charlie Duster, as he was known to his many friends and colleagues at SOM, joined the firm in 1956. He served as a project manager, structural engineer, technical coordinator, or field observer on a wide variety of complex projects. Most recently he served as the project technical coordinator on the mixed-use facility Chicago Place at 700 N. Michigan Ave.

Walter Netsch noted that Charlie’s role on the St. Matthew Methodist Church project, completed in 1970, was an integral part of the team that helped realize the Rev. Mr. Jackson’s hope for the beginning of the desperately needed renewal in that Near North Side community. He also became part of the Pruitt and Igoe Homes Redevelopment team, a joint task force created in 1971 to develop a program to address the problems of the families in this urban St. Louis Housing Authority Project. His involvement in projects concerning social regeneration were immensely fulfilling to his career.

Throughout that career Charlie consistently applied his skills and expertise to his community and was very successful at inspiring and recruiting others. This tradition of community service was carried on through his work with various social, cultural, and educational organizations. His professional affiliations included membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Society of Engineers, and the Chicago Chapter, AIA, where he had served as secretary. He was also a current member of the CCAIA Membership Committee, 1991 Careers for Youth Program, and the 1993 Convention Committee.

In his recollection of the events surrounding the 1968 assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mr. Netsch recalls Charlie gathering the staff of Skidmore together to express in his own words this prominent civil rights leader’s accomplishments. He continued to describe the differences between where he lived and worked compared to many black communities. This marked the beginning of the minority program at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

Susan Dyer
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Steven L. Blonz, AIA
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Light Rail Transit in Downtown Chicago

Joel Stauber, AIA

After years of planning, fundraising and lobbying efforts for the proposed Central Area Distributor Project have recently intensified: A local downtown taxing district has been created by the Chicago City Council with general support from downtown businessmen; federal funding has become more likely since the Department of Urban Mass Transit Authority signed off in September the Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Governor Jim Edgar has not publicly indicated opposition to it.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) indicated above was released in September 1991. It is a compilation of studies required by federal law, which includes background data for the area that the project would affect and potential system alternatives with ridership projections. Options ranged from no change, to express bus systems, to light rail transit systems.

In reply to requests for public response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the CCAIA Planning and Urban Affairs Committee held a joint public forum on September 12 with the Friends of Downtown. Steve Radke, AIA, of the CCAIA, and Diane Watry of the Friends of Downtown were joint moderators of a panel discussion, which included Charles Thurow, acting commissioner of planning; Kay Marrin, project manager, Central Area Distributor Project; Robert Kunze, Central Area Distributor Project staff; and Debra Stone, executive director, Metropolitan Planning Council.

As a result of this panel discussion and other meetings, the Planning and Urban Affairs Committee supports the full-build Light Rail Transit (LRT) option, with some alignment modifications. The proposed LRT is a great opportunity to make significant improvements to the streetscape of key streets in downtown Chicago. Its benefits should be maximized by using street alignments that have the greatest visibility, not only to commuters but also to potential lunchtime, evening, and weekend users, including shoppers, tourists, and conventioners.

The alignments of the proposed LRT should respond to the short haul needs of pedestrians traveling from origins to destinations within downtown. Essential to these short haul needs are connections to other modes of transportation including commuter trains at Union Station, Northwestern Station, and Randolph Street Station; the CTA train stations that dot the downtown area; the network of CTA bus routes; and the primary automobile access routes.

The proposed Light Rail Transit system is not an extension of the subway and elevated train system but, rather, is a potential replacement for bus routes that currently clog a number of key downtown streets. In comparison to buses, the LRT vehicles are more attractive, much quieter and have no smelly exhaust - all potential assets to the environmental quality of streets that currently suffer from heavy bus traffic. The bus options presented in the DEIS do little to improve ambiance of the streets they impact because they simply increase the density of buses on downtown streets. Because of greater carrying capacity, the LRT system could significantly decrease the number of transit vehicles on the street while carrying the same number of riders.

In order for the LRT system to be successful, the fares should be inexpensive, and the LRT system needs to go where people want to go. We feel that these places include:

1. North Michigan Avenue
2. State Street
3. Monroe Street
4. Navy Pier (future destination point)

It is important that the LRT lines not be routed underground if there are
alternatives for running on surface streets. They should not be relegated to back streets if they can be located on primary streets where they can replace heavy bus traffic.

The following are specific comments regarding the full-build LRT option presented in the DEIS, incorporating criteria previously suggested:

1. Move the LRT alignment to Michigan Avenue north of the Chicago River.
   - Michigan Avenue is known around the world and is a key destination area for many potential LRT users.
   - It would facilitate replacement of many bus routes on Michigan Avenue, which currently has more bus routes than any other street in the city.
   - It would provide an increase in potential rider capacity to accommodate the increased transit access needs caused by present and future development on or adjacent to North Michigan Avenue.
   - The proposed Fairbanks Street alignment is not wide enough to accommodate both LRT and car traffic.
   - It is likely that designs can be produced that cause minimal to no impact on existing Michigan Avenue Street trees.

2. Move the LRT alignment to State Street between Randolph Street and Congress Parkway.
   - State Street historically is the center of Chicago and has excellent potential for redevelopment.
   - Greater State Street has greatest concentration of retail in Chicago Metropolitan Area.
   - LRT planning could easily be combined with current plans for State Street rehabilitation.
   - Many or all bus routes on State Street could be replaced by LRT, dramatically improving the environmental quality of the street.
   - The LRT should be routed in front of the new Harold Washington Library to increase visibility of the library and to help people access it.

3. Move the LRT alignment to Kinzie Street from the below grade Carroll Avenue right-of-way.
   - Kinzie Street is mostly above grade and is much more appealing visually and for perceived user security.
   - Kinzie Street is the boundary between taller, denser office oriented buildings to the south and residential to the north.
   - The Carroll Avenue right-of-way alignment has loading docks facing onto it under the Quaker Oats Building, which may block or restrict its use as an LRT route.

4. The Illinois Street/Grand Avenue alignment to Navy Pier is good and should be supplemented by LRT routes that extend along the south side of Navy Pier to the auditorium at the east end.
   - The views from Navy Pier will be spectacular and will draw tourist users to the system.
   - When Navy Pier is developed, it will become another important destination for retail and cultural users.

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6. Another secondary LRT route should extend from the south end of the Canal/Clinton route east along Roosevelt Road through the Museum Campus and out around the Adler Planetarium.
   - It would serve a major tourist destination with spectacular views of the city skyline, as well as world-class cultural institutions.
   - It would provide access to development in the South Loop area.

