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Focus on Programs

The Craft of Terrazzo
Wed., October 7
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. technical presentation, Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson Blvd.
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. tour
Sponsors: Young Architects and Technical Issues PIAs

Start off the morning with breakfast and a presentation on terrazzo detailing, then tour a nearby job site to see the various stages of terrazzo installation. 3 LUs

Tour: U.S. Steel Plant
Thurs., October 8, 8:30 a.m.,
1 N. Broadway, Gary, Indiana
Sponsor: Young Architects PIA

A three-hour tour of the U.S. Steel manufacturing plant will demonstrate the vertically integrated steel manufacturing process. Make your own transportation arrangements; directions will be provided when your registration is received. Attendance limited to 10 people. 3 LUs

Integrating Architectural and Interior Design Services
Tues., October 13, 6:00 p.m., AIA Chicago
Sponsor: Corporate Architects PIA

Corporate clients need a single point of contact for architectural and interior design services in constructing and managing facilities. Ray Griskelis, AIA, will explain how Griskelis + Smith Architects Ltd. handles these dual design responsibilities. 3 LUs

Illinois Hospital Licensing Act Annual Review
Wed., October 14, 5:30 p.m., OWP&P, 111 W. Washington St., 20th Flr.
Sponsor: Architecture for Health PIA

Enrique J. Unanue, AIA, acting administrator for design standards for the Illinois Department of Public Health, will speak about changes to the Hospital Licensing Act and related issues. Attendance limited to 30 people. 3 LUs

Technical Information: New Electronic Formats
Thurs., October 15, 12:00 noon,
Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Ct.
Sponsor: Technical Issues PIA

Peter Schrumm of Sweet's catalogue will discuss the interactive capabilities of Sweet's new catalogue formats: on-line and on CD-ROM. He also will demonstrate how technical details can be downloaded into CAD programs. Purchase a lunch ticket at the CBA shop, then proceed to the cafeteria and designated meeting room. 2 LUs

Brininstool + Lynch Ltd.
Thurs., October 22, 6:00 p.m.,
Brininstool + Lynch, 230 W. Superior St.
Sponsor: Design PIA

David Brininstool, AIA, and Bradley Lynch will present the fifth “Fessing Up” program, addressing the three questions: how are you elevating architecture through design and invention; what is your biggest criticism of the work and the process; and what do you see in current work being done in Chicago? 3 LUs

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To be included in the ArchiPages, an owner or managing partner of the firm must be a registered architect and AIA member and is required to pay local supplemental dues via the annual membership dues invoice. For more information on the ArchiPages questionnaire or your firm's supplemental dues payment status, please call Anna Andrews Smith at 312/670-7770.

Noted Landscape Architect Alfred Caldwell Dies

Pioneering landscape architect Alfred Caldwell died July 3 at his home in Bristol, Wisconsin. The 95-year-old Caldwell was regarded as one of the most important landscape architects in America for decades, and was equally renowned as a teacher of generations of architects.

From 1920-1931, Caldwell was an assistant to Jens Jensen, and taught himself architecture, landscape architecture, and structural engineering while apprenticing with Jensen. In 1936, Caldwell became landscape designer for the Chicago Park District and landscaped more than 500 acres, including the Lily Pool (now known as the Rookery) in Lincoln Park. After serving as a civil engineer with the War Department during World War II, Caldwell taught architecture under Mies van der Rohe at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT); he also earned a bachelor's degree in architecture and a master's degree in city planning at IIT and designed the landscaping for IIT's Main Campus as part of Mies's master plan. Caldwell left IIT shortly after Mies's departure in 1958 and worked as a private architect and taught at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the University of Southern California; he returned to IIT in 1981 and remained on the faculty until his death.
AIA Documents Synopsis Available

The AIA Documents Synopses, published by the AIA, is a handy, quick reference for determining the appropriate uses for the contract administrative forms. Currently, there are more than 75 AIA contract and administrative forms in print.

Many of today’s common construction industry practices—such as arbitration, the one-year correction period, and the architect's role in deciding disputes—became established through their inclusion in the AIA’s general conditions and its other standardized documents. To keep pace with recent developments in the construction industry and the law, the AIA regularly revises its documents. New standardized documents for design/build and for different types of construction management have been published in recent years, and documents for international practice are now under consideration.

