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Welcome to Architecture Minnesota’s feel-good issue 2011. We’ve had a lot of positivity flowing through our pages this year, with in-depth looks at sustainable new collegiate, residential, and cultural projects, among other features. But this edition, our annual interiors coverage, is the one that will cheer conservation-minded readers the most. Why? Because all of the projects we’re showcasing are renovations and reuse; by recycling existing building stock, they require fewer resources and in some cases rescue buildings from disuse and possible demolition.

Parameters’ new office-furniture showroom (cover, page 26), for example, contributed to the recent revival of the century-old Pence Building in downtown Minneapolis. Like fellow tenant Modern Climate, an advertising studio profiled in last year’s interiors issue, the Knoll, Inc., dealer ensured the building’s continued longevity by uncovering its original industrial character. YouthLink (page 28), a social services hub for homeless teens, also chose to renovate industrial space in Minneapolis. But surely the most pioneering reuse in this issue is KNOCK, Inc.’

The Minneapolis Grain Exchange has found a new use for its empty trading floor, one that required few changes to the room’s historic splendor. Of course, rehabilitation isn’t always the easiest path. Our Town Talk interview with developer George Sherman (page 17), whose firm is renovating Minneapolis’ Riverside Plaza inside and out, reveals just how challenging the renewal of a large, neglected architectural landmark can be. At the other end of the scale, small art and cultural centers often find that reuse is their only financially sustainable option. In Conundra (page 13), Frank Martin takes this cost-cutting approach one step further by enumerating the merits of co-location for small museums. “Although they don’t all need signature facilities, most museums do need a lasting home, even if it’s a humble one,” he concludes. “Architects can help here in envisioning new exhibit spaces in old car dealerships, theaters, storefronts, offices, student centers, and other surprising places.”

And speaking of co-location and adventurous reuse, the next chapter in the life of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange trading floor, hinted at in photographer Pete Sieger’s Place contribution (page 72), tells the happiest story of its transition to digital transaction. For more than a century, not a single light fixture hung from the ornately coffered ceiling—the large windows provided all the light necessary to examine the grains at the trading tables.

Sieger captured his indelible images (another is shown here) shortly after the floor fell silent. But good news came this summer: A new use for the space had been arranged, and it required few changes to the room’s historic splendor. CoCo, a provider of co-working environments for small businesses and mobile workers, and Project Skyway, a new incubator of technology start-ups, partnered to make the trading floor a cauldron of collaboration for new ventures. Preservation specialists MacDonald & Mack Architects guided the appropriate refurbishment of the space and its auxiliary rooms, and Target Commercial Interiors installed modern furnishings to mix with the old trading tables.

“With so few uses that fit, the trading floor was very difficult to lease,” says MacDonald & Mack project architect Todd Grover, AIA. “But that made our work—collaborating with the Grain Exchange leasing office to develop a concept, promoting the concept to CoCo, and facilitating the coming together of owner and tenant—all the more gratifying. A success story like this one is a testament to the creative thinking of all involved.”

Christopher Hudson
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conversion of an unappreciated former grocery store into an elegant and engaging creative studio (page 20). Buy a run-down background building and commission Julie Snow Architects to lead the makeover? We’d love to see that recipe become popular.
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Banner Year

In the middle of the last century, St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota, launched a 100-year building campaign, and acclaimed modernist architect Marcel Breuer and his associate Hamilton Smith began a relationship with the college that would span more than 20 years. Writing to Breuer in 1953, St. John’s abbot Baldwin Dworschak offered these famous words: “The Benedictine tradition at its best challenges us to think boldly and to cast our ideals in forms which will be valid for centuries to come, shaping them with all the genius of present day materials and techniques.” Between then and 1975, the collaboration between Breuer’s office and the monks met the challenge. Best known among the many Breuer buildings on campus is the Abbey Church, with its iconic banner bell tower.

St. John’s celebrates the 50th anniversary of the church’s dedication with a CANDLELIGHT VIGIL SERVICE on October 22, a special ANNIVERSARY MASS on October 23, and the two events below.

ARCHITECTURE PANEL
October 5, 8 P.M.

The anniversary is a chance to reflect on the church’s religious and architectural significance, so St. John’s has organized a panel discussion led by William Franklin, newly consecrated Episcopal Bishop of Western New York and former St. John’s faculty member, and Thomas Fisher, Assoc. AIA, dean of the University of Minnesota’s College of Design.

St. John’s Abbey Church, one of the most revered examples of modern religious architecture in the world, hits the half-century mark with a handful of celebrations open to the public.

CHORAL CONCERT
October 23, 3 P.M.

St. John’s admirers who love choral music can mark the milestone by taking in a performance by the renowned Westminster Cathedral Choir on October 23, shortly after the special anniversary mass. The concert celebrates both the anniversary of the Abbey Church and the founding of St. John’s new Institute for Sacred Music. Westminster’s performance at St. John’s is one stop along its 2011 tours of the U.S. and Japan. –Sarah Bremer, Assoc. AIA
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A drawing co-op led by a volunteer St. Paul designer invites architects and other design professionals to sharpen their artistic skills

For more than 13 years, a group of architects, interior designers, and other creatives has gathered in downtown St. Paul to hone their life-drawing skills. “It’s not a class,” says Don Thomas, a BWBR Architects design principal and the volunteer organizer of the drawing co-op since its inception. “And I don’t even like to think of it as my cooperative,” he says, adding, “we simply started making an opportunity for people to practice drawing a human model.”

While life drawing lacks the fantastical lighting and dramatic proportions of modern digital renderings, it lies at the core of all architectural representation. “The figure is one of the hardest things to represent, and for some it’s very intimidating,” says Thomas.

Like many homegrown opportunities, this one is decidedly low tech. The studio is an empty office suite, generously donated by the Hamm Building’s management, a longtime supporter of the arts. The lighting is a simple PVC rigging of Home Depot lights, and the finer comforts consist of office chairs, space heaters, and public radio. For $25, co-op members have the opportunity to attend six two-hour sessions, each featuring a live model.

