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Come to network and meet other young architectural professionals. Our winter location is Monk’s Pub where we talk about studying for the ARE, community service projects, charrettes and design competitions, tours of firms and buildings, and other events around town. Learn about our plans, get involved with community service projects, or just come by to chat. Questions? Contact Jeff Missad at jeffm@mca-architecture.com. Bring a friend.

New Homes for the Region: Implementing an Executive Order on Housing
Wed., January 12, 12:00 noon
AIA Chicago
Sponsors: Planning & Urban Affairs and Housing Knowledge Communities
Robin Snyderman, housing director for the Metropolitan Planning Council, will present an overview of the 2003 Executive Order on Housing in 2003, its legislative outcome, and its implications for local planning, construction and government expenditures. Bring lunch; beverages provided. 1 LU/HSW

Historic Preservation in Cuba: Three Case Studies in Old Havana
Thurs., January 13, 12:00 noon
AIA Chicago
Sponsor: Historic Preservation Knowledge Community
What do you know about the practice of architecture and historic preservation in Cuba? These three case studies will introduce the subject: renovation of the San Isidro neighborhood; San Ignacio 368 in Plaza Vieja; and restoration of Adath Israel, an International Style synagogue. Speaker Jorge Ramos Herrera, Assoc. AIA is a Cuban-born and -trained architect who has worked for Gensler-Chicago since 2000. Bring lunch; beverages provided. 1 LU/HSW

Clean Air Counts!
Tues., January 18, 5:30 p.m.
AIA Chicago
Sponsors: Environment and Planning & Urban Affairs Knowledge Communities
Michelle Halle Stern, AIA, PE, LEED AP, from the Delta Institute, will discuss the Clean Air Counts program, a Northeastern Illinois regional initiative to reduce ozone-causing emissions, thereby improving air quality and enabling economic development. A collaboration between the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, City of Chicago, U.S. EPA Region V, Illinois EPA, and Delta Institute, this initiative seeks to achieve significant reductions in smog-forming pollutants and major reductions in energy consumption. Preview the subject at www.cleanaircounts.org. 1.5 LU/HSW

Voice and Data Network Cabling: Workflow and Coordination for Project Success
Thurs., January 20, 12:00 noon
Chicago Bar Assn., 321 S. Plymouth Court
Sponsors: Technical Issues and Interior Architecture Knowledge Communities
What are the roles of the project team members in designing and building tele/data systems? Telecom Rooms, Voice over IP (VoIP), Power over Ethernet (PoE), and wireless networking will also be discussed. Speakers: Bill Baxter, RCDD, OWP/P; Bruce Harris, Continental Electrical Construction Company; and Jarred Baker, SYSTIMAX Solutions. Bring lunch or buy at CBA cafeteria (purchase lunch ticket in first floor shop). 1 LU

Design Exposed: John Ronan, Architect
Thurs., January 20, 6:00 p.m.
320 W. Ohio St., Suite 4E
Sponsor: Design Knowledge Community
Contemporary design practices and technologies will be explored through an office tour and lecture by John Ronan, AIA. He will discuss his firm’s design philosophy and current work including the winning competition entry for the $84 million Perth Amboy High School in New Jersey. Limited to 35 participants. 1 LU/HSW
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What’s the time commitment? In addition to the training day, leaders give one or perhaps two presentations a year, each of which involves preparation time (about five hours) and presentation time (three or four hours: two hours for the program, plus set-up/clean-up time—and as much time as you want to spend answering questions once the actual program is over!). Interested? Contact Joan Pomaranc, program director, at pomarancj@aiachicago.org or 312/670-7770.

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It is with great pride and thanks that I serve as President of our Chapter for 2005. Like others who engage actively in the AIA, I have found the opportunities for gaining knowledge, engagement in pursuits that further our profession and the positive collegial relationships with my fellow practitioners incredibly rewarding.

Thanks to the leadership of the AIA staff and so many active members who have held leadership positions over the last several years, the Chapter is in a top shelf position.

The convention was an overwhelming success. We live in a city of which we are all proud and this renewed opportunity to host professionals from around the world was made even greater by the passionate kick-off speech by Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Our membership is at its highest level. The benefits and activities afforded to our members are ever more recognized. The programs and opportunities for engagement provided by the Chapter and its Knowledge Communities are continually expanding.

The Chapter is in an excellent financial position.