The documents listings in the Synopses are organized according to letter series, a system of classification that refers to each document’s specific purpose. The letter designations indicate the following: A-Series—owner-contractor documents; B-Series—owner-architect documents; C-Series—architect-consultant documents; D-Series—architect-industry documents; and G-Series—architect’s office and project forms.

AIA documents are currently available in printed and electronic form. The software package, AIA Contract Documents: Electronic Format for Windows, allows users to access and print out the AIA documents. Modifications are clearly shown; deleted language appears with strike-throughs, and added language is continued on page 8.
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the software package AIA Contract Documents: Electronic Format for Windows are available from AIA Chicago by calling 312/670-7770. Further information on the AIA documents is available on the AIA national Web site at www.aiaonline.com. Because AIA documents are frequently updated, users should consult their AIA component chapter to obtain a current copy of the price list.

Green Products Night
The AIA Committee on the Environment will be hosting its fifth annual Green Products Night at the Diplomat West in Elmhurst on Wednesday, October 14th. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a preview of a variety of environmentally friendly construction materials and devices. A buffet-style dinner will be served.

Michael Sands, environmental team leader for the Prairie Crossing development in Grayslake, will speak about issues concerning conservation communities. Prairie Crossing is one of the first such conservation communities in the area. In addition, architect Mike Iverson will offer a “mini seminar” on green products and energy efficient building web sites.

To register for the Green Products Night, contact AIA Northeastern Illinois executive director Corda Murphy at 630/527-8550.

New Members Invited to Information Breakfast
On October 8 at 7:45 a.m., AIA Chicago's board of directors will host a breakfast meeting for new members in the Chapter office. Representatives from the boards of national AIA, AIA Illinois, and AIA Chicago will be on hand to give an overview of the organization and the benefits and resources each level provides. Chairs of AIA Chicago's Professional Interest Areas will also brief new members on their groups' activities. Anyone who has joined or transferred into the Chapter this year is welcome to attend. Please RSVP by October 5 to 312/670-7770.

New Spaces
A new, nationally televised series "New Spaces," broadcast on Home and Garden TV, covers dramatic home remodeling projects and highlights their fascinating features, challenges, and surprises. The series is intended to inspire viewers to upgrade their homes based upon ideas and methods they see on the show. Each episode includes interviews with the homeowners, builders, and architects and provides a step-by-step overview of the remodeling process. Chicago was chosen as the site for "New Spaces," because of its diversity of homeowners, designers, and architectural styles. The series began taping in June and will start airing in early 1999.
The show's producers are searching for projects to feature in future shows. If you are working on a small- to medium-sized home remodeling project, please call Northwest Teleproductions at 312/337-6000 or fax them at 312/337-0958.

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Not all of AIA Chicago’s members are located in the city. In our May Focus, we asked for submissions from our suburban firm members in order to highlight their work. Following are some examples of what’s happening in the suburbs.

**Yas/Fischel Partnership**

Yas/Fischel Partnership
Evanston, Illinois

The Yas/Fischel Partnership creates spaces that offer inspiration and tranquility and engages in a personalized, team approach for projects. Strong emphasis is placed on providing unique solutions to individual projects. The eight-person firm, which practices architecture, interior design, and urban design, was founded eight years ago. The firm believes that design is a patient search that involves observing, discovering, inventing, and creating spaces. The size of the Yas/Fischel Partnership creates, among both staff and clients, an intimacy not found at larger firms.

**Devonshire Elementary School**

Arlington Heights, Illinois

The Devonshire Elementary School project (above) consists of a gut renovation and additions for a 52,000 square-foot neighborhood K-5 elementary school. The school is a prototype for the computerized school of the future. Renovated interior space includes a library/learning center with computer labs and adjacent special services areas for learning disabilities and talented development programs, spaces for a psychologist and social worker, and areas for speech, reading, and math programs. 8,500 square feet of new construction consists of a new entrance, lobby, multipurpose room, two kindergarten classes, and administrative office.