A typical evening begins with the model performing a series of short poses, one to two minutes in length. “Just to help everyone get warmed up,” notes Thomas. The poses get progressively longer, stretching to 20 minutes, which allows members to add color, detail, or new techniques to their sketches.

While the co-op is open to everyone, approximately half of the members are current or retired BWBR staff—a testament to the firm’s commitment to the continuing education of its employees. “It’s another way to visually think,” says Thomas. “It’s not too analytical. It’s purely creative. It forces you to look hard to see how forms and proportions relate, and ultimately it informs how you design.”

—Brandon Stengel, Assoc. AIA
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When should museums build new, and when can creative partnerships and reuses work just as well? Can architects help museums learn the difference?

By Frank Edgerton Martin

The Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA) is a national model for how art museums can integrate diverse cultures while creating new and varied exhibits that are relevant for our time. But today such iconic art museums are just one option for reaching audiences. Curatorial strategies for what to collect, how to interpret objects, and how to exhibit them continue to evolve. Although museums endure over generations, their paradigms for artistic quality and exhibition best practices are subject to change.

Hence the conundrum: How do cultural institutions know when to build a brand new museum wing or a new interpretive center, and when to instead reuse an existing building? When are curatorial demands for a Big Design Statement or high-tech black-box galleries absolutely essential to the mission, and when are they really expressions of curatorial assumptions that could be completely different in a generation?

These questions matter because, at the end of a major recession and the beginning of global climate change, we all need to learn to live with less. The design professions are deeply challenged to find new service roles in this changed economy. Rather than being advocates for bigger schools and gleaming new museums and interpretive centers, architects should offer a new kind of design service for the arts: helping curators and directors meet their programs without building lavishly, or maybe at all.

Reduce, Reuse, Co-locate

With their experience in programming, life-cycle costs, co-location, and exit strategies for corporate clients, many architects are well suited to facilitate this new museum thinking. In fact, Minnesota already offers a few fine examples of creative reuse, including Carleton College’s just-opened Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle-designed Weitz Center for Creativity, which incorporates the renovation of an old high school near campus. Then there’s the marvelously effective Museum of Russian Art by Julie Snow Architects. Who would have thought a Spanish Colonial Revival church in a South Minneapolis neighborhood could become a museum devoted to the art of Russia? And the creative thinking didn’t end there: Rather than build its own parking lot or ramp, the museum shares parking with the Mayflower Church across the street, adjusting its hours to open later on Sundays.

Home Economics

The Minnesota Museum of American Art (MMAA) and the University of St. Thomas’ American Museum of Asmat Art share experience in the dilemma of when to build big and when to adapt in more humble ways. MMAA has St. Paul roots dating back to the 1890s, when it was founded as an art school. Even though it has a lauded history of exhibitions and a permanent collection of 3,700 artworks by artists including Thomas Hart Benton.

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Developer George Sherman talks to Architecture Minnesota about his firm's logistically complex renovation of a crumbling and faded Minneapolis landmark

INTERVIEW BY PHILLIP GLENN KOSKI, AIA

Riverside Plaza, that towering collection of concrete apartments on the east edge of downtown Minneapolis, has been a skyline mainstay since its completion in 1973. Designed by the late modern master Ralph Rapson, the complex is best known for its egg-crate pattern of recessed balconies, Mondrianesque pattern of colored squares, and fictional tenant Mary Richards, who took up high-rise living during the last two seasons of The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

Originally named Cedar Square West, the project was conceived by urban-renewal planners as the first phase of a “New Town in Town.” With freeways and the University of Minnesota’s expansion on the West Bank, the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood was on course for a transformation from its scrappy streetcar past to a gleaming future of towers connected by elevated plazas and skyways floating above a park-like landscape.

While much of the vision never panned out, the complex today is home to more than 4,500 people living in 1,300 units. With the property approaching 40 years of use, the owners and the general development partner, Sherman Associates, recognized the need to replace outdated mechanical and electrical systems and make critical structural repairs. To finance the project, Sherman Associates sought and achieved national historic designation for the complex. Designation allows the developer to in turn seek valuable historic tax credits for renovation work that adheres to the original design.

Architecture Minnesota spoke with Sherman Associates president George Sherman about the project’s colorful past and the plan for the $65 million rehabilitation.

When did your company purchase Riverside Plaza?

We originally purchased the property through a partnership in 1988. At that time we did a moderate rehab and then owned the complex for 22 years. We reacquired it in January of this year to do the rehab work you’re seeing today. Right now the general partner is an entity of Sherman Associates and an equity fund held by AEGON, a large insurance company. AEGON sold a large share of the investment to Google, so Google is a major investor in Riverside Plaza from an equity point of view, along with Sherman Associates.

Why did you purchase the property originally?

Back in 1988 the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had just completed a long and arduous foreclosure process on a previous owner—a private party who built the project in 1972. Cedar Square West failed financially almost immediately after opening. It had three to five glorious years where everything kind of worked, and then it fell into a financial abyss. It was behind on paying its bills during the 1980s. It had a very challenging financial period where water and electricity were being cut off and the building started to have major mechanical problems. The City wanted to make sure that a new owner would maintain the project as affordable rental housing and commit to doing some rehabilitation work on it.

Were there other contributing factors in the decline of this once-lustrous property, aside from the financial problems?

Well, there were a number of things. For starters, Cedar Square West was envisioned as the first phase of a multi-phase project with a total build-out of 10,000 housing units. Because it was the only phase to get built, it was like a three-wheel vehicle designed to have four wheels. The boiler facilities were oversized to handle future phases, and portions of the upper plaza were left hanging up in the air, in anticipation of being connected to future phases of the project. The infrastructure and much of the development cost were envisioned to be part of a much larger project. So the property was burdened with those costs and with a design and a mechanical system sized for a bigger project.