With this position of great strength, we need to continually look to further increase the Chapter's value and relevance to its members and to our community. Our mission is to advocate for our members and the profession, and to provide a forum for learning and fellowship.

Our 2005 Action Plan, available on the Chapter Web site, outlines our strategies to fulfill our mission over the next year. Many of these items enable us to steward the Chapter to higher goals and serve our members. Some of the larger initiatives that we would like to achieve in the coming year include:

- To examine how we communicate with our members, the profession at large, and by extension our community which is extraordinary in its passion for our discipline.
- To understand and improve how we may play a larger role in advocating for best practices in our profession.
- To align ourselves in a positive way with others in our community who have a voice and stake in our built environment.
- To address the Chapter's physical location and facilities to ensure that it is best suited to serve our members.
- To maintain and expand our membership base by continually providing value.

I want to close with thanking Charles Smith for his leadership through the past year in which activities and duties were at their highest in preparation for and execution of the convention. Past Presidents Joe Caprile and Jonathan Fischel have always been generous with their time in offering counsel to both myself and Charles. And thank you in advance to the 2005 Board of Directors and for their commitment and enthusiasm for making 2005 productive and successful.

Thomas Kerwin, AIA
President
Murphy/Jahn Named National AIA Firm of the Year

The AIA Board of Directors in December named Murphy/Jahn recipient of the 2005 AIA Architecture Firm Award, which will be presented Feb. 11 at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC. Previous honorees include Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and Perkins & Will.

“It’s a great privilege,” said Murphy/Jahn president and CEO Helmut Jahn, FAIA, of the award. “We worked very hard to put a presentation together that reflected a history of the firm, which goes way back to Charles Murphy and to the Chicago School of Daniel Burnham. We have a great team. We’re putting forward in architecture what we believe is the next step to solving the problems of the profession in the future.”

“For nearly 70 years Murphy/Jahn has been leading our profession through design, technology and practice issues,” said Hal Munger, AIA, who nominated the firm. “From its solid beginnings, which literally helped create the city that works to its ongoing successes exporting Americans’ can-do mind-set, Murphy/Jahn has combined futuristic vision, boundless energy and steady passion for the good which wonderful American architecture can provide to people everywhere.”

Founded more than 50 years ago, Murphy/Jahn grew under the leadership of Jahn, who coined the term “Architecting” to express the synergy between architecture and engineering. Under his stewardship, the firm has received numerous accolades for its work, including three National AIA Honor Awards in 2004 as well as nine previous National AIA Honor Awards. Beyond these awards and many other honors, the firm has contributed significantly to the downtowns of such cities as Chicago, Philadelphia and Berlin with such buildings as the State of Illinois building, One Liberty Place, and the Sony Center. Murphy/Jahn also was instrumental in the design of Munich’s and Bangkok’s international airports.

Chicago Tribune architecture critic Blair Kamin supported the firm’s nomination. “The firm is producing some of the world’s most technologically advanced, formally sophisticated, and urbanistically significant buildings,” he wrote. “And its best work is still ahead. Murphy/Jahn’s enlightened architecture does not simply comment on our times. It engages the world in order to transform it. The firm richly deserves the 2005 Architecture Firm Award.”

AIA Illinois Awards

On Nov. 6 AIA Illinois honored Cynthia Weese, FAIA for Excellence in Education; Professional Affiliate Kevin Sido with the President’s Award; Holabird & Root with the Distinguished Firm Award. David Urcschel, AIA and James Jankowski, FAIA were lauded for their guidance, knowledge, time and commitment as the leaders of AIA Chicago’s efforts to host the AIA National Convention in Chicago last year.

Weese is on the visiting committee of Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s School of Architecture and is a member of Harvard Design Magazine’s review board. “Cynthia’s dedication to education profession is unparalleled,” the AIA Illinois jury commented.

“He has obviously made many sacrifices to focus his time and attention to the education of the next generation of architects.”

Sido is a partner in the Chicago law office of Hinshaw & Culbertson; he heads up the practice group, provides counsel and representation of design professionals in litigation, contracts, licensing issues, business organization and other issues. “From many years of working with AIA on a variety of issues, I know that Kevin’s advice has been invaluable,” one juror said.

“Many of us who work in the design industry, some of whom Kevin has never met, have benefited from his insights and understanding of the laws surrounding design and construction in Illinois.”

Holabird & Root, founded in 1880, was honored for its role in training Chicago and Illinois architects for generations. “Holabird & Root has been and continues to be a very distinguished architectural firm with an outstanding history,” the jury commented.

