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Our 2007 issue will also be distributed nationally to major bookstores and newsstands including Barnes & Noble and Borders.
AIA LAS VEGAS
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
WADE SIMPSON, AIA

Awards

Of all the issues that affect architects and AIA members nothing spurs controversy like the awards programs. I have actively participated in AIA Las Vegas for the past 14 years. Each year around this time there is always someone talking about the AIA Awards. I believe this to be good.

All good organizations have an awards program. I have a friend (yes I do) that we joke about her marketing company being nominated for some type of an award each month. I guess that shows she is good at marketing.

Being recognized by our peers and other organizations is an honor we should not take lightly. We have created a statewide FAIA Committee to help identify future Fellow Candidates and help mentor them through the process. Fellowship is not to be sought by individuals or firms but to be identified by a group of peers and then requested to submit. This type of award nominating should also apply to our state service awards.

We all know there is value in identifying good work in our profession and in our community. I am talking about design and service. We can all discuss the things that make a building work or not work and which leaders we do or do not like. It is much more important to discuss the qualities that are good in things.

Dave Pugsley tells a story of an awards program AIA Las Vegas chose to put on hold back when he was on the board. He was chosen to take the 2 distinguished jurors around to the various submitted projects to see the built projects in person prior to giving the awards. After the tour the jurors decided to not give any design awards. AIA Las Vegas decided to bring in other jurors in order to actually have a program and gave some awards. Do you think the first set provided any value to our profession or the community? It appears they didn’t think any of the work met their own personal standards rather than judging the work based on the standards of our community at that time.

I believe AIA Nevada has been able to grow the program and create a very sensible way of selecting jurors. They are able to identify the good and only judge based on the specific requirements of the project and its final success in responding to them.

Many times the discussion around the design awards revolves around large project programs vs. smaller programs. The jury is now typically comprised of a variety of experiences. The jury typically has a member from a large firm, small firm and a minority or woman owned business. Diversity in project experience is critical to be able to review and judge the types of projects available in our state.

Sometimes discussion encompasses the number and type of awards given, or not given. Categories are also discussed in setting up the program. Curt Carlson and Sean Coulter have been the AIA Las Vegas’ co-chairs for the Design Awards and have given input to the program over the past several years. They have done a wonderful job and are always willing to discuss any ideas members may have.

Sustainability is on the minds of many members and how to properly reward and highlight good sustainable projects. For a while now the juries have been instructed to keep this in mind while judging the design awards. I believe if a project does not communicate the sustainable concepts it has addressed then it should not be put up as an example of good design. At the same time I believe a project which only deals with sustainability and not all of the other design issues such as proportion, response to program, user needs, etc., also does not deserve to be held up. A successful design project integrates sustainability as well as other project requirements and responds in a creative way.

Over the years AIA Nevada has tried to respond to the needs of our members. Each year something new is learned. This year the Design and Service Awards will be held at the Reno Art Museum, designed by one of the early jurors of our program years ago. The program is on October 7th. I hope we can use this event to enjoy the work of our peers and whatever awards are given we all may learn something to enhance our own value to our community.
OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING
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Product Show opens at 3:00PM on October 4th in the Stardust Ballroom at the Stardust Hotel. (This may be your last chance to see the hotel before it is imploded at the end of October.)

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING
UNION PARK MASTER PLANS

What is the full story on the 61-acres? Now called "Union Park" it is being master planned by the City of Las Vegas and Newland Communities. Join us for the Membership Meeting on November 15th and learn more about the plans for developing the Smith Center for the Performing Arts, the Lou Ruvo Alzheimer's Institute and all the other fascinating plans for this area. Rita Brandon, VP of Newland Communities, Chuck Kubat, Project Manager for Union Park will discuss the master plan and answer your questions.

The meeting will be held in the 2nd Floor Ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel – 5:30PM Reception, 6:30PM Dinner and 7:30PM Program. Be sure to RSVP to Kelly at 895-0936 or klavigne@ailanevada.org.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AIA LAS VEGAS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate the end of our 50th Anniversary Year, and the beginning of another extraordinary season at our annual AIA Las Vegas Holiday Celebration, on Wednesday, December 13th, 6:00PM in the Monet Ballrooms at the Bellagio Hotel.

In keeping with the season we will once again request gifts and donations to benefit Safe Nest, and you'll have an opportunity to purchase special items at our silent auction. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit both Safe Nest and our AIA Scholarship Endowment Fund. We will review our 50th Anniversary Year, and swear in (or at) the 2007 AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors. This special black-tie event is a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays. So bring your best....friend, spouse, significant other.....and join us for this special evening. We'll begin with the reception and silent auction at 6PM, followed by a beautiful holiday dinner at 7:30PM and our lively and entertaining holiday program at 8:20PM. There is no charge for AIA members. Guests are $60.00. Mark the date on your calendar and make your RSVP today by calling Kelly at 895-0936, or email klavigne@ailanevada.org.