In summary, we strongly support the concept of a Light Rail Transit system utilizing the alignments indicated, insofar as the Light Rail Transit vehicles will replace existing bus routes on Chicago's major streets. The quiet non-polluting, attractive characteristics of the Light Rail Transit vehicles, combined with improved street and sidewalk paving, street furniture, and other improvements, would greatly enhance the environmental quality of these important streets. In addition to improving access for everyday commuters, this streetscape face lift is exactly what Chicago needs to attract conventioneers and tourists into downtown Chicago.
Touring the North Loop with Chicago by Design 1991

Chris Chwedyk, AIA

On Saturday, September 22, 500 avid fans of Chicago architecture were once again treated to a memorable display of new and innovative buildings at this year’s Chicago By Design walking tour. A cooperative effort of the Chicago Architecture Foundation and the CCAIA, the tour serves to bolster the image of Chicago’s design and construction community by offering a behind-the-scenes look at both the process and products of their collective efforts.

This year the tour began at the State of Illinois Center, where the first Chicago By Design tour began five years ago. CAF Board President Henry Kuehn and CCAIA Foundation President Frank Heitzman welcomed the participants to the packed auditorium and each congratulated the 1991 committee on planning a fine program. Dan Fitzgerald, CAF member and this year’s committee chair, received special recognition for his organization skills.

Dan then introduced the keynote speaker for the event, Drew Nieman of The John Buck Company. Formerly an architect with George Schipporeit, Drew joined The Buck Company in 1983 and has been involved primarily in the downtown office market since then. His slide presentation focused on the North Loop Redevelopment Project, which had its beginnings in the late 1970s when the city designated land parcels for specific building types. The plan has seen fruition in such successful projects as the Leo Burnett Building by Roche/Dinkerlo (Drew’s story of his first day in real estate and his first encounter with Kevin Roche during a cab ride showed off his acerbic wit), the Chicago Title and Trust Center, 225 and 333 West Wacker by Kohn Pedersen Fox, and the R. R. Donnelly Build-

ing (77 West Wacker) by Ricardo Boffil. Lastly, Drew presented renderings of the Wacker Drive Beautification Project sponsored by the Wacker Drive Property Owners Association, which is due to be completed in December. He also made mention of plans by the River Walk Corporation and Friends of the Chicago River for a redeveloped river’s edge along its east and south branches. All this whetted the appetites of the enthusiastic tour-goers as they went off to their tour site destinations.

The renovations and additions by Holabird & Root of the State of Illinois Office Building at 160 North LaSalle were highlighted by the newly created two-story lobby space, which reutilizes a third-floor skylight from the original structure, and the addition of a roof garden on the 21st floor, to be used by the building’s daycare facility. Between the lobby and the roof garden, two-story courtrooms have been added by bridging between the two wings of the originally U-shaped building.

Presenters at the site were Kathy Nagle, Tom Baban, and Linda Montanero of Holabird & Root; Bob Nowak, Joe Kadow, and Rob Bolt of Walsh Construction; and Mia Jazo, Mary Jo Msall and Jeffrey Baity of the Capital Development Board, who graciously allowed viewers into this elaborate renovation.

Another work-in-progress was the 38-story One North Franklin designed by SOM’s Joseph Gonzalez. There the tour groups found a lobby finished in polished and honed marble with an inset granite floor, a curvilinear ceiling rising 36 feet above ground and finished in a mercedes gold lacquer paint, and two-story elevator lobbies finished in mahogany. Present at the site to share their expertise were Paul Zeller, John Rutledge, and Elizabeth Dunkel of Zeller Realty, Peter Brinkerhoff of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; and Jim Dushek and Chuck Blazek of Schal Associates.

Already the winner of several distinguished building awards, The Morton International Building at 100 North Riverside Plaza, designed by Ralph Johnson of Perkins & Will was another tour delight. Jerry Johnson and Celeste Brown of P & W explained the structure and overall building concept, while Arie LaSher and Amyu Yurko, also of P & W, took viewers into the building’s lobby to show how the demands of a difficult site (above railroad tracks) and programmatic restrictions dictated its design. Next was a tour of a Morton office floor, designed by Mekus Johnson and presented by Chris Mekus, Cindi Stungs, Mathew Gilespie, and AnneCarole Hertel. The open office space was surrounded by perimeter offices with clerestory-borrowed lights. Another interesting feature was an office workstation designed for wheelchair access.

The Morton Building’s Water Place Cafe was the location of the tour lunch. Seating in the cafe overlooks the river and its steel drawbridges, which served as inspiration for exposing the huge trusses found on the building’s exterior.

The tour also went behind the scenes at Perkins & Will’s offices, located across the river at 123 North Wacker. Neil Frankel, principal, and designer of the office interiors, spoke to the crowd from the freestanding spiral
Neil Frankel, AIA, senior vice president, Perkins & Will, welcomes tour group to firm's 123 North Wacker office. Neil's welcome, from P&W's spiral stair, might be said to be an official farewell to Chicago.

Jerry Johnson of Perkins & Will goes over a section of the Morton International Building. Photos: Chris Chwedyk, AIA.

staircase, which serves as the central core of the office's three floors. The extensive use of glass in conference rooms, partner offices, and reception areas serves both functionally and symbolically as an element of organizational philosophy. "Everyone sees the vitality of projects they are working on and gets a sense of firm-wide activity," according to Frankel.

Viewers saw many of the 300-person firm's significant projects on display including the new International Terminal at O'Hare, the new offices for Sears in Hoffman Estates, and Kraft Inc. in Northfield. Also on hand was James Sangore, senior lighting designer with the firm, who demonstrated the necessity for coordination between designers and engineers when specifying lighting. Other personnel serving as office tour guides included Jim Prendergast, Mark Bryant, Brian Campbell-Kelly, Jan Johnson, Tish Kruse, Carol Stolt, and Dan Duffy.

The curved loggia of 120 North Lasalle, highlighted by a 20 x 50-foot mosaic by Chicago artist Roger Brown, guided visitors from the still barricaded sidewalk into the lobby, its patterned white and ebony granite paving recalling the use of banding and stone seen on the building's exterior. In this setting, Edward Wilkas, senior vice president of Murphy/Jahn explained how the mid-block 40-story tower took full advantage of its asymmetrical and narrow site. A pedestrian crossing along Court Place is enhanced by a projecting trellis to the entrances at both LaSalle and Wells. A curved glass bay over LaSalle Street offers unobstructed views of the street to the river, as seen from Ahman son Development's leasing office on the 11th floor. This space was presented by Joyce Strazulla, Ahman son's director of leasing. Also on hand to explain the structural complexities of the building was Dave Trae of Schal Associates.