Urcschel led more than a dozen committee leaders as the host chapter convention chairman. He worked on everything from tours to exhibits. Jankowski was the point man for the financial budget and negotiations related to the convention. “Jim found win-win positions for everything from Host Chapter monetary obligations to insurance issues,” the Honors Awards report stated. “Jankowski’s discussions and negotiations enabled AIA Chicago to emerge post-convention in a financially sound position.”

Book on David Hovey’s Work

Rizzoli has published a book about the work of David Hovey, FAIA titled The Nature of Dwellings: The Architecture of David Hovey ($50). The book features the interiors of seven single family-homes Hovey designed, three near Chicago and four in Arizona.

2004 Distinguished Service Award Winners

The Board of Directors of AIA Chicago voted in November to bestow the Chapter’s Distinguished Service Award on Neal David, AIA, Gerald Horn, FAIA and Robert Piper, FAIA.

David has been vice-president of facilities for the Lincoln Park Zoological Society since 1991. In that capacity he has planned and guided a multi-million dollar building campaign that has included renovation of the zoo’s treasured animal houses as well as construction of innovative new environments. Having developed a framework of design and construction standards for the 35-acre campus, he has hired a variety of architects and encouraged their individuality. Recent projects include the award-winning Farm in the Zoo by InterActive Design and the Center for African Apes by Lohan Caprile Goetttsch.

Nominator Joseph Caprile, AIA praises David for having “chosen a career path as an architect not to design projects by himself, but to nurture the creativity of others.”

Horn retired from his position as a senior design partner at Holabird & Root in 2001 after a 30-year career at the firm. He has remained active in the profession through his teaching at the Illinois Institute of Technology and through his continued practice.
Tom Hoepf, AIA was mentored by Horn when he first came to Chicago, and his nomination cites Horn's lifetime dedication to design excellence and education. On a more personal level, Hoepf praises the approachable, humble personality that has made Horn such an effective mentor to so many interns and young architects.

Horn's work has won numerous design awards—21 of them from the local and national AIA—and has been widely published and exhibited. Familiar local projects include the IIT-Kent College of Law, the Northwestern University School of Law, and the Chicago Historical Society. Horn spent a year as a visiting instructor at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design and has been a studio professor at the IIT School of Architecture since 1974, where his class was always among the first to be filled.

Piper is a retired planner and architect who has remained actively involved in the AIA, American Institute of Architects, the American Planning Association, and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs. He was nominated by Fred Brandstrader, AIA, chair of AIA Chicago's Planning & Urban Affairs Knowledge Community, who cites "his ability to bring together people working toward the greater good of communities" as one of his most valuable qualities.

Piper's career includes serving as director of professional services for the American Institute of Architects, during which time he edited AIA Documents and the AIA Architects Handbook of Professional Practice. He also authored the book Opportunities in Architecture Careers, which recently received new life as an e-book. Piper has served as a mentor to many young people and has taken on many civic leadership positions in his home town of Winnetka, chairing the design review board and the plan commission as well as serving as village trustee.
AIA National Convention

Befitting the city that makes no small plans, this year’s AIA convention set a new attendance record with over 22,000 people. As host chapter, AIA Chicago’s responsibilities began two years earlier with efforts to promote the convention nationally. Committees solicited sponsors, planned the host chapter party at Navy Pier, and created tours and events that showcased our city and our members’ work to a national audience.

The tours were extremely popular, with many of them selling out within the first two weeks of registration. More were added to accommodate as many people as possible; thousands of attendees took a total of 62 professional and six guest tours. Two evenings of dinner events, Dining by Design, brought architects from around the country into local architecture offices. And over 1,100 copies of the AIA Guide to Chicago were pre-sold or purchased at the convention.

Chapter members can take pride in their many contributions, from long-range planning to last-minute pitching in. Over three dozen volunteers provided a range of services that included leading tours and staffing the host chapter booth and tour desk. In some cases it was a family affair, with spouses and children helping out. Major kudos go to James Jankowski, FAIA and David Urschel, AIA for their leadership efforts from start to finish.

Due in part to excitement generated by the convention, by the end of the year AIA Chicago membership exceeded 3,000 for the first time.