AIA 150

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Institute, AIA Nevada and both local Chapters have developed a plan that has as its objective to make Nevada a more sustainable and livable state. The plan provides for several statewide programs including our Governor Candidates Forum and our Livable Community Awards, which have already been initiated. Plans for our Nevada celebration of the AIA 150 and the Blueprint for Nevada are now moving forward. Our task is to generate matching funds and sponsorships that will allow us to write the Blueprint for Nevada, and hold the 24 Hour Town Hall Meetings and subsequent Design Charrettes in 2007. If you are interested in joining the AIA 150 Committee or becoming a sponsor, please contact either Windom Kimsey, FAIA, 702.456.3000 for Las Vegas or Ric Licata, AIA (775.856.4200) for Northern Nevada.

CONFIRMATION OF YOUR RSVP

The AIA Las Vegas policy on RSVP's for meetings is as follows: When you make your RSVP for the meeting (by phone or email), you will receive a confirmation from Kelly. If you are bringing a guest, please let us know the guest's name. If you simply show up at the meeting without a confirmation, and you are not on the RSVP list, you will be charged for the meeting and receive an invoice. Also, if you do RSVP for the meeting and then don't attend, you will be charged for the meeting. Please help us by providing your RSVP as soon as possible after you receive the first newsletter or email notice.
LIVABLE COMMUNITY AWARDS

There are people in Nevada who are working everyday to make our community a better and more enjoyable place to live. They should be recognized for their efforts and encouraged to continue their work. For this reason, the AIA Nevada Livable Community Award was established. It recognizes those individuals and organizations, outside of the architectural profession, whose dedication, commitment and contributions to the security, arts and culture, revitalization, beauty and sustainability of our communities have made Nevada a better place to live.

This award is designed to be presented at any time, so we don’t have to wait for a special occasion. We want to recognize as many of these outstanding efforts as possible. If you know, work with, or are affiliated with an individual or firm that you think should be recognized, please email your suggestion to Randy Lavigne at rlavigne@aianevada.org.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ARCHITECTURE LAS VEGAS WANTS TO KNOW

As we begin our research for editorial content for the 2007 edition of our magazine, we need to hear from you. What is your firm doing? We want to hear your ideas for feature stories. The theme of the magazine is “Livable Las Vegas”...so if you have any project that will make our community more livable, tell us about it now. Are you doing something differently? Do you have a project that is exciting and new? Are you trying an innovative new method of design or delivery? Have you utilized a product in a new way? What’s going on in your firm? Do you have a project that will impact lifestyles and livability in Las Vegas...or anywhere in the world? We need to know as much as you can tell us about everything. Editorial content is being considered now, and decision will be made this month....so let us hear from you. And, don’t worry, we won’t tell a sole until the publication of our magazine next year!!!

CHECK YOUR WEBSITES

WWW.AIALASVEGAS.ORG
This is your home site with a new look and more information posted, we believe you will find the new site more user friendly. For any questions regarding AIA LV events, sponsorship opportunities, advertising, publications, documents or member searches, please visit our cyber office for a fast answer!

WWW.AIANEVADA.ORG
This is your AIA Nevada website. You will want to check for updates new legislation and issues that affect the profession, and possibly need your attention or action. This is also where you’ll find information on the 2005 AIA Nevada Excellence In Design and Distinguished Service Awards program, and links to all vital AIA resources.

WWW.AIAWMR.ORG
This is your Western Mountain Region website. Check it often for issues that concern our region and for the latest updates from AIA National Board Meetings. You’ll also find information here for the 2005 WMR Conference and the WMR Design and Honor Awards Programs.

WWW.THEAIA TRUST.COM
This is your site for your AIA benefits provided through the AIA Trust. Check it often for insurance, retirement and legal information.

2007 AIA LAS VEGAS DIRECTORY & RESOURCE GUIDE

It’s that time again! We are in the beginning stages of collecting advertisers and firm profiles for the upcoming directory. McGraw Hill Publishing will be contacting firms over the next two months to fill advertising space.

For more information on how to advertise in the 2007 AIA Las Vegas Directory, please contact: Megan Schimmelpennig, LEED AP
McGraw-Hill Publishing P 602.631.3067 | F 602.631.3073 megan_schimm@mcgraw-hill.com

FIRM PROFILES MUST BE UPDATED NOW!

Your Firm Profile is now included on the AIA Las Vegas website. Your Firm Profile listing in the directory is taken directly from the website. You can now make changes or update the information.