**Fernwood Vacation Village Master Plan**

Bushkill, Pennsylvania

The Fernwood Vacation Village Master Plan (left) creates a cohesive vacation community that utilizes existing structures and new infill buildings. The community will consist of 700 timeshare villas, 300 hotel guestrooms, conference and spa facilities, restaurants, and entertainment buildings. Phase I is in progress and includes renovating a rather eclectic hotel lobby into a cohesive and refined Pocono Mountain theme. Materials include light wood panels and dark wood horizontal moldings, earth-tone floor tiles bordering inset carpets with subtle leaf patterns, and a barrel-vaulted ceiling with stencil-patterned beams over the lobby arcade.

**Elmwood Park Public Library**

Elmwood Park, Illinois

This design (below) was created for a tight urban site at the gateway to the village center and adjacent to other municipal and community buildings. The two-story masonry portion of the building incorporates two shades of brick that exist on adjacent village buildings. The transparent one-story adult and youth services portion of the facility is constructed of a glass curtain wall, the Grand Avenue side of which is treated with a ceramic silk-screen fritted coating to provide texture and a sun screen. Panels of perforated metal insert in the curtain wall grid and a louvered sun screen suspended from the structure with cables add further texture and sun screening capabilities to the building.

**Goldberg Downey Architects Inc.**

Goldberg Downey Architects Inc.
Lake Forest, Illinois

The versatility of the 26-year-old architecture firm of Goldberg Downey Architects Inc. extends to such building types as residential, including multi-family and renovation of historic homes, to commercial projects, such as restaurants, retail, and medical and public projects. Currently being developed and under construction are numerous small additions, custom homes varying in size from 4,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet, a four-story condominium project, a food store, the Police Firearms Training Facility for the City of Highland Park, and several Chicago office renovations. The firm is a unified group of individuals with common professional standards, engaged in a wide range of services. The firm offers its clients the expertise of design, programming, marketing, and production, leading to quality design standards and cost-effective buildings.
Residence
Lake Forest, Illinois

Goldberg-Downey Architects designed this 20,000 square foot residence (below), which is located in north suburban Lake Forest. Hand-formed brick with cut limestone historic detailing was used to create an English manor estate.

Residence
Highland Park, Illinois

This Goldberg Downey-designed 4,300 square foot single family residence (above) sits on three acres in Highland Park. Battered base walls of Wisconsin ledgestone combined with handsplit cedar shingle siding and heavy timber trusses blend with the natural topography to create the image of a rustic lodge.

Residential Interior
Highland Park, Illinois

Goldberg-Downey Architects utilized soft contemporary curves along with flowing and intersecting spaces to create a complex series of interacting spaces in this residential interior (above). Exterior insulation and finish system (EIFS) and glass block clad the 4,200 square foot residence.

Village at Victory Lakes
Lindenhurst, Illinois

The mission of the Village at Victory Lakes (above) continuing care retirement center is that of promoting the independence and wellness of its residents. During the planning phases, Legat developed the two-way bridging concept. In two-way bridging, the design of physical and psychological pathways connecting residents of the assisted living and independent living facilities, create a sense of independence and community that would realize the center's mission. Located on a 68-acre site, the retirement center consists of a free-standing assisted living building, a congregate care building, and 20 duplex cottages adjacent to an existing skilled nursing facility.

Legat Architects

Legat Architects
Waukegan, Oak Brook, Schaumburg, Crystal Lake, and Chicago, Illinois

Legat Architects recently completed a 7,800 square foot renovation of the kitchen servery, and dining areas within the Motorola Land Mobile Products Sector Cafeteria (below). The open-plan design creates a dynamic European Market atmosphere throughout the entire space and promotes employee interaction.

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Art-Works Children's Art Museum
and Resource Center
Fox Lake, Illinois

The Art-Works Children's Museum's mission is to bring the arts to children through education and entertainment. To fulfill this goal, Legat Architects' design (above) creates a derivation of a small, colorful city by using entertaining art that relates activity spaces grouped along a curvilinear main street. These spaces were developed to engage children (and adults) of all ages by creating a variety of learning/play environments within and outside the museum. The museum will make its home in a renovated and expanded former Lions Club Building.

Perkins Pryde Kennedy + Steevensz Architects Ltd.