There were also some design issues stemming from the infamous “value engineering.” One great story is that, in the McKnight building, they...
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Flip through a glossy design magazine at a newsstand or your dentist’s office, and you may get the impression that all high-design interiors are conceived to *showcase* the unique personalities, refined tastes, and abundant wealth of the owners. But architects *create* a much wider range of interior spaces than we see in *Architectural Digest*, and their goal in all of these projects is to *support* their clients and allow them to *grow*, to design environments that enable employees to *interact* with one another and *optimize* workflow. In fact, if architectural interiors were words, they’d be verbs, not flowery adjectives. So to each of the following eight projects we’ve attached an action word—*synergize*, for example, or *innovate*—that captures what the designed space empowers its inhabitants to do. Did we choose the right words? Are there others that also apply? Take the tour and judge for yourself.
The main workspace (above) has ample daylight, colorful desk dividers, and a painted “billboard” back wall visible from the street. The glass walls and expansive doorways of conference rooms (lower left and right) enhance the sense of openness and accessibility in the building.
Branding, advertising, and design firm KNOCK, Inc., makes a bold move to an emerging design corridor in Minneapolis

BY THOMAS FISHER, ASSOC. AIA

What happens when you pair good architects and good designers? You get the elegantly spare and highly sustainable new offices designed by Matthew Kreilich, AIA, and Paul Thouk, Assoc. AIA, of Julie Snow Architects, for KNOCK, a branding, advertising, and design firm owned by Lili Hall and Todd Paulson. KNOCK was founded in 2001 "on a new model of service," says Hall. "We work inclusively, not exclusively. We combine forces from every discipline. It's all about collaboration." This project greatly benefited from that process. "Lili and Todd participated in every decision and pushed us in a good way," says Kreilich. "It was great having clients who are not just visionaries but also get design and what it can do."

The building offers ample evidence of that. KNOCK had planned to upgrade the loft that it leased downtown, and it commissioned Julie Snow's office to design that project. But when the firm saw the cost of renovating its rental space, it decided to purchase a vacant 1950s grocery store in a somewhat gritty commercial area just west of downtown Minneapolis. "They were pioneers," says Kreilich, in what the city now envisions as a design corridor, with the offices of the major design associations in Minnesota, including the American Institute of Architects and AIGA (graphic artists), in the nearby International Market Square.

"The building had good bones," says Thouk, so the architects largely worked within the existing structure. They replaced the façade with an insulated glass wall containing operable windows, painted the brick side walls and rear wall dark gray to highlight their texture, inserted new windows to illuminate the offices inside, and installed an insulated roof with skylights and solar tubes that bathe the interior in daylight. "The only additions," says Kreilich, "were the wood-clad entry box at the front, and the cedar deck and patio at the back of the building."

The entrance echoes KNOCK's tubular business cards, with a dark wood grain on the outside and a golden yellow inside. The cedar-clad conference-room enclosure matches the color
The dark-stained-cedar-clad conference room and walnut reception desk and benches create a muted entry area that contrasts with the white interiors throughout the rest of the space. The materials also provide a pun on the firm's name: KNOCK (on wood).

"It was great having clients who are not just visionaries but also get design and what it can do." — ARCHITECT MATTHEW KREILICH, AIA

EXISTING CONDITION A former grocery store (directly above), the building had good bones that provided the open space ideal for a design office. As the architects say, cities are full of empty structures like this waiting for a creative reuse.

of the walnut benches and reception desk, behind which glows a golden artisan-plaster wall, reflected in the dark polished-concrete floor. In contrast to that rich, muted lobby, the adjacent main workspace has white-painted walls, a high ceiling, ample daylight, and brightly colored cubicle partitions, with a "billboard" along the back wall, visible from the street.

A line of glass-walled offices extends along the side and back of the building, with daylit corridors, a critique space, a library, a conference room, and a lunchroom running down the center of the building, and service spaces like toilets, an exercise room, and a production space occupying the building's other side. A glazed rear entry accesses the parking lot in the back as well as a lower "garden level," where windows let in a lot of light.

Everywhere the architects have created a sense of openness, with glass walls allowing views into every major space and through the entire building. "The flow of space was important to us," says Hall, "allowing impromptu meetings in the halls, the library, and even in the kitchen and on the balcony." The architects also minimized distractions with a limited color palette of white surfaces and dark-wood office desks, credenzas, doors, and casework. "We wanted a neutral backdrop," adds Paulson, "to bring out the color of the people, the work, and the passion they bring to it."

That passion has led to so much work that KNOCK has already almost outgrown its 10,000-square-foot space. The empty building next door suggests one way to expand. "Cities have so many buildings like this," says Kreilich. "Renovating them is the most sustainable way to build."
KNOCK, INC.

Location:
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Clients:
Lilli Hall and Todd Paulson

Architect:
Julie Snow Architects, Inc.
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Design principal:
Matthew Krellich, AIA

Project lead designers:
Matthew Krellich, AIA;
Pauv Thouk, Assoc. AIA

General contractor:
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Size:
10,000 square feet

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$1.3 million for construction, $200,000 for furniture and custom millwork

Completion date:
August 2010

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The plan shows the extent of the open area, with the relatively few enclosed offices grouped around a central critique space, library, and conference room.

Solar tubes bring daylight deep into the interior of the building. A kitchen space (right) opens out to a rear deck and patio (upper right) that provide views of downtown Minneapolis.
Mayo Clinic’s new CENTER FOR INNOVATION in the Gonda Building aims to rethink the future of healthcare, and it’s got an open, flexible, and collaboration-friendly space in which to do it.

BY LINDA MACK
Mayo Clinic’s new Center for Innovation (CFI), designed by AECOM, may be a creative cauldron, but it isn’t a skunkworks project removed from the renowned clinic’s everyday work. Instead, the 14,000-square-foot space is smack dab in the middle of Mayo medicine, on the 16th floor of the signature Gonda Building on the Rochester campus. What goes on there is research that aims at nothing less than recasting the patient experience of healthcare. One project, for instance, is redesigning the patient exam room, which hasn’t changed since World War II, to foster nonhierarchical doctor-patient communication.