It was on one of 120 North LaSalle's unoccupied floors that the tour was brought beautifully to a close with a reception hosted by Ahman son and catered by Blue Plate Catering. From the many positive comments made during the reception it was obvious that this year's tour was another great success.

Thanks to Those Who Helped

The CCAIA and CAF express their special appreciation to the Women's Architectural League and the docents of the Chicago Architecture Foundation for their volunteer efforts in making Chicago By Design such an enjoyable event this and every year.

Also, a special note of thanks to the 1991 tour site representatives and building presenters.

The Chicago By Design 1991 Committee

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Should We or Shouldn’t We?

Cynthia Weese, FAIA

It was a grueling Monday a few weeks ago as national AIA Board members debated whether or not to raise dues. The meeting was held in the Arizona Biltmore, designed in Wrightian fashion - a peaceful setting for an anything but peaceful meeting.

The proposal was as I outlined in last month's FOCUS: a $20 increase in dues with $10 going toward the budget and $10 acting as a subsidy to lower convention registration from $325 to $25. It was at the meeting that we informed of a $3 pass-through increase for Architecture magazine, which meant a total increase of $23.

First Vice President Cecil Steward, FAIA, presented the facts: a decrease in net revenue for a number of reasons including the elimination of membership reinstatement fees, a decrease in publication sales and professional development programs, and increases in operating expenses from inflation, 1991 convention resolutions, and membership renewal incentives (membership in these troubled times has held steady, increasing only .28% last year). Operating expenses have been cut, the staff in Washington has been decreased by 10%, and further cuts are proposed, including holding one less board meeting next year.

For the next four hours after Cecil's presentation, there was a highly intense discussion. A number of concerns were expressed. The predominant one was that in such desperate economic times for architecture, raising dues was the last thing The Institute should do. Also expressed by some was the concern that there wasn’t adequate time to present the situation to their constituents and get feedback before voting on a dues increase.

Presented along with the motion for a dues increase was another motion for an annual automatic dues adjustment - or indexing. Each year the dues would be raised an amount equivalent to the percentage change from the previous year in the Gross National Product Implicit Price Deflator (cost of living increase), subject to an annual review and vote by the Board.

Four hours later a vote was taken. The dues increase was defeated two to one; indexing, intended to begin in 1993 after the dues increase, was unanimously supported.

An alternate plan was put forth by the Planning and Evaluation Committee, which essentially combined a $10 dues increase and borrowing $15/person from reserves to finance new programs and subsidize the convention registration. This was to be paid back by a $5 dues increase along with indexing over the next three years. If it sounds confusing and like deficit financing to you, it did to me, too. This proposal failed.

At this point I should inject the fact that Les Larson and I had presented the potential dues increase to both the Illinois Council Board and the CCAIA Board. Both groups discussed the issues, were strongly in favor of indexing, and felt that the dues increase was not punitive. There was some skepticism that lowering the convention registration fee would dramatically increase attendance.

The position that the Board adopted the next day was to drop entirely the idea of a $10 convention subsidy. Instead there will be a 1992 dues indexing; that is the dues will be raised by 4.5% - $7 on regular dues, $3 on supplemental dues. In addition, there will be a $3 direct pass-through reflecting increased publication costs for Architecture magazine.

Another event at this meeting was the preliminary presentation of Gold Medal candidates and voting to narrow the field to three candidates. As I mentioned last month, this year the Board was presented with a dual candidacy, that of Robert Venturi, FAIA, and Denise Scott Brown, ARIBA. Since the Rules of the Board states that the Gold Medal is to be given to an “individual,” there was a motion to waive these rules to consider the team. The motion re-

After four hours of intense discussion, a $10 dues increase to subsidize a lower convention registration fee was defeated; and the Gold Medal dual candidacy proposal was defeated

A number of other issues were presented and discussed or acted upon. Among them a report from the chair of the National Judicial Council on Ethics hearings, a discussion of metrication, which is coming to federal agencies in 1992, a presentation from a board member on the architect as construction manager, and an update on government affairs issues being pursued in Congress. It was also brought to our attention by a board member that the GSA is now using Design/Build for all GSA buildings. I’ll go into these and other subjects in subsequent issues of the FOCUS.
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The Baby Boomers and Markets for Architecture

Patricia P. Rosenzweig

In 1959 I was in Philip Hauser’s class. The renowned demographer “predicted,” based on the age distribution of the population, that by the end of the ’60s we would be saying that America was going to hell in a handbasket.

He based his projection on the fact that between 1960 and 1968 the population between the ages of 14 and 24 (the group most responsible for civil disorder) would increase by 13 million people. He was right! Since then, I’ve respected what demography can tell us about the future.

According to the United States Bureau of the Census, this is how the population in key age groups will change between now and the year 2000.

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Because people behave differently at different ages, have different needs and spend money differently, we can look at shifting age patterns and gain insight into future demands for space. Here we’ll look at the effects that changing age distribution between now and the year 2000 are likely to have on design opportunities in two markets: housing and health care.

HOUSING: New multi-family out; townhouses, homes, affordable housing and life care in.

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) recently predicted a sharp drop in household formations (marriages, divorces, and fleeing the nest). This indicates reduced demand for housing, but not necessarily all housing.

► Apartments: This sector of the market will suffer. ULI predicts reduced demand based on the severe drop in the number of marriage-age people (18-34). This will cause a drop in apartment demand, but other age-related factors will further weaken demand for new apartment construction.

Apartment demand is created, not just by the under-35 crowd, but also by “empty-nesters,” people aged 45 to 64, principally those at the tail end of that age group. But the massive increase in this age group between now and the year 2000, is largely comprised of people under 50; those born from 1955-1966 during the peak of the baby boom. And they’re not yet moving from their homes to apartments.

Since we live longer, nowadays, the proportion of the elderly (65-85) that are married has risen from about 50% in 1970 to about 60%. Since married couples are better able to care for each other, this means that fewer elderly will be forced to move into special housing.

Then look at the bulge in the 35-44 age group. They likely will vacate apartments for their first home or townhouse. These units will become available for both the young, 18-24 (a diminishing group) and the few elderly that may seek apartment living.

Add tight credit to low demographically driven demand and the prospects for new conventional apartment construction are dismal.

► Lifecare: The over-85 group is another matter. It’s safe to assume that only a small percentage of this group can or want to live totally independently. Life care and other senior living facilities in Chicago will need to provide for about 40,000 more people than they do now. (To convert the national data to metropolitan Chicago, take about 3% of national population.)