In order to do this you will need the username and password for your firm.

Please contact Kelly Lavigne at 702.895.0936 if you need your username and password.

Please follow these steps:
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2. Type in your username and password
3. You will see a page that welcomes you the AIA LV Content Management System. Print this page so that you have confirmation of your new username and password.
4. Click the “Continue” button.
5. You will see the “Firm Administration” menu.
6. Select “Edit Firm Profile”.
7. Your firm profile will appear. You can now make changes. When complete click “Submit” at the bottom of the page.
8. Logout of the system when you are finished.
LIVABILITY SURVEY COMING AT YOU THROUGH ZOOMERANG

We need your help ...and we’re asking you to complete our “Livability Survey”.

The seventh annual edition of our Architecture Las Vegas magazine will focus on “Building a More Livable Las Vegas”, and we need your expertise to help us understand and communicate to our readers the state of the city and where it’s headed.

The American Institute of Architects Center for Communities by Design has established 10 principles for Livable Communities. Using these principles as our guide, we want to know how you feel Las Vegas is doing.

We are not just looking for criticism. We want to give credit where it’s due, acknowledge the things that are being done right; and we want to know what you think needs to be done to improve our community. We’re looking for your honest appraisal of where we are, why and what we can do in order to make Las Vegas a better place to live, work and play.

You will be receiving the “Livability Survey” via E-mail from Zoomerang. And, you may also receive it through the mail. When you receive it, please take a moment to respond to each of the 10 question areas and then return it to us asap.

Thanks for the help.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE AIA HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN CONTEST

AIA Las Vegas is looking for a few good mentors to pair with the high school classes participating in this year’s design contest.

This year, the contest project is to master plan an art colony near the Clark County Government Center. The major components of this plan include housing and a community center. After the class has completed the Masterplan together, each student chooses a building on the master plan to develop on their own.

We will try to match each mentor with a high school class that requests one. (Not all schools take advantage of the contest or offer.) Typically, as a mentor, you will visit the drafting class and give desk crits, food for thought talks, or even talk a bit about the profession. You will provide an additional point of view to support the teacher’s planned activities. You are not there to take over teaching the class to relieve the teacher of their teaching responsibilities.

What is the time commitment? That will depend on your availability and how often the teacher feels they need a mentor. In the past, we have assigned multiple mentors to a class so that the commitment could be shared between two or three people. Your work will begin when the teacher decides to introduce the class to their class and continue until the contest submissions are due in late March 2007.

If you are interested, please contact Michele Tayengco with your:
- Name
- Contact Information
- If you wish to or have a partner with whom you wish to share the class (who they are if you already know)
- If you have a preference, which high school or area you wish to visit
- Time constraints you need us to respect if possible

It is best to e-mail her at mtayengco@wellesleyspugleyarchitect.com. Alternatively, you can reach her at 702-435-1150.

STRUCTURAL DESIGN AND ARE PREP SEMINAR SERIES

Attention all Interns, Associates, and Young Architects:

Walter P. Moore and Associates, a local engineering firm, is partnering with AIA Las Vegas to provide a series of structural design and architectural registration exam preparation seminars to help young architects and interns better understand the basics of structural systems.

This series will consist of 2-classes per week for an hour each and held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 6:30. Several senior engineers at WPMA will be teaching the classes and will not only be gearing their material to help prepare for the ARE, but will also be relating their extensive professional experience with good and bad examples of the necessity of integrating structural systems with the overall architectural design.

The location will rotate between three or four different architectural offices that are centrally located. The course began on Tuesday, September 12th and will finish up October 10th.

This seminar is being offered at NO COST and you do not have to be an AIA member to attend. The seminar schedule is as follows:

10/3 Foundations & Walls, Geotechnical Reports
10/5 Concrete Construction
10/10 Lateral Forces

We are also looking for a MPE firm to teach a similar series of seminars. Please contact Rick Van Diepen at rvandiepen@pgal.com to RSVP or to get more information.
SOME THOUGHTS ON ARCHITECTURE LAS VEGAS, PAST AND FUTURE
BY GEORGE G. TATE, AIA EMERITUS

CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER "FORUM"...

The biggest and ultimate threat to our continued growth, however, is the limitation of water. Even modern technology cannot brush that aside. Our profession will be called upon even more to design projects that conserve that precious commodity, and to design more energy efficient buildings. Today we throw around terms like "Green Building" and "Sustainability" as if we are experts in this regard, but I do not believe we have scratched the surface in terms of what the future will require of us. (Incidentally, we learned in our architecture classes half a century ago the principles now referred to by these fancy names, only then we called it "architecture"). We must become more attuned to nature and how to make better use of the resources that are especially limited here in the arid southwest.