Professional Interest Areas

There were many opportunities for continuing education, networking and mentoring throughout the year thanks to the ongoing activities of the chapter’s PIAs. In February the Planning and Urban Affairs, Design, and Historic Resources PIAs co-sponsored a well-attended presentation by the Honorable John Norquist, president and CEO of the Congress for New Urbanism. The Health Care PIA built on the success of the previous year’s Emerging Horizons series by sponsoring a student competition. Teams from Midwestern architecture schools were
challenged to present innovative ideas on how medical campuses could incorporate the concepts of alternative and complementary medicine presented in that series.

The Young Architects continued their informal monthly gatherings after work at a pub, and organized the second annual Prompt Portfolio Presentations (P3). Co-sponsored by the Design PIA, P3 offered young practitioners the opportunity to get advice from seasoned veterans on how to improve their presentation skills. The Design PIA scheduled visits to numerous member firms and sponsored or co-sponsored tours of sites such as Millennium Park, the Illinois Institute of Technology, and Pullman. The Environment PIA organized tours of the green roof of City Hall and the Center for Neighborhood Technology, among others.

**Outreach and Advocacy**

The ever-popular Working with an Architect series continued to serve as a major outreach vehicle for AIA Chicago. The AIA Guide to Chicago’s first and second editions have now sold over 41,000 copies. Chapter members or firms demonstrated their creativity this year by designing tree houses for the Morton Arboretum, birdhouses for the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, miniature golf holes for the Epilepsy Foundation, and carousel horses for Ravinia. The Young Architects PIA organized a group to repair a house in Harvey for the national Rebuilding Together event in April. Several firms once again welcomed Newhouse interns into their offices.

The Environment PIA worked with the Chicago Architecture Foundation and the Field Museum to organize a two-day event on Green Architecture, with a symposium geared to professionals and an Eco-Friendly Homes Fair aimed at the general public. They also helped CAF produce the Green Chicago exhibit that accompanied the national Big & Green show. They capped off the year by renewing the Memorandum of Understanding with the City Department of the Environment at their holiday party.

AIA Chicago successfully advocated for the City to resume offering energy code classes which allow architects to gain the status of registered energy professional. The Board of Directors also sent a letter to Mayor Daley expressing concerns over the proposal for the enlargement of Monroe Harbor, which has been put on hold. The chapter also continued its involvement with the building and zoning codes.
Celebrating Excellence

2004 saw an unusually high number of chapter members (eight) inducted into the AIA College of Fellows. Designight had a distinctly “green” tinge this year, with speaker Aaron Betsky addressing sustainability, and the inaugural presentation of the Sustainable Design Awards. The Annual Meeting attendees heard a talk by Geoffrey Baer and honored winners of the Firm, Distinguished Service and the Dubin Family Young Architect awards.

The Health PIA hosted a reception for the student competition.

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Expanding the Possibilities of Modernism

AIA Chicago 2004 Firm of the Year Award Goes to Krueck & Sexton Architects

By Laurie Petersen

The Firm Award was established in 1991 to recognize a single practice for outstanding achievement in the profession. Often recognized with other honors and awards, the winning firm is selected for its ongoing excellence in design, building, technology, planning, and research and for its notable efforts to advance the architectural profession.

The jurors for this year's award, all firm principals from AIA St. Louis, were Gene Mackey, FAIA, Mackey Mitchell Associates; Fred Powers, AIA, Powers Bowersox; and Mark Gettemeyer, AIA, Tangent Architecture.
"For more than 20 years the firm has remained true to its modernist roots and has refined its message with constant concern for humanistic values." That was how the jury summed up their unanimous verdict that Krueck & Sexton Architects should receive AIA Chicago's 2004 Firm of the Year Award. They also cited the consistency of the work, the accumulation of a variety of national and local awards, and the principals' involvement with the broader civic community.

Krueck & Sexton was founded in 1979 as Krueck & Olsen, with Mark Sexton as their first employee. The young firm quickly attracted attention for its residential interiors and uncompromisingly modern single-family houses such as the 1981 Steel and Glass House. In 1991 Ron Krueck, FAIA and Mark Sexton, AIA became partners to create the firm's current incarnation. After continued success with residential work, in 1998 they decided to pursue commercial and institutional commissions, which soon led to even greater recognition.

In 2000 Krueck & Sexton won triple honors in the AIA Chicago Design Excellence Awards program. The Phillips Plastics Corporation building and the Herman Miller National Design Center each won an Honor Award (for Distinguished Building and Interior Architecture, respectively) and the Transparent House won a Special Recognition in the Unbuilt Design category. The Phillips building went on to win the 2001 Business Week/Architectural Record Award, for which the Herman Miller showroom was also a finalist. The showroom received a 2001 AIA National Honor Award.