Bringing to bear its extensive corporate experience and 100-year relationship with Mayo, AECOM created a space perfect for this Petri dish of innovation. “The space was built to optimize collaboration,” says CFI administrative director Barb Spurrier. The conference room off the main lobby is set up with tables and chairs instead of chairs lined up to face a podium. The row of glass-walled project rooms can be opened to each other—to spread ideas—by rolling the tackable, writable glass walls to the back. A long desk of stand-up workstations accommodates doctors dropping by to provide feedback on projects. Individual workstations accommodate the 45 CFI designers and researchers, but half the space is open and highly flexible to foster teaming.

There’s even a 30-by-50-foot space for building prototypes. Like corporations, colleges, and creative ventures of every sort, medical clinics such as Mayo are finding that design can foster creativity. Be it in the clinic or in CFI’s own space, “environments really matter,” says Spurrier. AMN
PARAMETERS, the exclusive distributor of Knoll, Inc., office furnishings, designs its new Minneapolis home to be an office, showroom, and entertaining space all in one

By Christopher Hudson

WHEN YOU'RE AN OFFICE-FURNITURE DEALER WHOSE LEAD PRODUCT LINE IS KNOLL, INC., you need a space that showcases what quality contemporary furnishings can do to transform an office environment. Parameters didn't have that kind of space in its former home, in a suburban office tower, so in 2009 the dealer planned a move to the entire fifth floor of the industrial Pence Building in Minneapolis, and it hired Gensler, a design firm it had long worked with on other office projects, to create a 12,000-square-foot combination office/showroom that could also host a variety of events for clients and design professionals.
The employee and display areas are “zoned but overlap,” says Gensler project manager Betsy Vohs, Assoc. AIA. “We didn’t want clients to feel like they were in employee workspace, but we did want to foster a shared experience.” Guests enter the showroom from the elevator lobby “through a charcoal-gray portal with glass doors,” says Parameters vice president David Haines, then follow a light wall as it turns left at the reception desk past two conference rooms; next come the library, kitchen, outdoor patio, and chair gallery, all furnished with the latest Knoll products. Demountable walls make the space highly reconfigurable.

The project embraced reuse both physically and aesthetically. To bring the space back to its original character, the design team called for the removal of three inches of gypsum concrete from the floor to reveal the terrazzo underneath. And Gensler brought an element of history into the design by choosing a midcentury Knoll textile pattern for the light wall. “That was the whole inspiration,” says Gensler project director Bill Lyons, “taking parts and pieces that were authentically Knoll and transforming them to create a new experience.”

"We looked at other spaces in the Warehouse District—buildings with wood floors, exposed beams, and tall, arched windows—but these timeless terrazzo floors just screamed Knoll to me," says Parameters vice president David Haines. Clockwise from left: conference room and entry with light wall, kitchen, chair gallery, offices, historic Knoll textile that inspired the light wall, and office.
Many of YouthLink's clients have experience with sterile institutional settings. The welcoming and friendly design of the new YouthLink space puts them at ease.

Teenagers are notoriously wary creatures, often suspicious of the well-meaning attempts adults make to understand or help them. We grow up and we forget so much. Homeless teens are even tougher customers; they've borne the brunt of many adult mistakes. So when AECOM designed the YouthLink Youth Opportunity Center, a one-stop social services center in Minneapolis, the goal was to make a space that would welcome but not overstep, treating its users with respect.

"We needed something durable, but that would send the message that this is a special place, we're making this for you," says project designer...
Tim Bicknell, AIA. "Many of the youth are coming from other facilities, and they're turned off by institutional experiences. This space is welcoming and warm."

The former warehouse had few windows, and if light equals hope, then the place needed more. Plus, daylighting reduces operating costs and environmental impact. So an existing large picture window became the cool centerpiece of a lounge, and new windows throughout refreshed the clinic and offices. A central play area, with half-walls for visibility, lets teen parents do homework or meet with a social worker while their small children play safely. A friendly gathering and dining area replaces the typical, distracting TV lounge. A gallery showcases art by young clients, and their quotations are stenciled on the walls, intermixed with ones by famous people. The message teens get here: Their ideas are just as important. "I became an architect to work with clients like YouthLink," says Bicknell. "They're doing great work and changing people's lives."

This project grew out of a design created by an AIA Minnesota Search for Shelter team in 2008. See the full story on page 15 of our January/February 2011 issue.

A gallery of art created by YouthLink teens gives the artists a full measure of respect.
Fischer Edit/FX got everything it needed in the design of its Minneapolis Warehouse District home: easy circulation among creative teams, sound attenuation, and flexibility to grow.
The new Midwest headquarters has become the design prototype for future renovations within the company.
INTERACT

MINNEAPOLIS’ PUBLIC RADIO INTERNATIONAL MOVES FROM A COLLECTION OF OFFICES TO AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT DESIGNED FOR STAFF COLLABORATION
Can the design of an office space transform a company's culture? Look no further than Public Radio International's headquarters in Minneapolis' Warehouse District for the answer.

After 18 years in Minneapolis' Butler Square, PRI, a nonprofit that provides international content for radio stations and other media around the world, was expanding and ready for a space that was more newsroom and less corporate headquarters.

"They were evolving into a creative organization as a provider of content—not writing it but sourcing and distributing it," says 2O Below Studio principal Joe Hamilton, AIA. The nine-person 2O Below was there from the beginning of the project, helping with the search for new digs and designing them to foster that change in culture.

In February 2010, PRI's 50 employees exchanged what PRI vice president Julia Yager calls the "deathly quiet" of their private offices in Butler Square for dynamic open offices on the top floor of the adjacent 1890 Textile Building. "They'd been somewhere where every meeting was scheduled," says Hamilton. "We wanted the space itself to act as a meeting space."

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And indeed it does, with a relaxed layout skewing clumps of low-profile Knoll workstations in the high-ceilinged, brick-walled warehouse space. Each workstation has a pillowed bench for quick consultations. Tables and chairs and media walls with a smart screen for sharing images are sprinkled throughout the 24,000-square-foot space. High worktables and huddle areas with easy chairs are grouped near windows or under skylights. War rooms tucked into corners provide brainstorming space for ongoing projects, and the café, which overlooks Target Field, doubles as an all-employee meeting space.