Perkins Pryde Kennedy + Steevensz Architects Ltd. (PPKS) Architects Ltd. has been in the general practice of architecture since 1951, when Gerald A. Perkins opened an office in Glen Ellyn. Since 1951, PPKS has designed more than 3,500 residential, commercial, and institutional projects. The firm has developed a diverse practice of architecture over the years and has been involved in the design and construction of numerous building types for both the private and public sectors. PPKS believes in creating physical environments that are pleasing to their owners and appropriate for their settings. While the firm's roots are firmly planted in the Glen Ellyn/Du Page County area, where it has done many projects, its more recent involvement with developments in other states and foreign countries has helped establish PPKS as a practice of international stature.

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital
Interiors for New Main Entrance
Melrose Park, Illinois

PPKS completed the interior architecture (above) for Gottlieb Memorial Hospital's new main entrance. The hospital was designed by Loebl Schlossman & Hackl/Hague Richards. Thin-set terrazzo and carpet were specified for the admissions area, waiting, and administration areas. A custom cherry wood and polished black granite lobby desk becomes a focal point for the hospital. PPKS is also working on a revision to the hospital's master plan.

Swamy Residence
Lisle, Illinois

This residential project (below) consists of 5,500 square feet of new construction located on a wooded lot in west suburban Lisle. The owner wanted a modern design for the home, with several balconies to take advantage of the scenic lot, and PPKS responded with a Mediterranean-style home with modern detailing. Constructed of an EIFS exterior in three colors, the house is articulated with painted cedar columns, shingle roof, and a stained mahogany entry door with custom sand-blasted glass. The project was completed in September.

Rotterdam - Coolsingel, The Netherlands
Mixed-Use Development
Rotterdam, the Netherlands

PPKS was retained in 1997 to design this mixed-use development (above) in downtown Rotterdam. The project consists of a 45-story retail, office, and theater complex with parking levels below grade. A 10-story enclosed glass atrium defines the common urban space of these buildings. The tower, with its crystalline form, will be the Netherlands tallest building. Construction is slated to begin in 1999, with completion set for 2002.
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David Brubaker, AIA, has joined Evanston-based
ARC Inc. as a principal.

Bailey Edward Design has hired five new designers
to assist with several of the firm’s new design projects.
They are: Paula Pilolla, an interior designer; Jeffrey F.
Richardson, senior project architect; Deborah Topolski,
project designer; Camilla Cochran, project designer;
and Brian C. Miller, project design assistant.
The Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings
(CCHRB) has elected new officers. The new CCHRB
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Environ Inc. and the Sherwood Conservatory of Music
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Brian C. Miller, project design assistant.

The Environments Group and Krueck & Sexton
Architects received the Grand Award for their design
of the Herman Miller showroom in the NeoCon ‘98
Showroom Design Competition.

Esherick Homsey Dodge & Davis was selected as the
primary architect for implementing the Shedd
Aquarium’s master plan and was associate architect
for the Shedd’s main gift store, Go Overboard.
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develop much of its energies to designing environments
for children. The interactive Kidscamons opened in
May in The Common Mall in Columbus, Indiana.
The firm is also working with the Eastern Maine Children’s
Museum to develop a start-up children’s museum
in Bangor, Maine, and Exley has designed the Art Institute
of Chicago’s newest exhibit, Architecture for Children.

FGM Architects Engineers has

named John Ochoa, AIA as its new president; Jim
Woods, AIA, has been promoted to vice president and
northern division director from senior project director;
and August Battaglia, AIA, has been named vice
president and design director.

F/W Associates in Architecture, Ltd. has moved
to a new suite in the office complex it presently
occupies. The firm’s address is Suite 116, 3100 Dundee
Road, Northbrook, IL 60062.

Green Associates Architects, Inc. of Evanston
announced that the following individuals have joined
the firm: Thomas Roth, AIA, as a project manager
and an associate participating in educational renovation
and addition projects; Aval Bustamante, Assoc.
AIA, as a project coordinator; and Joel Sattler as an
architect-in-training.

Curt B. Finfrock, AIA, has rejoined Knight
Architects Engineers Planners, Inc. as vice pres-
ident and director or architecture.

Griskelis + Smith Architects Ltd. received a
Certificate of Honor as one of the finalists in the 1998
Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards Program
for the Ryan Field Pressbox at Northwestern University.