► Townhouse and Single Family: The biggest bulge in population is in the See Baby Boomers page 19

Professional Service Groups - A Pipeline to the Global Marketplace?

By Thomas J. Eyerman, FAIA

The decade of the ’90s will find some architectural firms swinging in the breeze as they slowly unravel from the pressures of these times. Some firms (primarily small and highly focused in the delivery of their services) that have a vision and the passion to follow that vision, will expand their services and their client base by working with other professional firms, both in the United States as well as in foreign countries. This is becoming quite evident in England where small firms that provided very special services have grouped together to market their services to a broader group of clients.

These quasi-joint ventures, I believe, may evolve into professional service groups, which will give each of the smaller firms the flexibility, the manpower, and the financial resources to become active players in the global marketplace. These groups, as they mature, will have five "M" ingredients that will serve them well into the 21st century.

Marketing. The key personnel of each of the respective firms will seek out and obtain commissions for architectural, engineering, and planning projects not only for their own individual firm but for their particular professional service group. This group, more than likely, will have on retainer a professional marketing representative who will locate and help target prospective work. This marketing representative will be a key ingredient and will be a valuable resource to the group.

Management. The service group would not perform any of the professional tasks but would be responsible to the clients (clients will demand single source responsibility) for the performance.
Fifteen years after Aalto’s death, a seclusive penumbra was still surrounding his architecture. In spite of his international reputation and charismatic personality, information on Aalto’s work and life has remained relatively thin. Malcolm Quantrill, the author of Aalto - A Critical Study (1983) has commented recently: “Aalto kept very quiet about what he was up to, and left others, like myself, to speculate.” Aalto has resolutely distanced himself from theoretical rhetoric and mannerist interpretation of his architecture and was particularly reluctant about personal publicity.

Goran Schildt, a distinguished critic, who has written numerous articles on Aalto’s work, was the first to delve into his personal archives. A longstanding friendship with the great Finnish architect, corroborated with extensive and intellectually rigorous documentation and critical analysis, provided Schildt with the opportunity to become the most competent and sensitive Aalto scholar. Thus, he has produced the first and the most comprehensive evaluation of Aalto’s intertwined career and life. The book represents more than ten years of dedicated effort, and was published in three volumes.

The third volume in this sequence, Alvar Aalto - The Mature Years, succeeds The Early Years (1899-1927) and The Decisive Years (1927-1939), and covers the period from the outbreak of World War II in 1939 until 1976, Aalto’s death. With The Mature Years the author broadens the discussion of Aalto’s history, projecting his profile against the background of historical, economical, and social developments in Finland and the world. All relevant aspects in the complex joint-shaping of Aalto’s life and career are amply analyzed: his involvement in the war and in the post-war reconstruction process, built and unbuilt designs; his public role in Finland, exhibitions and lectures, travels throughout Europe, to the USA, Middle East, and South America; academic teaching and research in the U.S.; the special relationship with Aino Aalto, and her death; professional associations, personal friendship with Giedion, Van de Velde, Rockefeller, Wurster, Leger, Brancusi, Sweeney, Wright, Le Corbusier, and many others; successes and disappointments are all accounted for.

The book is lavishly illustrated with photographs of Aalto’s architecture and his human entourage, and with drawings and sketches of his designs, places, and people. The text is in itself a brilliant and deft piece of literature. Images possess a language of their own and are indelibly interwoven with the text, engendering a discourse of rich and refined visual and stylistic connections. As one peruses, one becomes intellectually, professionally, and emotionally immersed, and equally enchanted, intrigued, amused, and surprised.

The author deconstructs the blurry Aalto myth, and recomposes an image of a human being that is no less fascinating - a living myth. In his book Space Time and Architecture (1949), Sigfried Giedion wrote: "One cannot speak about Aalto the architect without speaking about Aalto the man." With sophisticated and unassuming wisdom, Schildt has grasped the intricate and profound interpenetration between the man and his architecture. He asserts that one cannot accurately assess Aalto’s contribution to the architectural thought unless one understands his "human side."

It would be simply wrong to confine the evaluation of Schildt’s effort to the narrow field of biography. His work is a unique fusion of intellectual exploration, humor, wit, empathy, and reflective criticism. It is also a magnificent lesson in understanding architecture and human nature.

Lucia Apostol has over 18 years experience in the practice of architecture and urban design, has taught at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and UIC, and has written for a number of publications in the U.S. and abroad.


Reviewed by Eric Emmett Davis, AIA

The first thing to do in reviewing this book is to get the basics out of the way: It is well researched, passionately and insightfully written, lavishly illustrated, and it thoroughly documents a topic that is very relevant to architects, interns, and architecture students. As with all human endeavor it has its flaws, but they are far outweighed by its strengths. And it’s fun! Buy it.

That over, it is almost unfortunate that this book is as good as it is. It is exactly the sort that should be pored over with the same sort of fervor that used to be associated with Space, Time and Architecture. Yet in a time when most architecture schools still seem intoxicated with the aftereffects of Deconstructivism, Edward Ford performs a service that is doomed to be overlooked all too often in today’s architectural educational milieu: he demonstrates a series of essential issues with axonometric section drawings and individual details, so that readers can easily see how the greatest architects of the period (up to 1936) attempted to reconcile the inevitable problems of construction with both their own theoretical positions and with the techniques and technology at their disposal.

One of the basic issues that Ford brings out early is a discussion of monolithic constructive systems versus layered systems (referring to the notion of structure and enclosure accomplished in a single mass versus the layered metaphor of skin and bones). As long as Modernism retained its moral earnestness and its revolutionary rhetoric, it retained its preference for
monolithic exposed structural systems. This preference is retained by many today. The irony in the development of this dogma is that the construction industry - particularly in the United States - was developing along opposite lines, mainly because of the influence of industrialization. Although certain new techniques and materials (e.g. precast concrete) seemed to make the monolithic system desirable, the development of the steel frame encourages the use of the layered system.

Anyone who has worked with masonry veneer on a steel frame, particularly in multi-story construction, is familiar with the difficulties associated with this phenomenon. Ford illustrates his concerns with this and many other central problems through direct examples from epoch-making buildings. Several of these buildings have been illustrated precisely because they did not handle a typical problem particularly well, or because that which made them revolutionary also made them more difficult to execute.

By now I’ve probably lost that part of the audience that most needs this book: those students and young architects who have been seduced by trendy faculty members who either don’t have experience with such issues or who don’t see them as relevant to theoretical debate. It is exactly these sorts of problems that are most relevant, particularly in upper level design studios. Inattention to or lack of clarity in dealing with such issues is what separates built theory from architecture. The proof of bad theory shows up when it’s built - it usually leaks, or delaminates, or crumbles. And the architect gets sued into oblivion.