PRI employees loved Butler Square's Warehouse District location and warehouse aesthetic, says project designer Kim Batcheller, so the decision to remain in the district was a popular one. The Textile Building's brick walls, high ceilings, and douglas-fir posts every 10 feet guaranteed the warehouse feel, but 20 Below moved it fashion-forward with graphic-patterned carpet in four colors, touches of lime green and rust.
The layout groups the few private offices and numerous conference and project rooms around the elevator and stairs. The skewed workstations seem to drift through the space, avoiding a boxed-in feeling. Easy places to get together—seating areas, tables, worktables with smart screens—are scattered throughout.

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orange, and occasional Uni-Strut scrims that hold whiteboards, tackable panels, and colored acrylic panels. Hamilton says the scrims divide work areas, absorb sound, and “enliven the skyline.”

“To steer away from the corporate feel, we used actual materials rather than apply finishes,” adds Hamilton. The original wood floors rim the space. Drywall is kept to a minimum—and is painted bright colors when it is used. One especially cool material: wall tiles of felted wool, which are textured, tackable, and sound absorbent. Open cable trays are threaded below the high ceilings. Hamilton says new construction was kept below a 10-foot-high datum line to create visual separation between it and the historic building shell above.

Conference rooms, a sound studio, and a large, flexible boardroom round out the spaces. PRI broadcasts are streamed throughout the space and in the building elevator to increase awareness of the company’s global reach.

Is the new space fostering collaboration?
“I see more people getting up and going to talk to somebody,” says Yager, who oversees brand management and marketing strategy. “I see a lot more personal interaction.” AMN

PUBLIC RADIO INTERNATIONAL (PRI)

Location:
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Client:
Public Radio International (PRI)

Architect:
20 Below Studio
www.20belowstudio.com

 Principal-in-charge:
Joseph Hamilton, AIA

Project lead designers:
Joseph Hamilton, AIA; Kim Batcheller, Assoc. AIA

General contractor:
Greiner Construction

Construction manager:
St. Paul Construction

Size:
24,000 square feet

Completion date:
February 2010

Photographer:
Michelle Litvin

VIDEO FEATURE:
Meet PRI staff and 20 Below Studio designers at architecturemn.com
Uni-Strut scrims hold colored acrylic panels to “enliven the skyline.”
Disciplined Growth Investors' new home enhances both the employee and client experience

When Disciplined Growth Investors secured a new space in 2010, it didn't shop for an architecture firm. It looked into its own portfolio and called Architectural Alliance, a longtime client. "DGI has been managing our employee retirement plan since 1981," says Architectural Alliance architect Ross Naylor, AIA. "We have a longstanding history of trust with them, and they've done great work for us, so we were very pleased to be able to do the same for them."

Architectural Alliance's design for DGI's new home in downtown Minneapolis features three basic room types that allow the company to build on its research- and results-oriented identity and work habits. Private offices give employees quiet and an opportunity to focus. Next, teams review projects in collaboration rooms equipped with central ceiling-island monitors. The third space, which the architects call "a kind of family room," is where employees gather informally, eat, and even play games.

The traditional reception area is out. Instead, the layout allows visitors to move easily into the workspaces, where principals greet them. A sense of flow pervades the space; a wall featuring a dramatic wave pattern brings that idea into relief.

"We [communicated] our needs and desires, while letting our architects have the creative freedom to do what they do best," says DGI chief financial officer Rick Martin. "This can only be accomplished with a trusted strategic partner." He adds: "They understood our needs, were diligent in ensuring a successful product, and focused on minute details that can only be apparent in the final product. We couldn't be more pleased with the new space." AMN

Red is a loaded color for the financial world, but just a few shades away is a rich burnt orange. The almost forbidden color adds a bold dash of warmth and liveliness to a space that flows with cool decisiveness.
"After attending many other home tours over the past 20 years, I attend this one because it specifically celebrates the architect as an artist, and the home as an art form."

— 2010 attendee

2011 HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR

Come see the difference that design can make

6. The quietly luxurious kitchen of a Rehkamp Larson Architects-designed home in Edina. 13. A contemporary Rochester home by SALA Architects brings the outside in with generous glazing. 1. An asymmetrical roof and green construction distinguish this SALA Architects house on the banks of the Mississippi River in Monticello. 3. The entry of an 1892 Lake Minnetonka home redesigned by Landschute for 21st-century livability.
AIA Minnesota’s fourth annual home tour on September 17 and 18 offers an intimate view of some of the most distinctive new homes in the Twin Cities and beyond. The best part? The architects are onsite to answer any questions you may have about the homes or the design process in general.

Architecture Minnesota has previewed the Homes by Architects Tour each year since its debut in 2008, and there’s been a common theme to our coverage: Come see the difference that design can make. And each year, Homes by Architects tour-goers head home late Sunday afternoon having seen just that. But what exactly is the difference? What are some of the core characteristics that distinguish the best architect-designed homes from houses on other tours? We’re glad you asked.

Homes by Architects houses—new, expanded, or renovated—weren’t designed to go just anywhere; they don’t come in one of three or seven or a dozen plans. These homes were conceived for their owners, their sites, and their neighborhoods. They feature unique living spaces arranged for optimal comfort, flow, and natural light. They embody a much wider range of authentic styles—from traditional to contemporary to rigorously modern—than you’ll find on any other tour. And they embrace eco-friendly materials and systems, from the common-sense variety to the cutting-edge.

And here’s the kicker: They come in all sizes, budgets, and settings. You needn’t have a sprawling lakeside property or a teeming savings account to work with an architect, a truth to which these homes ably attest. So come and get ideas for that family-room addition you’ve been planning, or that kitchen renovation. Chat with the experts who can bring the most value and enjoyment to your investment. Inspiration like this only comes around once a year.

—Christopher Hudson
There were some amazing homes full of inspiring design solutions."