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The firm’s recent work with Herman Miller has earned accolades for its advances in the area of sustainable architecture. The renovation of Building C1 at the corporation’s Zeeland, Mich. headquarters achieved LEED Gold certification, won a 2004 National AIA/Committee on the Environment award, and received a Sustainable Design Award from AIA Chicago.

Krueck & Sexton is currently involved with the “green” renovation of Crown Hall at the Illinois Institute of Technology, combining their admiration of Miesian modernism with the advocacy of sustainable practices that is being led at the firm by Rico Cedro, AIA.

Krueck serves on the board of The Mies van der Rohe Society, which is creating awareness and raising funds for the restoration of the Mies buildings on the IIT campus. He has taught architecture at the school, his alma mater, since the 1970s. He was also one of the key people involved in forming the Friends of the Farnsworth House, whose activities helped ensure public ownership of the landmark. Sexton’s civic activities include support of the Chicago Christian Industrial League, for which the firm has done several pro bono projects.

The work of Krueck & Sexton has been widely exhibited and
published in this country and abroad. A monograph of the firm’s first 15 years was published in 1997, and over a hundred articles have cited their work.

At Chicago’s Millennium Park, Krueck & Sexton led the design and engineering team that realized artist Jaume Plensa’s concept for the Crown Fountain. Currently under construction in Florida is Transparent House II, which recently received national attention for weathering Hurricane Ivan despite its coastal location and all-glass curtain wall.

On the boards is a new building for the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, which will insert a crystalline, transparent façade in the masonry cliff of South Michigan Avenue. It will be their highest profile building to date, and is sure to prompt even greater interest in the firm’s ever-evolving work.

Laurie Petersen is a Contributing Editor of Focus.
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The Young Architect Award was founded in 1981 to honor an architect between 29 and 39 years of age who has shown through his work and professional service, excellence and extraordinary promise. Candidates are recommended by professionals in the architectural field and selected by a jury of Chicago architects. This year’s jurors were William Bradford, AIA, Daniel P. Coffey & Associates; Thomas Braham, AIA, CUH2A; and Sharlene Young, AIA, Lieber Design Group.

“James exemplifies exactly what this award is intended to recognize: an architect who has demonstrated skills and accomplishments beyond his years.”
James Zheng, AIA, associate principal at Lohan Caprile Goettsch Architects, received the 2004 Dublin Family Young Architect Award because he has exhibited remarkable strength in management and marketing.

Jurors were impressed with how he handled the tremendous responsibility of opening a foreign office, using his personal contacts to attract new business. “James exemplifies exactly what this award is intended to recognize: an architect who has demonstrated skills and accomplishments beyond his years,” said Braham. “For a young architect to successfully represent a substantial and distinguished practice such as Lohan Caprile Goettsch abroad for such significant projects is a stellar accomplishment. James has exhibited a management acumen that many architects 10 years his senior would not... He is a well-rounded architect who has leveraged his particular skills and maximized his potential for the benefit of his firm.”

Zheng was named an associate principal this year in recognition of his significant contributions to the company. He is personally committed to working in China; he meets existing clients monthly, and monitors project progress. Zheng also strives to attract new business and meet with potential clients. He manages these responsibilities while working toward a MBA at Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management.

A native of China, Zheng came to Chicago in 1991 to study at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He started at Lohan Caprile Goettsch after receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture during a time when the firm recognized that Asia was a growth market. American and European architects were beginning to gain recognition and market share in Asia. Zheng began marketing the firm, using his personal contacts in China to set up business meetings with government officials and privately held firms to introduce them to Lohan Caprile Goettsch.

A representative office was established in Shanghai last summer to serve as base of operations for Zheng’s frequent trips. He was responsible for getting Lohan Caprile Goettsch placed in an article in the August 2004 issue of Time + Architecture, one of two leading Chinese design magazines. He also helped arrange speaking engagements for principals Jim Goettsch, AIA and Larry Weldon, AIA, in China in conjunction with exhibits of the firm’s work in design institutes in Shanghai, Beijing, and Guangzhou.