Wait a minute - maybe it’s better if the Deconstructivist crowd doesn’t see this book. Never mind.

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Reviewed by Lucia Apostol

The fall of Franco’s totalitarian regime in Spain marks, perhaps, Continued on page 19
Inland Architect Press introduces its Chicago Architecture Calendar 1992. Like the successful 1991 calendar, which received the Potlatch/Northwest Paper Award of Merit for outstanding concept, design, photography, and printing, the 12-by-18-inch 1992 calendar is printed on high-quality coated paper, with each of the 13 photographs handsomely reproduced. Featuring the best in architectural photography, the calendar represents the work of some of the Chicago-area's most talented photographers. The supply is limited, so prepare for the new year and order yours today.

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the most significant moment in the movement toward freedom and democratization of Europe, prior to the recent disintegration of the Communist block. Coming to democracy in Barcelona has created the long awaited opportunity for economical, political, and cultural changes that have profoundly reverberated in every aspect of the city’s life. This has resulted in the unprecedented urban transformation process of Barcelona during the past decade, a process that was further amplified by the current nomination of the Catalan capital as "host city for the 1992 Olympic Games.”

The publishers of Barcelona: City and Architecture 1980-1992 have gathered a most impressive collection of architectural, civic, and urban design projects that play a significant role in the process of reshaping and refurbishing the city. The backbone of this urban design effort is its focus on public space.

In spite of a very structured, formal organization, the book is particularly distinctive for its wholesomeness. The introductory section (including three essays) is informative, insightful, unobtrusive; ideas are distilled, clear, and shared without ambiguity, challenging the reader’s own critical interpretation. The text is compact, concise, incisive, and at times evocative, thus it doesn’t infringe upon its intellectual integrity and substance.

The main body of the book consists of the actual selected design schemes. Each project is profusely illustrated with drawings and/or photographs, with a brief descriptive note. The reader is invited and even provoked to embark and actively engage in a process of intellectual exploration, without an interpreter, relying upon own insights, criteria and criticism. This is a stimulating, fascinating, and rewarding learning experience, which has virtually infinite potential for growth and enrichment with each additional journey. The exquisite graphic presentation further enhances the visual enjoyment. All in all, and particularly within the climate of today’s architectural practice, having this book is a necessity and a privilege.

In December we'll take a look at the four Rizzoli books for kids that architects have illustrated, and/or written or adapted from famous stories.
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ance of all services done by the group. This service group would retain their respective firms to carry on the work. The service group in essence becomes the top of the management pyramid. As such, the service group would provide management of the projects, but, in large part, the personnel would come from individual firms making up the group. The group might even evolve into a legal organization in the United States or in a foreign country, depending on where the primary work of the group is being carried on.

Monitoring. The service group would be responsible for monitoring and managing the performance of the services. This group would have the total responsibility for performance as noted earlier, a strong selling point and a requirement by clients in the future. The principals of the various firms may, but do not necessarily have to be, directors or officers of the service group.

Mobilize. The service group would bring together and focus the attention of the various support organizations to perform professional services. This could easily lead to construction activities and other related services.

Monetary. The service group would provide an umbrella for securing financing of the firms under its aegis for work performed by the entity. This would extend also to the necessary legal and accounting aspects of performing the professional services.

The key reason for the evolution of the service group concept is to provide a mechanism for small firms that are highly focused in the delivery of their services to provide the highest level of professional services on a global basis without losing their own sense of values and getting immersed in the bureaucratic morass of a large organization. It may well be the way to build synergy without bureaucracy in this decade of change.

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Baby Boomers
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35-64 age group, particularly 45-64. Just in Chicago that translates to perhaps 600,000 more people, or over 200,000 households. Historically this group tends to seek suburban single-family homes or townhouses.

35-44: This is the age group that will move from apartments into homes. In the Chicago area, during the '90s, some 50,000+ more households will be seeking a first home. Since there’s a shortage of affordable family housing, there should be a continuing demand for family housing for the first-time buyer.

45-64: This boom is largely in the 45-50 age range who traditionally move up into "better" housing and may buy second homes a couple hours away. Will they have confidence to increase their housing dollar? It is said that in the '90s our priority will be on quality of life, so will they reject long commutes? Even if they are more cautious, their sheer numbers suggest more single-family and townhouse demand, probably near centers of expanding employment and nearer the airports.

Affordable Housing:
Demographic factors are less helpful when there is a shortage. And there is a shortage of affordable housing, defined by many as housing for the hourly wage earner. Response is likely to come from rehabilitation of existing multi-family housing through creative financing programs. New Homes for Chicago and community based development throughout the area are attempting to meet the affordable single-family home demand. But due to intransigent financing problems, this is still a modest market.

Health Facilities: t’ain’t what it used to be.
Today the health market is booming. And since the population over 45 will boom, won’t it continue to boom? Data from the American Hospital Association and the National Center for Health Statistics sends mixed signals:

- Hospital discharges are 59% higher for people 46-64 than for people 35-44;
- Length of stay is 19% longer for the 46-64 group than 35-44;
- Despite a 23 million-person increase in the over 35 group in the next ten years, total hospital occupancy is likely to drop by nearly 25% because: 1. Between 1975 and 1985, average length of stay for people 46-64 dropped 22% and 25% for those 65 and over; 2. Discharges for people 45-64 also dropped 15%; for those over 65, discharges increased; 3. In Illinois, outpatient visits are likely to increase by 40% in the next ten years.

Putting increases in population against decreases in hospital utilization, is there going to be a continuing market? The answer is yes, but it’s a market of a different kind. Certainly the market isn’t for additional general medical and surgical beds. The shift in hospital ownership and in locale, from the city to the high growth suburbs, suggests selected instances of traditional expansion and significant renovation.

Abandoned or underused in-patient facilities can be converted to: lifecare housing, "hospice" or hotel-like facilities for those receiving therapy but too ill to travel home each night, and for outpatient facilities.

Personnel in in-patient facilities are in-creasing: It went from 1.14 in 1960 to 4.0 by 1985. Office space is needed. Competition for nurses is fierce. Daycare centers for staff children are becoming increasingly common.

Competition for patients increases: outreach through outpatient facilities in shopping centers and areas of dense employment, on-campus fitness centers competitive with private clubs for those 40 and over who want physician assurance that they’re healthy enough to work out, convenient and safe parking, elevated design of the kind already seen in obstetrical departments, medical surgical beds for wealthy patients, and guest and staff food service facilities.