- 2010 attendee

I took every chance I could to talk to the architects. It was a great opportunity to network and learn more about their style, inspiration, how their design process worked. They were all very friendly and answered my questions with genuine answers."

- 2010 attendee

The 2010 Homes by Architects tour, like the 2008 and 2009 tours, drew more than 1,500 attendees at houses and condominiums across the Twin Cities metro and beyond. As visitors streamed through the homes, many seized the opportunity to ask the architects questions.
The fourth annual Homes by Architects Tour, featuring 14 homes designed by members of the American Institute of Architects Minnesota, will run from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Saturday, September 17, and Sunday, September 18. Tickets for the entire tour can be purchased for $15 online at homesbyarchitects.org until September 16 or at any home during the tour for $20.

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and Mike Lynch, the MMAA currently lacks a permanent home. This condition results, in part, from a saga of failed fundraising efforts to build a custom facility in downtown St. Paul. For decades, MMAA’s challenge has been to find a home that can build attendance appropriate to the quality of its collections.

MMAA director Kristin Makholm and board member Tom Hysell, AIA, spoke with Architecture Minnesota about their facilities planning and what lessons the museum’s history may offer to architects. “We are in a fascinating and protean stage of getting back up and running for good,” says Makholm. She is not afraid to acknowledge the missteps of the past and the need to “get it right” this time. Hysell explains that MMAA recently completed a strategic plan and is now issuing a request for proposals for a business plan. Both know that architecture comes only at the end of a long planning process that examines audiences, mission, and funding.

Since 1995, the museum’s collections have been stored at a site remote from staff offices. The bottom line for Makholm is that galleries, classrooms, offices, and storage must all be in one place—and that that location should be in St. Paul. “Otherwise, everything is on the table,” she says. The board is actively looking at buildings to repurpose, with many options available downtown and in surrounding neighborhoods.

During this time, MMAA’s exhibitions program remains active. In September, a show of collection highlights called “Our Treasures” will open at the Tweed Museum of Art at the University of Minnesota Duluth, after which it will travel to the Hillstrom Museum of Art at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.

Back to School
Creative facilities sharing can help small and very focused collections survive. This winter, the American Museum of Asmat Art (AMAA) will open a permanent exhibit space in the new Opus-designed Anderson Student Center at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. But AMAA isn’t new. Its collection has been housed at St. Thomas since 2007, with the curators using the downtime to study and catalog the works—Asmat woodwork, clothing, and woven fiber collected by Crosier Fathers and Brothers missionaries during the 1960s, when the Indonesian government banned the creation of sacred art forms.
AMAA director Julie Risser explains that several years ago the Crosiers, who have a monastery in Onamia, Minnesota, discussed donating the entire collection to the MIA. But with so many cultures and periods to exhibit, the MIA only wanted signature objects. The collection then sat in suburban rental space until 2002 when a joint agreement between the Crosiers, the Diocese of Agats, and St. Thomas gave the collection a permanent home as part of the university's art and architectural history programs. Now students have an invaluable opportunity to study the artifacts and curate exhibits.

Meanwhile, the construction of the new student center affords the museum a 1,500-square-foot gallery space at the heart of campus. Here's a case where a small, specialized museum found a home in a relatively large university, eliminating the need to fundraise for and build an elaborate new facility. AMAA's challenge, of course, will be to reach out to the larger community from inside a larger institution.

Specialized, Small, and Quirky
In the past decade, Minnesota has seen the opening of several ambitious new theaters and museum expansions. Was new construction the right choice for all of these projects? When is the quest for novelty justified, and when does it expend great resources unnecessarily? In addition to landmarks designed by renowned architects, cities need a constellation of smaller, specialized, and somewhat quirky museums like the American Museum of Asmat Art and the Hennepin History Museum in Fair Oaks Park, where you can get to know the staff and where students get hands-on experience.

Although they don't all need signature facilities, most museums do need a lasting home, even if a humble one. Architects can help here in envisioning new exhibit spaces in old car dealerships, theaters, storefronts, offices, student centers, and other surprising places. The profession can work with curators to challenge their assumptions, to run cost-benefit analyses on exhibit venues, and to consider strategic space sharing with other museums and even private businesses. Why couldn't a museum of electronics be housed in a working factory? Minnesota is better off with a broad fabric of museums that are sustainable, local, and lasting.
poured four elevator shafts to serve 40 stories. Most architects will tell you that that's clearly insufficient. And then to add insult to injury they made one of the shafts a mechanical shaft.

So the building had only three elevators to serve almost 1,000 people on 40 floors. People waited in line for 45 minutes for an elevator, and that started to have an impact on occupancy. Residents also had to wait for hot water because the pipes weren’t insulated. The freeways came in at about the same time and cut the property off from downtown. And because it’s such a huge structure it never fit in with the West Bank neighborhood of two-story buildings. That alone fueled an adversarial relationship between the project and the neighborhood.

The long foreclosure process also had a huge impact on it, because maintenance was deferred. Vacancy went from 10 percent to 50 percent by the time we bought it.

Finally, when HUD did sell it, they put income restrictions on the units, to make sure the property

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served an affordable housing need. Right or wrong, that changed the nature of the project. Before the foreclosure, the complex was a university enclave with a large number of students. After, it became a source of affordable housing for immigrant populations—the Vietnamese, the Hmong, and later Somalis. Riverside Plaza is the first place immigrants come to because of its size and nearness to transit and education. It's our Ellis Island.

Speaking of iconic names, your company changed the name Cedar Square West to Riverside Plaza in the late 1980s. Did you do that to put a new face on things?

The name change was done in 1988 for a couple of reasons. One, the community was deeply concerned that there was going to be a Cedar Square East, South, and North. Two, back then the name Cedar Square had so many people riled up that the name needed to be changed for image purposes. The new name was kicked around for just
a short time. Riverside and Cedar avenues are the two big streets there. So if you don't want Cedar in the name, you automatically go with Riverside.

How do you think this current rehabilitation effort will help the surrounding neighborhood?