Anyone who drives our city streets knows the heavy price we pay in time and frustration for our phenomenal growth. It is getting worse from month to month. New roads and even new lanes added to existing freeways cannot be built fast enough to keep up. What does this have to do with the architecture of future Las Vegas? Everything! Transportation problems always have a tremendous impact on building and on the evolution of cities. We are hearing a lot recently about light rail, guideways, automated busses, elevated rail, and even underground tunneling. It is inevitable that we will see at least some of these forms of transportation taking place, as in fact we are already. But the more we do, the less we will be able to keep up if the growth of the community continues as it is presently occurring. And unfortunately many of these solutions are only temporary in that they may actually exacerbate the problem rather than solve it. For example, light rail as envisioned from Henderson using existing Union Pacific tracks is just not practical simply because almost everyone out there in a car is traveling from point A to point B, completely unrelated to the rigidly fixed path of the railroad. Very few of these will give up their private transportation system for an expensive system that won't take them anywhere they want to go. Think about it, dear reader, would you use the light rail to get from your home to your office, or to the many diverse locations you travel to in the course of your day?

In my opinion, the only solution lies in taking more drastic steps in the design of our city – or in this case, cities, which includes outlying areas. Major changes in city and regional planning concepts must be undertaken so that living areas are connected to working areas and to commercial areas, and so on, in such a way that the varying transportation needs of individuals are met by a rapid, convenient, quiet, system that will get them to point A, or point B, or C, or D, or wherever people must travel in a future world if there is to be any quality of life as we as designers might envision it.

Even if such drastic planning action is undertaken, there will be a major problem in the inner sections as they become totally unworkable and undesirable for human habitation. When I was in the service, my wife and I traveled from the west to New York City by car, passing through decaying, inner city slums that even at that time were becoming unlivable. As a westerner, it was eye-opening to me, something I had never experienced before. With the passage of time the Las Vegas we know today may well face such a fate just as those older, eastern cities have unless any plan includes transforming existing areas (think redevelopment of massive areas within present Las Vegas) even as new, planned communities develop beyond that fringe of obsolescence. Without this our Las Vegas and other southwest cities might well be doomed, as we know them, in favor of new cities built away from these failed places. That that fate will not happen is the challenge tomorrow's architects and planners must be prepared to skillfully and convincingly steer developers and decision makers away from.

Continued next month...

AIA LAS VEGAS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you have any old photographs or historical records that AIA Las Vegas could use as part of our 50th year anniversary celebration? If so, please contact Debi Raffi at 702.895.0936 or email draffi@aianevada.org
UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS 2007

2007 Grassroots Leadership & Legislative Conference Washington, DC February 7-10, 2007

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AIA Founding Celebration at Delmonico's New York, NY April 13-14, 2007

2007 AIA National Convention and Design Exposition San Antonio, TX May 3-5, 2007

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JVC ARCHITECTS CELEBRATES 15 YEARS COLLECTS DONATIONS FOR KENYA CHILDREN

JVC Architects is celebrating its 15th year of providing quality service and architecture to the Southern Nevada community.

To commemorate its 15th year of business, JVC Architects is hosting an anniversary party at its new 2,700-square-foot office space located at 5385 South Cameron St., Suite 15. The office features an open floor plan that establishes the firm’s goal of creating a workshop, or atelier, of team members working together to design projects in sincere response to clients’ needs. The celebration will take place on Thursday, Oct. 19 from 4-7 p.m. JVC Architects would like to extend an invitation to all AIA members to join in the festivities. Please RSVP by calling Tiffany Brooks at 702.871.3416.

As an architecture firm that prides itself on unwavering dedication to the community, JVC Architects is asking all party attendees for supplies to donate to underprivileged schools in Africa. In November, JVC Principal Roy Burson, AIA is visiting Kenya and plans to bring much-needed items to the children by participating in AmericaShare, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting schools and orphanages in Kenya’s capital of Nairobi.

Through October 19, JVC Architects will serve as a drop-off point for anyone who wishes to donate to the program. AmericaShare’s mission is to inspire and enable travelers to take informed and compassionate action in helping Kenya’s disadvantaged.

SOUTHERN NEVADA SOLAR HOME TOUR

On October 7, 2006, Solar powered and energy efficient homes and buildings in Southern Nevada and across the country will be open for public tours. It’s all part of the upcoming National Solar Tour. The tour offers local residents an opportunity to find out how their neighbors are trimming their energy bills and increasing their energy security.

The Southern Nevada Solar Home Tour will include up to fifteen locations including several homes, schools and commercial sites across the valley. It will feature examples of renewable energy systems, energy and water efficiency, alternative construction, green building, and healthy interiors.