Zheng has worked on numerous projects in Suzhou, China, including the Suzhou Industrial Park International Tower, the Suzhou Industrial Master Plan, the Suzhou Industrial Park Administrative Center and Conglomerate Office Building, as well as the Nanjing International Center, in Nanjing, China and the UBS Tower in Chicago. He contributed to design concepts and building development, negotiated contracts and fees, acted as the day-to-day point person for projects.

Zheng helped overcome many obstacles in the Chinese projects. He was instrumental in writing contracts for clients; their brevity simplified negotiations. Zheng ensured that Lohan Caprile Goettsch is involved in red-line checks of construction documents and the firm’s in-house technical services group is used as a curtainwall consultant. This arrangement guarantees that the firm’s design is carried out. Zheng’s personal philosophy is to give clients the best design plan that he can, serving their needs and solving problems to the best of his abilities.
PEOPLE/FIRMS

Adam Berkelhamer, AIA has been promoted to vice president at Booth Hansen.

Dan Maclsaac, AIA was promoted to vice president of finance and information technology at Booth Hansen.

James Prendergast, AIA has joined Lohan Caprile Goettsch Architects as a principal of the firm.

Karen Sennet, AIA is now a project architect at GTG Consultants.

Lohan Anderson has moved their Chicago office to 401 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 500. The phone number is 312/988-7800. The firm’s Web site is www.lohananderson.com.

CLIPPINGS


Villa Park’s new police station designed by Serena Sturm Architects was featured in a Nov. 15 Chicago Sun-Times article. The new building is thought to be only one of a few environmentally-friendly police facilities in the country.

PROJECTS

Destefano and Partners is designing the 18-story, 500,000-sq.-ft. building that will eventually house USG’s corporate headquarters at 550 W. Adams St. Power Construction started building the West Loop structure in October. Destefano and Partners are also the master planners for Roosevelt Square, the mixed-income community replacing the Chicago Housing Authority’s ABLA homes at Sault St. Marie, Mich.

Macondo Corp., Smith and Smith Associates, and UrbanWorks Ltd., are also involved in designing the single-family homes, condominiums, rental apartments, and townhouses on the 100-acre site.

An $18 million, mixed-income housing project in Chicago’s Humboldt Park neighborhood is being designed by Campbell Tiu Campbell. In addition to a new, five-story building, a vacant warehouse will be converted into condominiums. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

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Stanley Tigerman, FAIA was quoted in the Nov. 30 issue of the Chicago Tribune. Tigerman is slated to design a new home for Pacific Garden Mission, a city homeless shelter at the corner of 14th Place and Canal Street. The mission would move from its current location at 646 S. State St. so its neighbor, Jones College Prep School, can expand its facility.

The 1950s-era Deerfield ranch house that Budd Dietrich, AIA of HFD Architects converted into a spacious, Prairie-Style house was featured in a Remodeling column in the Nov. 11 issue of Pioneer Press newspapers.

Plans for a new high-rise bankrolled by Scott Sonoc, AIA were featured in the Nov. 12 issue of the Chicago Sun-Times. “Sonoc the architect has become Sonoc the developer and he’s aiming high — or tall, to put it precisely,” wrote David Roeder and Fran Spielman. Sonoc seeks zoning approval for an $80 million, 27-story condominium at 735 W. Division on land he currently owns. The new structure would replace one that Sonoc rents to tenants and also utilizes for his own business.

Berea College Ecovillage day-care facility designed by Rodney Wright, FAIA was featured in a recent issue of Berea College Magazine. The Berea, Ky. day care facility was completed last year.

A special edition of Trends Ideas magazine highlighted a building renovation by Brininstool + Lynch. The building includes retail space at the ground level and a home on the upper floors.

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Landmark Preservation Council of Illinois Heritage Fund grants are awarded on an ongoing basis at the Executive Committee’s monthly meeting. Eligible beneficiaries include significant structures or sites in Illinois that are threatened by demolition, imminent deterioration, or are of such architectural importance that their preservation will benefit the public and community. A $100,000 grant will help pay for plans to install a new heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system at Frank Lloyd Wright’s Unity Temple in Oak Park. Gunny Harboe, AIA, will draw up plans for that new system. For more information about the grants, contact Suzanne Germann at 312/922-1742 or email germanns@lpci.org.

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Lake Zurich Elementary/Middle School designed by Legat Architects was honored in November at the “2004 Skyline Awards for Tile Design” sponsored by the Chicago Tile Institute and the International Masonry Institute. The school was also featured in an article in the November issue of Environment Design and Construction (www.edcmag.com). Legat Architects also designed the new Aspen Elementary School in Vernon Hills.