Mark Hinchman, AIA, has accepted a position as
assistant professor at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Herman H. Lackner, Emeritus AIA, passed away
June 24. Lackner, who was a member of AIA Chicago
since 1938, worked for General Houses Inc., Chestor H.
Walcott, and Holabird & Root before starting his own
firm in 1945—Herman H. Lackner, Architect.

Legat Architects announced that it has opened a
new international and interiors office in Chicago. The
firm also has offices in Oakbrook, Oak Brook,
Schaumburg, and Crystal Lake.

Jeffrey K. Liggett, AIA, IIDA, has joined Leedil
Schlossman & Hack/Hague Richards as a
director within the firm’s interior design practice.
The firm of Charles Pipal, AIA has moved to 111
Bloomingbank Road, Riverside, IL 60546. Phone:
708/442-0173; FAX: 708/442-0194; e-mail:
cpipa@aol.com.

Solomon Cordwell Buenz has moved to 625 North
STR Partners Ltd. Architects announces that Kevin May has joined the firm as president of STR Interior Services Ltd., and that John M. Maz is the new president and chief estimator of STR Consulting Ltd.

Techno Ltd. has relocated its office to 67 East Madison Street, Suite 1405, Chicago, Illinois 60603; phone: 312/920-0060.

Frederick A. Thulin, AIA, ASCE, PE, was the speaker at Session F3: Cold Regions Structures on the topic of “Cold Formed Steel Arches for the Antarctic” at the American Society of Civil Engineers Ninth International Conference on Cold Regions Engineering.

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Several promotions have taken place at Harry Weese Associates. Steven Radke, AIA, has been named vice president/senior associate at the Chicago office. He has been with HWA for eight years as project manager for the CNW Metra trainshed restoration and most recently, for the numerous Chicago Public School System restorations. Also, Linda Kanoski, AIA, to associate from staff architect; Anthony Lobello, AIA, to associate from staff architect; and Ellen Mills, AIA, to associate from staff architect.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1999 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Awards for Architectural Excellence in Community Design. To be eligible for the three awards, which are accompanied by cash grants of $15,000 $3,000 and $2,000, the nominated development must be in a low- or moderate-income neighborhood; nominated, endorsed, or sponsored by a Chicago not-for-profit organization and have the written endorsement of the developer/owner and the architect; utilize local community resources in the planning and construction; and either be in the process of development or completed within the last three years. Winning projects must demonstrate superior design quality, enhance community development, and exhibit a creative design solution that renders it a model of community development projects. Submissions are due November 2. Awards will be presented at the Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards, an annual event sponsored by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation to honor and showcase community based development in Chicago on February 9. For further information call 312/822-0505.

The AIA’s 6th Annual Diversity Conference will be held in Chicago, August 6-8, 1999. Abstracts for the workshop sessions of the conference are due on December 15, 1998. Topics may include Entrepreneurship, Education, Diversity Design, and Leadership. For details, contact Ann Thompson at 202/626-7305.

AIA Chicago members are encouraged to submit residential projects for consideration for upcoming issues of Home Remodeling magazine, published by Woman’s Day Special Interest Publications. The publication is interested in such projects as whole-house remodels, additions, single- or multiple-room remodels, exterior facelifts, decks, sunrooms or conservatories, kitchens and baths, historic homes or loft conversions, and modern, minimal homes. Scouting shots are acceptable, but finished, professional photographs are preferred.

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Professional Development

Wind Forces, NCARB's latest monograph in the Professional Development Program monograph series, provides information about wind and its implications for buildings, using mathematics to determine design wind pressures in illustrative examples. The goal of the monograph is to provide architects with information to produce wind-resistant buildings. NCARB will award architects who read the monograph and pass the accompanying quiz 14 contact hours toward the HSW requirement and 42 learning units toward the AIA continuing education requirement. The cost of the monograph is $35, and the quiz is $70; if purchased together, the cost is $100. To order the monograph, call NCARB at 202/783-6500 or visit its Web site at www.ncarb.org.