The tour kicks off at The Gardens at the Springs Preserve, located at 3701 W. Alta Drive (east of Valley View Blvd., near 5). Informational exhibits will be open from 9 AM – 12 noon at The Gardens and the self-guided Solar Home Tour runs from 10 AM until 4 PM.

Tour cost is $15 per vehicle and car pooling is enthusiastically encouraged. Hybrid/alternative fuel vehicles receive a $5 discount and a $2 discount is available for those who pre-register via the Solar NV web site at www.solarnv.org. Southern Nevada joins 43 other states and the District of Columbia in showcasing solarpower options during the American Solar Energy Society’s 11th annual National Solar Tour. For more information about the Southern Nevada Solar Home Tour, please go to www.solarnv.org.

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Seminar #2 - 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM | "Integrating Construction Waste Recycling Into Your Projects"

Presented by Rob Dorinson, Evergreen Recycling

Today’s commercial construction projects generate between 2 and 2.5 pounds of solid waste per square foot, and the majority of their waste can potentially be recycled. Recycling of construction and demolition debris reduces demand for virgin resources and, in turn, reduces the environmental impacts associated with resource extraction, processing and transportation. With this seminar, you will learn about integrating construction waste recycling into your projects.

Seminar #3 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | “Putting Pervious Concrete To Use In Southern Nevada”

Presented by Joe O’Grady, Southern Nevada Concrete & Aggregates Association

David Akers, California Nevada Cement Promotion Council

Pervious paving systems reduce stormwater runoff by allowing precipitation to infiltrate the subsurface through voids in the paving material. These systems can be applied to pedestrian traffic surfaces as well as low-vehicle traffic areas such as parking spaces, fire lanes and maintenance roads. Moreover, infiltration of stormwater on-site can recharge local aquifers, mimicking the natural water cycle. The two speakers will show you how to put pervious concrete to use in Southern Nevada.

12:00 PM - 1:45 PM | BUFFET LUNCH

Seminar #4 - 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM | “Water Conserving Plumbing Fixtures”

Presented by Danny Gleiberman, V.P. Government Affairs, Falcon Waterfree Technologies

The reduction of potable water use in buildings for toilets, showerheads and faucets reduces the total amount withdrawn from the Colorado River. Another benefit of potable water conservation is reduced energy use and chemical inputs at municipal water treatment facilities. Additionally, reductions in water consumption minimize overall building operating costs. Learn to integrate water conserving plumbing fixtures into your projects.

Seminar #5 - 2:00 PM - 3:00PM | “Energy Conservation Through Lighting Controls and Sensors”

Presented by Chris White, Hubbell Building Automation, Inc.

Buildings consume approximately 37% of the energy and 68% of the electricity produced in the U.S. annually. Energy consumption can be dramatically reduced through practices that are economical and readily achievable. Many energy conservation measures do not require additional first costs. Payback periods for many off-the-shelf energy-efficient measures are generally short and the importance of even small energy conservation measures can be significant. This final seminar will show you how simple energy conservation can be through the use of lighting controls and sensors.

3:00 PM - 8:00PM | AIA LAS VEGAS PRODUCT SHOW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
LARRY MACIAS, AIA

Schools in!

Remember your first day? Professor walks in, without saying a word, passes out the semester's syllabus, you realize that you are 2 weeks behind in reading assignments, homework due next class period from chapters you have no earthly clue what they are about and your first exam is in two weeks. Welcome to college, the first day of the rest of your life! Only three more shock treatments to deal with on your first day. This must have given way to the overall perspective of Monday mornings. I think Mondays got a bad rap here that we carry over into our professional life. UGH...Mondays!

This semester I did something different. I sat in the back like a student waiting for me to walk through the doors, it was interesting engaging in conversations and just "talking with" students prior to them knowing that I was their professor. Some had gotten the word about me from previous students, (which was excellent feed-back for me) and others had "no-clue" on what to expect. For me, it was an interesting insight from a students' perspective on pre-conceived ideas and expectations and what they expected from me and the subject matter. It was fun, and afterwards we enjoyed a good laugh. As an ice breaker, it worked very well and the initial shock of college was for the moment somewhat softened.

Many of us have difficulty just "talking with" (as opposed to "talking to") individuals that are at different levels in their professional development; let alone letting down our guard and being approachable. This can be especially true for individuals just starting out and treading on unfamiliar ground; however, this is the perfect point in time that we as Architects can make a difference in a student's life. Hard work and an individual's desire can get them started on the right path, but it takes the right mentor, someone willing to commit time and resources to help them grow professionally that makes the difference in a students' professional development from the onset.