Mann Weitz & Associates, founded by professional affiliate member Mark Mann, was one of three CPA firms nationwide awarded the Balance Award from the American Society of Women Accountants Educational Foundation in December.

AIA Associate members have free access to the Emerging Professionals Companion (EPC), a comprehensive online guide to the AIA/National Council of Architectural Registrations Board Intern Development Program. This new resource provides exercises and tests to help fulfill requirements in almost all jurisdictions taking the Architectural Registration Exam. For more information, visit www.epcompanions.org.

Information on the SOM Foundation’s Web site (www.somfoundation.som.com) is useful for planning fellowship competitions and gaining further knowledge of structures. Visitors can also see winning portfolios, final travel reports, fellows lists with schools, juror lists, newsletters and press releases. They can also learn about current deadlines and important news about fellowship finalists and current competition winners.

Learn more about architect Frank Lloyd Wright’s passion for Japanese design at the Wright in Japan Centennial Festival, beginning Jan. 15 at Unity Temple in Oak Park. Call 708/383-8873 for more details.

See Chicago’s changing neighborhoods from the city’s century-old elevated trains in Chicago Train Tour: Life Along the E. a guided Chicago Historical Society (CHS) tour of the Windy City from the Loop to the Ravenswood area on the CTA’s Brown Line. Learn about the historic events that occurred along this route. Tour begins and ends at the CTA Randolph station on Sun., Jan. 9, 1-3 p.m. Cost is $10 per person, $5 for CHS members. Reservations required; call visitor services at 312/642-4600.

Nate Kipnis, AIA will discuss Walking the Fine Line: Reconciling Aesthetics, Consumerism and North America’s largest collection of expositions and conferences for interior design and facilities management. . . .

Green Design at 6 p.m., Jan. 12 at Archeworks, 625 N. Kingsbury. For more information, call 312/867-7254 ext. 13 or visit www.archeworks.org.

Tour the city’s notable apartment buildings and interiors from the south to the north side with University of Chicago professor Neil Harris, author of Chicago Apartments: A Century of Lakefront Luxury, 1 to 5 p.m., Sat. Jan. 15. Cost is $35 each person, $25 for CHS members. Call 312/642-4600 for more information.

The Chicago Architecture Foundation is sponsoring a series of lunch-time discussions at 12:15 p.m. in the ArchiCenter, 224 S. Michigan Ave. Darryl Babuk, AIA principal of Babuk & Associates, will discuss First Railroads, Then Skyscrapers Jan. 5. Jonathan Fine, AIA, president of Preservation Chicago, will speak on Making the Case for Landmark Districts Jan. 12. Laura Jimenez, AIA will discuss McHugh Construction Headquarters: Rehab on Motor Row Jan. 19;
Thomas Gentry, Assoc. AIA and Ujjval Vyas will talk about The Chicago Façade Ordinance and Its Implication for Historic Preservation Jan. 26. All lectures are free. For more information, call 312/922-3432. These CAF lectures are worth 1 AIA/CES learning unit.

On Jan. 20 author Will Fellows will discuss his new book, A Passion to Preserve: Gay Men as Keepers of Culture at 12:15 p.m. at the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St., Claudia Cassidy Theater, 2nd floor. For information, contact the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois at 312/922-1742 or visit www.landmarks.org.

Also on Jan. 20 at 5:30 p.m. Brad Lynch of Brininstool + Lynch will discuss Art vs. Architecture: Competing for Creativity in the Art Museum, at Gleacher Center, 450 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr. Cost is $20. To register for the event, contact the Graham School at 773/702-1722 or go to www.grahamschool.uchicago.edu.

Money, Religion, Art will be the subject of a lecture sponsored by the College of Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology at 6 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Museum of Contemporary Art Theater, 220 E. Chicago Ave. The event is free. For more information, call 312/280-2660.

Architect and designer Gaetano Pesce will discuss Contemporary Architecture and Design at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 at Fullerton Hall in the Art Institute of Chicago. The lecture is sponsored by the Architecture and Design Society of Chicago. For more information, call 312/857-7166. Cost is free with museum admission.

The SEAIO Annual Trade Show will take place on Jan. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Palmer House, 17 E. Monroe St. The $5 cost includes breakfast. RSVP to Donna Childs at 312/372-4198. For more information, visit www.seaio.org.

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