Opportunities, therefore, should be available for those already specializing in the health market and for those with expertise in facilities and services not traditionally associated with the health facility market.

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Who's News

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of the interiors practice in New York.
Frankel will be responsible for the
design, marketing, and management
of the interiors group, Larry King, AIA,
and Nila Leiserowitz, both vice presi-
dents, will co-manage the Chicago
interiors practice. Frankel, who joined
P & W in 1987 was promoted to senior
vice president in 1989 and was recently
elected to the firm's board of directors.
Several projects under Frankel have
received awards, most recently The
Tokai Bank, which received a CCAIA
1991 Interior Architecture Award as
well as an ASID National Interior
Award. Frankel was featured on the
cover of May 1989 Interiors magazine.
He has been a member of the Institute
and the Chicago Chapter since 1966 and
served on the Chapter Board of Direc-
tors as a director and vice president and
was Design Committee chair. In 1989
he served on the AIA Committee on In-
terior Architecture President's Task
Force on Interior Design Issues.
We in Chicago shall miss Neil
Frankel.

DeStefano + Partners is the new
name of the firm DeStefano/Goettsch
Ltd. Since opening in January 1989 the
firm has grown to a staff of 60, design-
ing and managing an expanding list of
projects. Its first project is a 55-story
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do Boffill was design consultant). Addi-
tional active projects in Chicago include
a five-year renovation of the public
spaces of Sears Tower; the complete
renovation of 300 S. Wacker; the plan-
ning for Central Station, a planned com-
munity on Chicago's near South Side
and the design of its commercial build-
ings; and the programming/renovation
and expansion of Northwestern
University's Kellogg School of Business.
DeStefano + Partners retains offices at
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TECHNOW, Inc. announces that
Paul Ozaki, AIA, has joined the staff as
director of design. The firm was
founded in 1981 and provides architect-
ural, engineering, and construction
management services for commercial
and industrial facilities. The firm, con-
sisting of 25 professionals, is presently
designing two Area Headquarters Build-
ings for Commonwealth Edison Com-
pany located in Northbrook and
University Park, Illinois.

The acquisition of Interior Space
Design Inc. (ISD) by A. Epstein and
Sons International, Inc. has been an-
nounced. ISD's current work has been
taken over by a newly formed com-
pany, which is being operated in tandem
with Architectural Interiors (AI),
A. Epstein's own interior design
division. Included in the agreement
was the work at ISD offices in Chicago,
New York, and Los Angeles. ISD's key
staff and managers have moved to exist-
ing A. Epstein offices in each of those
cities. A fourth ISD office, in Houston,
was closed. Jean Bellas now heads a 150-
member design operation that includes
65 former ISD employees. Michael
Pinto, New York, former president of
ISD, is executive vice president.
Former lead designer Gary Lee has been
named national design director.

The firm will serve as design and en-
engineering team leader and architect of
record for the expansion of Chicago's
McCormick Place. The development
team, known as Mc3D, is headed by
Stein & Company. Other key Mc3D
members include the design architect,
Thompson, Ventulett, Stainback & As-
sociates; and general contractors The
George Hyman Construction Com-
pany; Huber, Hunt & Nichols; Walsh
Construction; Louis Jones Enterprises;
and Alex Munoz General Contractor.
The design phase is underway, and con-
struction of the $675,000,000 project is
designed to begin in 1993, with comple-
tion scheduled for 1996.

Perkins & Will has named Mark
Warth business development representative for the firm’s Chicago office responsible for the generation and development of new business opportunities in the corporate and commercial markets. Warth was most recently at Wight & Company Architects/Engineers in Downers Grove and served as managing editor for Construction News Service in Cincinnati.

Angelo L. Biondi, AIA, and Steven L. Munson, AIA, (formerly Associates Design Group, Inc.) announce the new name of their firm: Biondi + Munson Architects, Inc. The firm has relocated to 1899 Second St., Highland Park, IL 60035; the new phone number is 708/432-0401.

ASC Architects has expanded its practice with the addition of new offices in Chicago. The firm, specializing in commercial office and retail design, restaurant and hotel design, and housing, has located its main office in the Pittsfield Building at 55 E. Washington, Suite 3604, Chicago 60602. The new phone number is 312/553-1500, FAX 312/553-5507. The suburban office in Arlington Heights is being maintained, and the number there remains 708/392-5850.

Edward D. Poole, AIA, RAIA, Poole Associates Private Limited, Singapore, has announced the opening of a second office in Bandong Indonesia. The firm has been selected to design a 58,000-square-foot retail building, including interiors. Poole, residing in Singapore for the past one and one-half years, was three and one-half years in Sydney, Australia with Allen Jack & Cottier Architects, and previously with Pappageorge Haymes Ltd., Chicago. Poole Associates is also responsible for Haagen-Dazs, Southeast Asia, and Blue Moon in Singapore, a “lifestyle” retail outlet with a diverse merchandise mix. As quoted in the Singapore Straits Times: the Blue Moon is “as boldly different in its way as anything yet publicly seen in Singapore.”

Congratulations to James “Sandy” Stevenson, AIA, president and COO of Perkins & Will, who was named in Crain’s “Under Forty.” Also among Chicago’s Under Forty go-getters, Christian Laine, director and founder of the The Chicago Athenaeum.

Teng & Associates, Inc. announces the addition of Erik O. Lokensgard as general manager of the food group, expanding Teng’s specialized food industry services to include productivity analysis, strategic planning and evaluation of plant operations, processes and equipment. Lokensgard has more than 20 years domestic and international experience in food industry management and facility planning.

Margaret McCurry, FAIA; Stanley Tigerman, FAIA, and Tigerman’s daughter Tracy Tigerman, a kindergarten teacher in Virginia, have collaborated on a new Rizzoli book for children, Dorothy in Dreamland. Tracy Tigerman and Margaret McCurry penned the story, which has Dorothy of Kansas awakening in Dreamland, meeting a cast of familiar characters and helping them to overcome their problems while she finds her way home again. Stanley Tigerman illustrated his wife’s and daughter’s story. This book is one of four for children: old favorites, Beauty and the Beast, with new illustrations by Charles Moore, and Aesop’s Fables, illustrated by John...

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Hejduk; or a new twist to other stories, such as Dorothy and The House that Bob Built, with Robert A. M. Stern updating the classic Mother Goose rhyme, which introduces a child to ideas about design and architecture. The December FOCUS is expected to have surprise reviews of the books.