As an Architect in private practice and as a faculty member, I see the positive impact we have on students, interns and young architects and the various contributions we as professionals choose to make. Many of us give our time and resources in various ways in supporting community events; however, sometimes we forget about the individual students, the AIAS chapters and interns that need our help, support and guidance the most.

With school just starting I urge all of you to find the time to contribute in some way whether by passing on your skills, participating on a jury, discussing your experience or passion for architecture at a lecture series or simply helping an intern study for their board exams. Please volunteer your time, make the effort to be personally involved; you never know... you may be helping and contributing to a future Golden AIA recipient. Material possessions and wealth can't be taken past this life, but your knowledge, friendships and accomplishments will live on in others.

2006 AIA NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN & DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

The recognition and celebration of excellence in both design and service is the objective of our annual awards program. By alternating the hosting of the awards program between Las Vegas and Reno, we provide an opportunity for all AIA members to join together to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional work of their peers.

The 2006 Design Awards program will be hosted by the AIA Northern Nevada Chapter.

Excellence in Design & Distinguished Service Awards Banquet Saturday, October 7th, 2006 at 6 pm
Nevada Museum of Art, Reno Nevada
Tickets are $90 each or $650 For a table of eight

Make your plans to go to Reno for this year's Design Awards Program. Use the enclosed order form, or contact Joan Jeffers at jjeffers@aiann.org to order your tickets. Tickets are $90.00 each, Table of 10 for $800.00

For hotel accommodations contact Joan Jeffers and ask to be added to the AIA Room List for the Silver Legacy Hotel. Room rate is $140.00 per night, 2 night minimum.
AIA NEVADA FELLOWS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

Induction into the AIA College of Fellows is the highest recognition that an AIA architect can achieve. The designation of FAIA is a most prestigious honor and signifies an architect's dedication to the highest professional standards and a lifetime commitment to elevating the profession and working to better the world we live in.

AIA Nevada has established a statewide Fellows Committee with the objective of identifying and assisting architect members to be nominated for Fellowship. All four of the current AIA Nevada Fellows – Jess Holmes, FAIA, Robert Fielden, FAIA, William Snyder, FAIA and J. Windom Kimsey, FAIA will lead the committee. In addition, one representative from each Chapter – AIA Northern Nevada and AIA Las Vegas – will be added to the committee.

The Committee will hold instructive sessions regarding the requirements for Fellowship and the process of working toward that goal. If you would like to learn more about Fellowship or if you would like to nominate a candidate for FAIA, please contact Randy Lavigne at the AIA Nevada office – 702-895-0936 or rlavigne@aianevada.org

Watch for updates and additional information in future newsletters.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL IN NEVADA

The question of requiring continuing education for licensure renewal in Nevada will be discussed, once again, at the October 5th meeting of the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design.

The AIA supports this requirement and encourages its adoption by the NSBAIDRD because (A) it is a necessary and positive step forward in protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public, and (B) it helps to elevate the profession and ensure the quality of those who are practicing in Nevada.

In the past those who have opposed this issue have attended the meeting and spoken our loudly against it. If those are the only voices being heard, then the NSBAIDRD Board is being provided with a handy excuse not to adopt the requirement.

We are asking those of you who support continuing education and who demonstrate the quality that it brings to your practice, please attend the October 5th meeting at the NSBAIDRD Board Room, 2080 E. Flamingo Road and let your support of this important issue be heard. Please be there and show your support for this important issue.

If you are unable to attend in person, but wish to have your voice heard, please contact the NSBAIDRD Board c/o Gina Spaulding, at 702.486.7300 or email gspaulding@nsbaidrd.nv.gov

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NYRO & MOORE is providing design geotechnical and environmental consulting services in support of Orth-Rodgers Associates for the Decatur Boulevard Access Road to the new Clark County Shooting Park project.

The project will involve the design and construction of approximately 1 mile of roadway for a 65-foot-wide right-of-way between Iron Mountain Road and Moccasin Road. Improvements will include construction of four travel lanes, a box culvert bridge over Corn Creek Wash, an approximately 300,000 gallon underground reservoir, and an at-grade pumping station.

This project is estimated for completion in 2007.

ARCHITECT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS PUBLISHED

The “2006 Member Board Requirements” are now available exclusively online on the NCARB Web site at www.ncarb.org/stateboards.

The information, available for each US jurisdiction, includes initial registration requirements, reciprocal registration requirements and practice requirements. The information can be accessed by state or through a comparative chart.

A list of over 40 questions is answered for each jurisdiction. Contact information for each regulatory board is also listed.