The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) will be offering a series of six lectures in AIA Chicago's boardroom on various aspects of performing arts spaces, including form, acoustics, lighting, rigging, and audio and video systems. The dates and topics to be discussed are: October 5, Introduction to Performing Arts Projects; October 12, Technical Infrastructure/Support Spaces; October 19, Lighting/Lighting Systems Design; October 26, Acoustical Environment; November 2, AV Systems/Design; and November 9, Tour of Old Town School of Folk Music's New Facility. Time: 6:30. Series cost: $35. 8 LUs. For information, contact Larry Kearns, AIA, at Wheeler Kearns Architects at 312/939-7784, ext. 102.

AIA members can earn learning units by attending G-P Gypsum Corporation's "Gypsum Technology in Optimum Application" seminar. Architects will learn about gypsum products and their applications as well as code compliance and testing. Attendees will receive two learning units and one health and safety welfare credit. The free seminar will be held in Chicago on October 14 at the Swissotel Chicago, 323 East Wacker Drive. For further information or to register, call 404/652-5452.

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in the Fine Arts is sponsoring a lecture, Dear Life Be Good: The Life and Work of Alfred Caldwell. Caldwell grew up in Chicago and worked for the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Department of City Planning. At his death in July at age 95, he was the last of the Prairie School landscape architects. Caldwell was recognized by Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig Hilberseimer, Walter Peterhans, and Craig Ellwood as a renaissance man, yet only recently has he received the scholarly and public attention that has long been his due. The lecture will be presented by Dennis Domer, associate dean of architecture and urban design and associate professor of American Studies at the University of Kansas, on October 14 at 6:00 p.m., 4 West Burton Place. For further information, call 312/787-4071.

Frank Lloyd Wright, a new film by acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns and his longtime collaborator Lynn Novick, will be broadcast on November 10 and 11 at 8:00 p.m. on Chicago’s PBS Station, WTTW. Frank Lloyd Wright was born in 1867, two years after the Civil War, and died in 1959 at the dawn of the space age. In Frank Lloyd Wright, Burns and Novick tell this story through Edward Herrmann’s narration, audio recordings and footage of Wright, interviews with architects, historians, biographers, writers, and members of Wright’s family. The film part of Burns’s biography series about Americans who have had a significant impact on our nation’s history.

Are you missing any volumes of AIA Chicago’s Architecture Annual or Interior Architecture Award Retrospectives? We are now offering these volumes at a 50 percent discount. Available volumes and their sale prices include: 1985, Awards Program—$4.98; 1986 Chicago As It Was and Is—$4.98; 1987 Chicago As It Was and Is—$4.98; 1998 City by City—$4.98; 1994 (125th Anniversary Issue)—$7.48; and 1995 Architecture in the Public Realm—$7.48. The CCAIAX: Ten Years of Interior Architecture Awards in Chicago is now available for $9.98 and the 1985 volume, Five Years of Interior Architecture Awards in Chicago: The Rise of Interior Architecture, is $4.98. Call AIA Chicago at 312/670-7770 to order your copies.

Projects

Anthony Bellesichi Architects was commissioned to redesign the facade, retail space, and lobby of the National Association of Realtors headquarters building at 430 North Michigan Avenue. A new glass, granite, and stainless steel facade is being erected for the 2.5-story exterior expansion and renovation of this 1960s building.

New owners of the historic Newport, Rhode Island, country house “Rock Cliff” have retained Effler & Associates to rehabilitate this 19th century residence. The architect will restore the unique stucco and precast concrete exterior and redesign the second- and third-floor guestrooms, master bedroom and bath, family room, library, kitchen, and breakfast room.

Centeon, a Bradley, Illinois-based pharmaceutical company, commissioned Griskells + Smith Architects Ltd. to renovate and add new space to its headquarters building. A curved, freestanding wall encircles the new entrance plaza and engages the building behind to create a striking entrance. The inspiration for the curvilinear shape is Centeon’s logo, which in turn evokes a centrifuge, an important piece of laboratory equipment for the company. Smooth metal panels were used on the exterior to provide the clean, modern image the pharmaceutical company desired.

Legat Architects designed the new Health Education Center at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights. Comprising 26,000 feet of new construction and 11,000 square feet of renovated space, the new center is part of the campus master plan that the firm developed for the college in 1996.