There is a concentrated effort between us, the City, and community partners to have a more fundamental change in the areas we all share. When it was first built, the property was envisioned as an island off to itself, and that set off a battle with the local people.

In 1988, the attempt was to make Riverside financially viable as a quality project. Today, we're trying to unify the community. When the Central Corridor opens, we will be one of the only housing projects in the country served by two light-rail stations. The City is also rebuilding the Riverside Avenue streetscape with benches, new lighting, and brick pavers. After that, Cedar Avenue will get new lighting and benches.

Fairview is opening up a clinic at Riverside Plaza. A number of our residents are taking classes at Augsburg College. Recently, the major landowners in the neighborhood—the U, the U's new Amplatz Children's Hospital, Fairview, Augsburg, and Riverside Plaza—voted to create a special services district like they have downtown. So I'm hoping that in two years we'll have West Bank ambassadors walking around. We have a partnership meeting at least once a month.

At Riverside Plaza itself, we'll be adding more landscape around the edges of the building, and, together with the Cedar Cultural Center, we're commissioning local artists to create a community art park on the corner of 6th and Cedar. We want to bring some energy to the community.

A number of years ago, Ralph Rapson said in a public lecture that one reason Cedar Square West didn't succeed was that the diversity of income levels wasn't maintained. He argued for a certain percentage of affordable units, another percentage of market-rate units, and a portion of high-end rentals. And that when the project lost that diversity it started to suffer.

Do you agree with his analysis?

The financial problems arose almost immediately, even when you did have Ralph's perfect mix. The
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model didn’t work financially because it wasn’t underwritten well. Could it have worked in that perfect world that Ralph envisioned if the financial analysis had been correct? I don’t know.

We have a lot of mixed-income projects that work, and some that are challenged. In some, people have purchased half-million-dollar condos next to people who are in public housing, and you can’t tell who is living where. So I think that the concept does work, but it’s management-intensive, and it’s very costly to have that kind of perfect world.

With this renovation, the second LRT station, and neighborhood improvements, it seems like the West Bank is positioned to be at the center of things rather than on the side, as it has been historically. Won’t this area see more pressure for market-rate housing?

At Riverside Plaza, we’ve made our nest, and we’ll have to rest in that for the next 20 or 30 years as affordable housing regardless of future market conditions.

The neighborhood is already showing signs of being on the rise. Minneapolis keeps track of crime rates in something like 40 communities or neighborhood areas, and Riverside Plaza is one of the safest per capita. It’s safer than Kenwood Isles as far as the amount of police reports and incidents. People hold the doors for you. People are respectful. People here know that it’s a major opportunity to go to college. We have more than 500 people that go to school at Riverside Plaza, in one of the largest privately run public schools in the state.

I was meeting just a couple of hours ago with a doctor, a lawyer, and a Hennepin County administrator who all lived at Riverside Plaza in the last 10 years. Maybe high-income earners won’t be living there, but I wouldn’t be surprised if we see some future city council members and elected state officers saying that they lived at Riverside Plaza.

Most multi-family housing structures are built with wood and brick. What challenges are you facing in adapting and maintaining a structure that’s concrete inside and out?

Well, concrete is not without its issues. The ones we’re facing right now are with the mechanical system and plumbing throughout the building. You have to remove the old pipe, use the sleeve for the new pipe, and hope that everything fits perfectly—which it doesn’t. Waterproofing the
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exterior is a big issue with concrete, so we had to find special waterproofing that allows the exterior color to show through. And we're spending millions on the structural repairs needed to redo the garage, because salt has corroded the rebar and steel cables. So we have to go in there and chop out parts of the concrete. Concrete is a wonderful product, but it certainly has its costs for maintenance.

To earn the historic tax credits, you need to maintain the property's historic designation.

What are some of the preservation requirements of this project?
The National Park Service is sensitive to what we do to the exterior; we can't change its color, for example. We're fortunate that they allowed us to go back and find evidence that the original panels weren't the brownish pink and other faded colors you see today. They've approved some brilliant colors that I think are going to be fun. We need to repair the existing lighting, but they're not requiring us to make the fountain work again because it never did work—outside fountains don't work very well in Minnesota. But they are requiring us to refurbish it back to its original condition.

And there used to be a swimming pool, right?
That's right. There was a swimming pool, and we're not putting that back. It's been covered up for safety and liability reasons.

What is the pool area going to be used for now?
It's going to be a big playground with swing sets for kids.

Are you replacing the windows?
Yes, all windows are being refurbished, and 100 percent of the patio doors will be replaced. And they'll be insulated. We anticipate that, between water, heat, and electricity, the new systems we're putting in will save us about 25 percent in utility costs.

Are there any other aspects of the project you'd like the public to know about? Any surprises?
The story you don't often hear about is that there are more than 4,500 people that live there now, and in 20 months we have to move them all twice. Each month, a new group of residents get moved out so that work can be done on their units, and then they're moved back in 25 days later. The logistics are amazing. AMN
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It takes a village to design, engineer, and construct a great building. So let’s give credit where credit is due.

KNOCK, Inc.
page 20
Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Client: Parameters
Architect: Julie Snow Architects, Inc.
Principal-in-charge: Matthew Krellich, AIA
Project lead designers: Matthew Krellich, AIA; Pauv Thouk, Assoc. AIA
Project manager: Pauv Thouk, Assoc. AIA
Project architect: Matthew Krellich, AIA
Project design team: Pauv Thouk, Assoc. AIA; Tamara Wibowo
Structural engineer: Van Sickle, Allen & Associates
Mechanical and electrical engineer: Design/Build
Interior and lighting design: Julie Snow Architects, Inc.
Construction manager: Emerald Builders, Inc.
Landscape design: Julie Snow Architects, Inc.
Cabinetwork: Aaron Carlson
Flooring systems/materials: Concrete Science (concrete micro-topping)
Window systems: CM1
Millwork: Willie Willette Works
Furniture: Howard Roark Associates
Venetian plaster wall: Otto
Painting Design
Photographer: Paul Crosby