COUNCIL SIMPLIFIES AND CONSOLIDATES CODES FOR WALLS AND FENCES

Today the Las Vegas City Council approved a bill that makes it easier for residents and developers to find and understand code requirements when adding a wall or fence to their properties. To simplify finding and using the updated code, all the necessary information regarding walls and fences is now located in one place in Title 19 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code. Before, the codes were located in multiple sections of the code, which could cause some confusion.

In the revised code, front yard walls and fences are allowed to be a maximum of five feet high with the top three feet open to permit visibility. It provides wall height requirements and uniform step-back requirements for retaining walls and specifically from where to measure. It also has a combined height limit for a screening wall built atop retaining walls. Lastly, it establishes that a deviation from the code will require a variance.

The revised code applies to front yard fences and perimeter, screen and retaining walls. The design, architectural and materials standards are also consolidated in Title 19, chapter 12 under “Wall Design Requirement” and it adds the related definitions to Chapter 19.20.

Councilman Larry Brown, the bill’s sponsor said, “City staff did an outstanding job bringing clarity and consistency to the code, as well as providing greater protection for our citizens.”

Title 19 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code can be found on the city’s Web site www.lasvegasnevada.gov, under Laws and Codes.
RESIDENTIAL DESIGN COMPETITION

The Innovative Designs for Desert Living Competition is a one phase competition for the design of innovative, affordable single-family residential homes that foster a sense of community and embrace the desert environment. This is not simply an “ideas” competition, but one that seeks to create a dialogue between designers and builders. Concepts that can be built in an affordable and customary fashion, while implementing contemporary technologies and sustainable practices are desired. Both nonprofessionals and professionals are encouraged to submit proposals of diverse aesthetic qualities.

COMPETITION SUMMARY
Program: Single-Family Residential Home
Objective: To create an innovative house design that fosters a sense of community and embraces the desert environment.
Type: Open Competition
Eligibility: Open to all (individual or team)
Registration Fee: $50 USD
Entry Rule: One design submission per registration. More than one registration per entrant is allowed.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE 2006
Registration Deadline - September 1
Submission Deadline - October 13
Jury Selection - October 23 – November 3
People’s Choice Balloting - November 10 - 24
Showcase Event - December 6

For more information visit www.cityofhenderson.com/planning or e-mail leslie.montisano@cityofhenderson.com and enter “Design Contest Question” in the email subject line.
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CONTINUING EDUCATION

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An ASL BLOG experiment is underway at http://blogs.library.unlv.edu/arch-studies/!
Currently I am posting items to the blog on Tuesdays and Fridays. Entries have touched on topics ranging from Las Vegas livability to the free database InformeDesign which provides design research summaries with an emphasis on how research impacts design.

The Architecture Studies Library Fall Newsletter can be found online at http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/news/fall2006.html. The Newsletter is intended to catch students up with ASL summer activities, as well as new databases and software available in the library.

Professional Basics web pages for architecture, interior design, and landscape architecture have recently been posted so that the students will be able to effectively access key sources on each profession. Check out the links at http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/guides.html and let us know if we have selected wisely!

NEW BOOKS OF INTEREST:


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PUNY FISK III – OCTOBER 20TH 7:00 PM

Pliny Fisk III is one of today’s most recognized leaders in the field of sustainable design and environmentally sensitive land planning. In 1975, he founded the Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems (CMPBS) in Austin, Texas where he and his team work to develop approaches, methods, and materials to optimize a building’s environmental performance. Mr. Fisk has taught at numerous institutions around the country, most recently as an Associate Professor at Texas A&M. Mr. Fisk and the CMPBS have received numerous awards for their efforts including the United Nations Earth Summit Award for Exemplary Public Environmental Initiative for the City of Austin’s Green Building Program. He has also received the Passive Solar Pioneer Award from the American Solar Energy Society and most recently he was made honorary chairman of the first Texas Clean Energy Congress.

JOHN REYNOLDS – NOVEMBER 1ST 7:00 PM

Elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 2003, John S. Reynolds is one of the nation’s foremost authorities on passive solar design. Mr. Reynolds has received numerous recognitions for his work in solar design including the Passive Solar Pioneer Award from the American Solar Energy Society and a Portland AIA Honor Award in the 1999 Architecture + Energy Competition. He is also a very active member of several national and international organizations. Mr. Reynolds is a member of the Board of Directors for the Energy Trust of Oregon, the American Solar Energy Society, and the International Solar Energy Society. Mr. Reynolds, a widely published author of text books in Architecture, recently presented in his book Courtyards: Aesthetic, Social, and Thermal Delight published by Wiley and Sons Inc., the results of his research on the use and benefits of courtyards in buildings. He is currently a Professor of Architecture, Emeritus at the University of Oregon, Eugene and recipient of the ACSA Distinguished Professor Award.