Matthei & Colin Associates have designed a new building addition for the emergency, radiology, and outpatient surgery departments of Holland Community Hospital in Holland, Michigan. The precast stone and masonry construction of the 55,300-square-foot Ambulatory Care Center harmonizes with existing structures on the hospital campus and features curved canopies and blue glazing units and the ability to expand vertically or horizontally in response to future needs.

McCler is designing streetscapes for the Chinatown and Pilsen communities. A plaza is being designed for the intersection of 18th Street and Blue Island Avenue in Pilsen, which will feature a bronze eagle mounted on a column. The five-foot-high eagle was presented to Chicago Mayor Richard Daley by the mayor of Mexico City. For the Chinatown project, McCler designed street lighting, street furniture, a sidewalk with a distinctive Chinese decorative pattern, and a town square.

Stephen Rankin Associates has designed a new office/warehouse facility for Dover Westchester, LLC. Located in Westchester, Illinois, the project consists of a 22,000 square foot building that will be occupied by Dover Elevator Company and a 40,000 square foot speculative office building. Both buildings feature brick exteriors and are articulated with decorative precast concrete medallions.

Inspired by the dynamics of flight, movement, and unity, VOA Associates Inc. and McBride & Kelly Architects Limited submitted a plan for the China Aviation Institute Expansion Competition. The expansion project was an international private invitation competition conducted in Tianjin, China, that required housing, recreation, and athletic facilities designed as an independent campus with links to an existing campus. Additionally, VOA Inc. designed the space for the remodeled and expanded Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) Shop & Tour Center. The modern, 2,200-square-foot store was expanded to respond to the increasing demand for CAF tours and merchandise.
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5 Professional Development Conference. Sponsored by AIA Chicago, the first day of this year’s conference offers programs in three tracks: Design, Management, and Life Safety/Technical Issues; day two consists of a review of recently revised AIA contracts documents, such as the A201 and B141. The conference is open to both AIA members and non-AIA members. Information: 312/670-7770.


7 How an Artist Lives in a Wright House. This slide presentation at the Hyde Park Art Center by Maya Moran, owner of the Torrek House, is part of Artspace '98, Hyde Park's interactive on-the-street art competition that runs October 1-4. Information: 773/363-8282.

8 Laurinda Spear, founding principal of Arquitectonica International will be the keynote speaker at the Rubloff Auditorium at the Art Institute of Chicago (AIC). Cosponsored by Chicago Women in Architecture and the Architecture & Design Society of the AIC. 6:00 p.m. Admission: $10 for CWA and Architecture and Design Members; $15 for nonmembers; $20 for students. Private Reception following the lecture will be held in the Trustee's Room at the AIC. Admission: $25 (includes the cost of the lecture)/$20 for students.


10 Cuisine & Clarinets. Portions of the evening's fare, prepared by some of Chicago's noted chefs, will be served at the Glessner House, Clarke House, Keith House, Kimball House, and atrium of the National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum. Proceeds will benefit the Glessner House Museum. Information: 312/326-1480.

11 The Prairie School and Early Modernism: Frank Lloyd Wright and his Midwest Contemporaries, 1898-1999. Sponsored by the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Foundation. October 15-17. The Prairie School: Frank Lloyd Wright and his Midwest Contemporaries, will deliver the keynote address on October 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Unity Temple. Admission to all symposium events is $160 for members; $200 nonmembers. Information: 708/848-1976.


13 Regional Parks and Boulevards Bus and Walking Tour. This tour of Jackson Park and its Oakwood Garden; Garfield Park and its conservatory; and Columbus Park will be led by landscape architect Ted Wolff and planner Stephen Christy. Sponsored by Friends of the Parks. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. $25/$20 members. Information: 312/922-3307, ext. 14.


15 Oak Park Arts and Crafts Conference. Sponsored by Pleasant Home Foundation. Includes a Friday reception highlighting a distinctive arts and crafts collection in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fitzsimmons; a lecture on Saturday by historian Kathleen Cummings on the decorative arts of architect George Maher, tours of private residences, and an evening at Pleasant Home, including keynote lecture “Toward a Simpler Way of Life” by Dr. Robert Winter; and breakfast at a bungalow furnished with an exquisite collection of Arts and Crafts objects on Sunday. $95. Information: 708/363-2654.


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