We're a bit behind in reporting about the top displays in the Ninth Annual Product Display Competition at NEOCON. Scott Himmel, AIA; Linda Nelson, AIA; and Roland Lieber, AIA, were members of the jury. Eva Maddox won an Honor Award in the Floor-covering category for the Dupont Antron Lumen and Antron Legacy Fibers display. Staffelbach Designs & Associates captured an Honor Award in the Workstation Systems category as well as Best of Show for the Allsteel showroom workstation systems and companion fabrics by Deepa Textiles. In the Fabrics and Wallcoverings category, Deepa captured a Merit Award. Michael Vanderbyl's HBF display won a Merit Award in the Seating category. Gunlocke Company also won a Merit Award in Seating. Meridian was presented with a Merit Award in the Storage and Filing Category. Steelcase received Special Recognition for its original thematic placement of "talking heads" throughout the showroom. All reported by Beverly Russell in August 1991 Interiors.

Northeast Illinois Chapter, AIA has a new executive director and phone number. Corda Murphy (a member of an association management firm) will be assuming the duties of executive director, the post formerly held by Chris Kuypers. NEI's new phone number is 708/527-8550.

The Women's Architectural League (WAL) has named its 1991-92 Board: President - Joslyn Kirkegaard; First Vice President/Foundation - Angela Turley and Lois Caliendo; Second Vice President/Programs - Judy Pigozzi and Linda Mendleson; Third Vice President/Membership - Carol Peder sen; Recording/Corresponding Secretary - Rose Ann Wresien; Treasurer - Marcia Larson; Directors - Rose Argo, Jo Kuhn, Sue Whitaker.

Project Spotlight

Folgers Architects & Facility Design's Circuit Court of Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Center on
North LaSalle was completed this past Spring. The first judicial service center of its kind in the Midwest, the 38,000-square-foot arbitration center can accommodate 108 personal injury cases, involving 1,000 people per day, plus the judicial and support staff, in three shifts of arbitrators and litigants. The facility is a prototype for alternative court systems both state- and nationwide. Hearing rooms, chambers, administrative offices, and public facilities were designed to enhance the performance and efficiency of the courts system.

Competitions

The AIA seeks nominations for 1992 IDP Outstanding Firm Award. Architecture firms of any size may be recognized next year for their exemplary commitment and contributions to the development of interns as design professionals. IDP offers a comprehensive training program involving architectural interns, educators, practitioners, and professional organizations. The award recognizes firms that support interns by providing well-rounded training opportunities, promoting mentorship, participating as advisors, and encouraging supplementary education activities. Nominations are being sought from IDP state coordinators, local IDP coordinators, IDP educator coordinators, architecture students and interns participating in IDP, registered architects, and AIA components. The award will be announced at the 1992 AIA National Convention, the NCARB annual meeting, and in architectural publications. Nominations are due January 10, 1992. For nomination forms, contact Karol Kaiser or Irene Dumas Tyson at 202/626-7356.

Excellence in Masonry '91 has been announced. Any registered architect or accredited mason contractor may enter projects. The projects must be constructed and completed between the period Jan. 1, 1988 and Sept. 1, 1991, and must be predominately of masonry, including stone, which is exposed to view. Projects must be located in North Central Illinois or Northwest Indiana (counties are listed in official program brochure mailed to architects and mason contractors in Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana). There is an entry fee of $50 per project; two complimentary tickets will be given to the awards dinner dance for each entry. Declaration of intent to submit must be received by Nov. 15.


Lectures/Seminars

Vincent Scully will lecture on Fri., Nov. 8, at 5:30 p.m., in Ganz Hall of Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan, 7th fl. Mr. Scully's lecture will be followed by a reception at which he will autograph his book Architecture: The Natural and the Man-Made. His book has been described as exploring the unique dialogue between human beings, their buildings, and the natural world. The cost to attend the Scully lecture is $10 and reservations are to be made by phoning 312/341-3510.

Masonry Design Details - Advantages and Challenges, a seminar sponsored by the Masonry Advisory Council, will be held Nov. 7, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan, Chicago. Those responsible for developing masonry details, drawing details, specifying materials will find answers to the most frequently asked technical questions encountered by the Council. The cost is $35 per person (in advance), $45 (at the door). For more information or to make a reservation: Masonry Advisory Council, 708/297-6704.

Expressive Drawing for Architects & Artists, a course taught by Manette Brier at the School of the Art Institute. This is a multi-level course for artists, designers, and architects interested in enhancing their imagination and invention skills through on-site drawings of Chicago architecture. Students will explore architectural phenomenon, such as light and dark, line, space, and color through personal and expressive drawings in traditional and non-traditional media. Slide presentations of historical and contemporary architects' work will be included. The course meets Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Jan. 25-Mar. 7. Tuition is $330, non-credit; $577.50, 1 1/2 credit. For information: 312-899-5130.

Building Globally, a two-day symposium, Nov. 21-22 at the World Trade Center in Boston, will identify key building and environmental projects in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Russia, The Ukraine, Japan, and Taiwan. It is also designed to give U.S. firms access to top decision-makers and ease of entry into these markets. Symposium speakers include the minister of industry from Czechoslovakia, the mayor of Budapest, and the chief architect of CBT/Childs Bertman Tseckares and Casendino, Prague, Czechoslovakia, the firm recently awarded the design project for the Taipei Science City. Featured is the first retail mall in Moscow, The American Store, as well as other major building projects. "Building Globally" is part of the national real estate and construction trade show Build Boston, now in its seventh year. Call 617/439-5500 for more information.

Exhibitions

You have until Nov. 9 to see Rumors About the American House at the Gwenda Jay Gallery, 301 W. Superior, 2nd floor. Opening night, Fri., Oct. 11, was almost too successful, if the intent was to see the drawings and models of some very interesting conceptual residential designs by eight well-known and respected architects: Douglas Garofalo, Ralph Johnson, Margaret McCurry, Rick Phillips, Chris Rudolph, John Syvertsen, Joe Valerio, Dan Wheeler.
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doing so the viewer will find that the designs, developed from highly individual images, have shared themes.

Washington, D.C. architect Arthur Cotton Moore, FAIA, whose projects in the Capital include The Old Post Office (1983); Washington Harbour (1986); Library of Congress, Restoration of the John Adams and Thomas Jefferson Buildings (1994); The Portals (1995), will be exhibiting his recent painted constructions from the "Facade" series, in a one-person show at the Hokin Kaufman Gallery, 210 W. Superior. Mr. Moore will be present for the opening reception on Fri., Nov. 15 from 5-7:30 p.m. The show will continue through Jan. 4. The artist, whose "Industrial Baroque" paintings were shown earlier this year in New York, explains that the series "freezes the moment's accrued layers of uses and people - the ironies, fads, desires, degradations, and foolishness punctuated with graffiti, vandalism, patronage, and neglect." Come and welcome Mr. Moore and his art to Chicago.