DR. SUSAN ROAF – NOVEMBER 6TH 7:00 PM

Dr. Susan Roaf, City Councilor for the city of Oxford, England and Professor at Oxford Brookes University is one of the United Kingdom’s leading experts in environmentally sensitive design. Although her main locale remains England, Dr. Roaf brings authoritative knowledge in sustainable design from her research in Iran where traditional societies utilized principles of design to create comfortable living conditions in a climate not unlike that of Las Vegas. Dr. Roaf has demonstrated through the design of her own residence, dubbed the Ecohouse, how passive and active solar technologies can be successfully integrated in residential buildings. She is also an accomplished and widely published author. Her more recently published books Ecohouse, Ecohouse 2, and Adapting Buildings and Cities for Climate Change published by Architectural Press explore the importance and benefits of sustainable design and the risks posed by climate change to our cities and buildings. Dr. Roaf is a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Klai Juba lectures scheduled for fall are listed at:
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If you have any questions, contact AIA Continuing Education Director Thom Lowther, 202-626-7478 or visit the AIA Web site.

PUBLIC TRAINING TITLE 30 ORDINANCES

Comprehensive Planning staff will be holding training sessions to discuss recent changes to Title 30. These free training sessions are open to the public and are designed for developers, engineers, consultants and anyone who is already familiar with Title 30, but would like clarification on recent ordinances or specific topics. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, October 20
2:00 - 4:00 PM
ODC Room 3

Friday, November 17
2:00 - 4:00 PM
ODC Room 3

Please RSVP to Chuck Pulsipher, at chp@co.clark.nv.us, if you would like to attend.

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Get your AIA C.E. Credits by attending these luncheons throughout the year. Some titles and locations are TBA.

Oct. 4th - 8:00am to 2:00pm - In conjunction with the AIA Las Vegas Product Show and AIA LV COTE. Programs TBA

Oct. 26th - Program TBA Presented by Sam Sem of Semco, Inc. 11:30am at Semco Showroom at 3775 W. Teco, Ste: 9 (actually 6400 Valley View at Sunset)

Nov. 9th - Program and Location TBA
Hosted by John Helmer representing Solitube

Nov. 30th - Program and Location TBA
Hosted by Kathy Kaiser of Schirmer Engineering Corp.

Dec. 7th - Program and Location TBA Hosted by Joe O'Grady of the Southern Nevada Concrete & Aggregates Association.

Please RSVP to Kelly Lavigne at 702.895.0936 or klavigne@aianevada if you wish to attend. Please do not RSVP if you are not sure you will be able to attend as space is limited.

FEATURED COURSE

2006 GOLD MEDALIST FORUM
INSTRUCTOR: ANTOINE PREDOCK, FAIA

2006 Gold Medalist Antoine Predock discusses the state of architecture, the future of the profession, design methodology, and management style. You will discover the qualites, ideas, and practices needed to achieve architectural excellence, gain insight into Predock's accomplishments, and reflect on key issues of practice and design. This course is moderated by Ted P. Pappas, FAIA, Chancellor of the AIA College of Fellows.

OUR MOST POPULAR COURSES

Feng Shui for Residential Architecture
Feng shui has emerged from the new age section of the bookstore as more clients ask to incorporate concepts from this 4,000-year-old Chinese discipline into the design of their single- and multi-family homes. We'll discuss how residential site selection, site planning, landscaping, floor plan layout, construction details, and furniture configuration can benefit from applying cross-cultural feng shui principles that reinforce (not replace) design ideas.

The Building Information Model as a Collaboration Tool
Building projects require the integration of a team of professionals, and feedback is usually infrequent and delayed, often failing to support the design intent. Using several case studies, we'll examine how interoperable building information models (BIM) can help team members understand design intent, integrate work effectively, and radically speed up team feedback, saving time and money while eliminating value engineering.

Green Building Confessions
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NEW COURSES

If you missed some of the exciting programs at the AIA 2006 National Convention and Design Exposition, you can now access them through AIA eClassroom. We will be adding new courses daily.

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The AIA Las Vegas Career Center is an on-line service that allows design professionals to announce their hiring needs to the local architectural community. People looking for a position in Las Vegas can easily search on the Career Center page of the AIA Las Vegas web site for these notices. Included in the cost of the ad is a link to your firm's web site, where potential candidates can get more information or contact your firm directly. Also included is a business card size ad in one issue of AIA Las Vegas Forum Newsletter.

The current advertising rate is $250 for members and $300 for non-members per month.

Please contact Debi Raffi - AIA Las Vegas at draffi@aianevada.org or call 702.895.0936 to find out more.

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7  AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon - TBA  
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