Mayo Clinic Center for Innovation
page 24
Location: Rochester, Minnesota
Client: Mayo Clinic
Architect: AECOM
Principal-in-charge: Wendy Fimon
Project lead designers: Mary Fobes; David Little, Assoc. AIA
Project manager: Karen Kjos
Project team: Kelli Kemp; Hoseong Kang
Structural, mechanical, and electrical engineer: Mayo Clinic

Construction manager: Weis Builders
Flooring systems/materials: Shaw
Millwork: Mayo Clinic
Movable walls: Hufcor
Furniture systems: Steelcase
Graphic wall covering: Maharam
Photographer: Don F. Wong

Parameters
page 26
Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Client: Parameters
Architect: Gensler
Project Director: Bill Lyons
Project manager: Betsy Vohs, Assoc. AIA
Project architect: Karl Gustafson
Designer: Beth Carlstrom
Project team: Bill Lyons; Betsy Vohs, Assoc. AIA; Beth Carlstrom; Karl Gustafson
Interior and lighting design: Gensler
Cabinetwork and millwork: JD Woodcraft
Flooring systems/materials: Constantine; Tandus Flooring
Photographer: Paul Crosby

YouthLink Youth Opportunity Center
page 28
Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Client: Heather Huseby, YouthLink Youth Opportunity Center
Architect: AECOM
Principal-in-charge: Mic. Johnson, AIA
Senior project manager: Robert Rothman, AIA
Project lead designer: Tim Bicknell, AIA
Project team: Andy Marolt (specifications); Mark Douma (structural); Cassandra Grieb (interiors); Kim Williamson (interior design director); Pete Brown (mechanical); Bert Schmidt (electrical)
Mechanical design/build engineer: Modern Heating and Air Conditioning
Electrical design/build engineer: Fraser-Morris Electric Company
Plumbing engineer: Signature Mechanical
General contractor: MP Johnson Construction, Inc.
Construction manager: Anastasia Bitzer, Target Corp. (services donated)
Wall graphics: MACD Design/Works
Artwork: Kulture Klub
Furniture: Waymar
Companies (donated)
Paint: Valspar (donated)
Painting contractor: Decortec
Flooring systems/materials: Target Commercial Interiors
Tiling and brick: CD Tile and Stone, Inc.

Fischer Edit/FX
page 30
Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Client: Fisher Edit/FX
Architect: Nelson
Principal-in-charge: Scott Hierlinger
Project lead designer: Scott Hierlinger
Project manager: Sue Erickson, Grand T Builders
Project architect: Richard Sutton, AIA
Project team: Scott Hierlinger; Richard Sutton, AIA; Jennifer Koenigsman; Elaine Van Someren
Mechanical engineer: Master Mechanical (design/build)
Electrical engineer: OlympiaTech (design/build)
Interior design: Nelson
Lighting design: Scott Hierlinger
Construction manager: Sue Erickson, Grand T Builders
Cabinetwork and millwork: Anderson Cabinets
Flooring systems/materials: Target Commercial Interiors
Interior window systems: DIRRT Walls
Photographer: Paul Crosby

Advance Auto Parts Regional Headquarters
page 34
Location: Bloomington, Minnesota
Client: Advance Auto Parts
Architect: Ryan Companies US, Inc.
Principal-in-charge: Will Jensen, AIA
Project lead designers: Deanne Erpelding; Jenna Hanner, AIA
Project team: Kris Grabianowski; Rondalynn Thompson; Denny Neckhash; Jenelle Daley
Construction manager: Ryan Companies US, Inc.
Mechanical engineer: Yale Mechanical
Electrical engineer: OlympiaTech
Flooring systems/materials: Interface FLOR

Public Radio International (PRI)
page 36
Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Client: Public Radio International (PRI)
Architect: 20 Below Studio
Principal-in-charge: Joseph Hamilton, AIA
Project lead designers: Joseph Hamilton, AIA; Kim Batcheller, Assoc. AIA
Project managers: Joseph Hamilton, AIA; Kim Batcheller, Assoc. AIA
Project architect: Joseph Hamilton, AIA
Project team: Kim Batcheller, Assoc. AIA; Mollie Drabik
Interior and lighting design: 20 Below Studio
General contractor: Greiner Construction
Construction manager: St. Paul Construction
Flooring systems/materials: Masland Carpets, Tandus Carpets
Millwork: Wilkie Sanderson
Photographer: Michelle Litvin

Disciplined Growth Investors
page 40
Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Client: Disciplined Growth Investors
Architect: Architectural Alliance
Principal-in-charge: Peter Vesterholt, AIA
Project lead designer: Scott Sorenson
Project manager: Ken Sheehan, AIA
Project architect: Ross Naylor, AIA
Interior design: Debra Sloan Gil, Architectural Alliance
Construction manager: KM-Building Company
Cabinetwork and millwork: Aaron Carlson
Flooring systems/materials: Concrete Arts; Atlas; Constantine
Architectural wall panels: Modular Arts Furniture: Davis Furniture
Hardware consultant: Ingersoll Rand; Kevin Braaten
Owner’s representative: Mike Tobin and Ann Hansen, CRESA Partners
Photographer: Paul Crosby

Concrete work: Becker Architectural Concrete
Millwork: Interscapes Architectural Woodwork Inc.
Interior and lighting design: Ryan Companies US, Inc.
Furniture and signage: Target Commercial Interiors
Interior wall graphics: Grafix Shoppe
Window systems: United Glass, Inc.
Artwork: Art Partners Group; Advance Auto Parts marketing team
Photographer: Pete Sieger/IDEA[A]
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“Several years ago, trading activity at the MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN EXCHANGE gave way to digital trading, and shortly after that I was generously granted access to photograph the trading floor for an afternoon. It was the first time I had set foot in the space—pictured here from a camera position overlooking the trading tables and the 'big board.' I was completely taken with the monumentality of the room and awed by what must have taken place here routinely over the floor's 125-year lifetime. This summer, I was delighted to learn that the space will live on with a compatible new use, coming soon.” –PHOTOGRAPHER PETE SIEGER