The 1991 Women's Architectural League Greeting Card features a Louis Sullivan stencil ornament reproduction from the Auditorium Theatre. The folded card is 5" x 7", the design elegantly foil stamped in gold on white vellum, printed in black ink and having matching envelopes. Cards may be purchased with "Season's Greetings" or plain, in packages of ten cards for $7. Imprinting is available at an additional charge, $8 per 100 (minimum), $10 per 100 envelopes. Imprinting deadline is Nov. 26. Proceeds from the sale of these cards are used for architectural student scholarships at IIT, UIC, and UIC-Urbana-Champaign. Mail check with order to: WAL Scholarship Fund, c/o Mary Casserly, 2340 W. 109th St., Chicago 60643; phone 312/445-4726.

A 1989 set of Sweets is available from Norman Johnson Associates. Interested parties may call 312/341-0485 between 8:30-5:30.

The December FOCUS will be slightly delayed, planned to arrive either the day of DBA or just after, so that the ceremonies will have some element of surprise.

Copies of the recently published Building Permit Plan Examination Guidelines for the City of Chicago are available at the Chapter office. The Builders Association of Greater Chicago, who has made 500 copies of these guidelines available at no cost, recommends the guidelines be used as a "checklist" by designers and contractors before plans are submitted to the Building Department for review. In BAGC's discussions with the Chicago Building Department on improving the permit acquisition process, it was noted plans usually contain basic errors. These errors add to review time. The guidelines were developed to help improve the permit acquisition by reducing the number of common errors. Stop by the Chapter office, and pick up your copy of the guidelines or mail a self-addressed envelope with $.52 in postage affixed.

Various Matters

"Green" architecture is apparently not fast architecture. The original short time frame for Environmental Sketchbook submittals has been extended. The Committee on the Environment hopes that the new deadline will allow more of you to submit your environmentally sensitive projects for inclusion. Materials are now due Jan. 22. Send a KPS of your sketches and/or drawings (8 1/2 X 11 sheets) to the FOCUS editor.


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The Mars Gallery, 1139 W. Fulton Market is presenting a series of "non-objective" drawings and sculptures by architectural modelmaker Elaine O'Sullivan on Sat., Nov. 9, 7-11 p.m.
Calendar of Events

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 1993 CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING. 5:30 p.m. Solomon Cordwell Buenz, 57 W. Grand Ave.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

DINNER/LECTURE. SHAOI sponsors Dr. Suresh Pinjarkar and Robert Kritzler on "How Safe is the EL." Como Inn, 546 N. Milwaukee. 6 p.m., dinner; 7 p.m., lecture. 312/372-4198.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- AIA/CSI SEMINAR. Legal Aspects of Architecture - Substitutions: What, How and When. Speaker: Gary Betts. 8-8:30 a.m., registration/breakfast; 8:30-9:15, program. Chicago Bar Assn., 321 S. Plymouth Ct. Pay at door or sign up pg. 3.

- PANEL DISCUSSION. Real Estate Committee sponsors Commercial Property: Redevelopment and Reuse. 5:30 p.m. Haworth Showroom, #830, Merchandise Mart. Sign up on pg. 3.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PROGRAM. Noon Chicago Bar Assn., 321 S. Plymouth Ct. Lunch tickets may be purchased at Bar Assn. for $5.50.

- SEMINAR. Masonry Design Details - Advantages & Challenges. Sponsored by Masonry Advisory Council. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Chicago Athletic Assc. 708/297-6704.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

LECTURE & BOOKSIGNING. Vincent Scully will speak at Ganz Hall, Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan, 7th fl. 5:30 p.m. $10. Reservation must be made: 312/341-3510.


SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

EXHIBITION LAST DAY. "Rumors About the American House." Gwenda Jay Gallery, 301 W. Superior, 2nd fl. 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. 312/664-3406.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. 8 a.m. Board Room.

- ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PROGRAM. Harvey D. Pokorny, project manager, Boeletier Environmental Consultants: Preliminary (Phase l) Environmental Site Assessments. 5:30 p.m. Board Room. RSVP: 312/663-4111.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- GRAHAM FOUNDATION LECTURE & BOOKSIGNING. Skyscrapers, Aces, and the 1907 Plan. Daniel Bluestone, assistant prof., arch., planning & preservation at Columbia Univ. 8 p.m. 4 W. Burton.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- SEMINAR. SEA0I sponsors TradeARBED's large size structural shapes. 8 a.m., breakfast; 8:30, program. Bismarck Hotel, 171 W. Rando ph. 312/372-4198.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

DEADLINE. '91 Excellence in Masonry intent to enter. 708/297-6704.

EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION. Painted constructions of Washington D.C. architect Arthur Cotton Moore. 5-7:30 p.m. Hokin Kaufman Gallery, 210 W. Superior. 312/266-1211.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- DESIGN/BUILD CONFERENCE. Chapter sponsored. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Hotel Inter-Continental, 505 N. Michigan. Sign up pg. 3.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION. Selection of Student Work from Rome Study Program. 6-8 p.m. Graham Foundation, 4 W. Burton. Continues through 11/27.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- CHAPTER BOARD MEETING. Noon. Board Room. (This is not the regular meeting day; changed for holiday.)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- AIA/CSI SEMINAR. Legal Aspects of Architecture - Guarantees, Warranties, Bonds, or the UCC. Werner Sabo and James Zahn. 8-9:15 a.m. Chicago Bar Assc., 321 Plymouth Ct. Pay at door or Sign up pg. 3.

- DESIGN FORUM. Planning and Urban Affairs Committee sponsors discussion on urban design issues in Planning Principles for Chicago's Central Area. 5:30-8 p.m. The Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington, 4th fl. Free admission.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- COMMITTEE PROGRAM. Corporate Architects meet at noon, Board Room. (Bring your lunch.)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

DEADLINE. Letters of Reference for AIA Fellowship. 202/626-7586.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- AIA/CSI SEMINAR. Legal Aspects of Architecture - Conflict Resolution. Steve Stein. 8-9:15 a.m. Chicago Bar Assc., 321 S. Plymouth. Sign up pg. 3 or at door.

- DBA CEREMONY/RECEPTION. Chicago Historical Society. 5:30 p.m. $30. Mail check to Chapter or FAX credit card # to 312/347-1215.
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