Your state Chapter has a long and proud history of protecting, enriching and advancing the profession of architecture in Nevada. As we begin our 57th year as an AIA chapter let’s take a look at the exciting plans for 2013.

2013 is a Legislative Year! This means special attention to the discussions and activities in Carson City. AIA Nevada will monitor all bill drafts presented to the Legislature and will take action on those that may have an impact on architectural practice, the environment, codes and protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public. AIA Nevada leaders will travel to Carson City on March 6th, in order to meet with legislative leaders regarding design and construction issues and any bill drafts that may affect architecture practice, the environment or creating jobs.

On March 20-23 Rob Filary and members of the Executive Committee will be in Washington, DC for the AIA Grassroots Leadership & Legislative Conference. They will meet with our congressional representatives to discuss the concerns and issues that impact the design and architecture professions in Nevada. The leadership of AIA Nevada will continue to represent the membership on Regional and National Levels, and will work with our WMR Regional to make sure that the interests of Nevada architects’ are heard at AIA National.

We will continue to raise money for the AIA NV PAC so that architects have a voice in the state political arena. While we are a non-partisan organization we are not non-political. We must, of necessity, be informed and aware of those candidates and issues that can impact design and architectural practice. AIA Nevada is also planning a special meeting designed to help members understand how the PAC works and the need to grow “political advocates” from our membership.

Working in partnership with the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design, AIA Nevada will provide two “Codes Credits” Seminars specifically planned so that Nevada registrants can achieve the Continuing Education Credits they need in order to maintain their Nevada license. The first seminar will be held on May 1st in Las Vegas, and the second will be held as a “last chance” to get your credits on December 4th in Reno. In addition, An ARE Study Course is planned and will be offered to interns and associates statewide in an effort to encourage and assist them in reaching licensure.

Each year AIA Nevada honors the achievements of exceptional AIA members and firms through our Annual Awards Programs. In 2013 we will continue to manage and administer the statewide programs including the Unbuilt Design Awards, the Excellence In Design Awards, the Distinguished Service Awards and the Livable Community Awards. Through these programs AIA advocates and promotes quality design and service as well as those who achieve it.

And of course Communications is Key. AIA Nevada will continue to provide the statewide FORUM newsletter delivered to each member via email, constant contact, available on Facebook and on the AIA Nevada website. In addition, the state website – aianeveda.org is essential for valuable information and updates, and will provide links to both the aialasvegas.org and aiann.org websites.

With Rob Filary, AIA as President of the AIA Nevada Chapter, 2013 will definitely be an outstanding year for architects in Nevada. Make the most of your AIA membership….stay involved, stay informed….. stay cool!
In my last President’s Message I want to acknowledge some of the great people that worked hard this year to improve our profession. I’d also like to recap a few of our accomplishments this year.

First, I would like to thank our staff - Executive Director Randy and Operations Manager Kelly Lavigne. Thanks very much to Randy working so hard on the organization and activities of the Chapter. You have been a huge help to me in putting together the Board meetings and keeping things moving forward. Kelly has been very involved in membership and communications publication. She did a super job of keeping the membership databases up to date so that all members of AIA Nevada, AIA Las Vegas and AIA Northern Nevada get our newsletter, ENews Connection and other information on our programs. Kelly and Randy also work very hard on the Awards programs and general chapter business. As we are spread out on both ends of the state, Randy and Kelly are the people who keep us all on the same page. Thanks to both of you! I would also like to thank Debi Raffi, who left AIA Nevada in June. Debi was very involved in communications and she did a fantastic job with the Forum newsletter.

Thanks are also in order for the Board of Directors of AIA Nevada. There are few, if any, components in the whole country that have their two major membership areas so far flung. This distance requires the Board to put up with monthly phone conference Board meetings. These are difficult endeavors in terms of keeping the attention span, but the Board is always engaged and active. Many of our Board members do double-duty service on the local components as well. Give them your thanks for their service next time you see them.

2012 started in a very positive fashion with the conversion of AIA Nevada Forum from a hard copy, mailed publication to one that was delivered electronically by email. Not only did this change save us money in terms of not needing to buy postage, but it also provided a quicker turnaround for information. The AIA Nevada staff made the transition very easy. We look forward to continue to communicate electronically for all our statewide correspondence.

We worked with the State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design on changes to the licensing process to allow for concurrent licensure. Kudos to Westin Conahan, AIAS for his leadership on this important issue. Westin brought this to the Board at the start of the year and has been involved throughout the process. Our thanks also to the State Board for their willingness to consider this request and their openness to a dialogue. We hope that the changes will encourage more interns to start and complete the examination process.

AIA Nevada was involved in legislative discussion relative to the 2011 preference law. The intention of the law was to give Nevada firms a preference during the qualification-based selection process. However, difficulties with the definition of a “Nevada” firm have held up implementation. Discussions continue on how to best establish what constitutes a Nevada firm. This will continue into the upcoming 2013 session.

We had another successful year of awards programs. For the first time the Unbuilt Awards program was a statewide one, with entries coming from both Northern and Southern Nevada. We hope to have more support for the Unbuilt program in 2013, given the fact that there seems to be more on the boards than being constructed. The Design and Service Awards program was also a success, honoring the recipients in Reno in October.

We gave our first donations to candidates from our PAC. AIA Nevada supported the campaigns of Marcus Conklin, Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Sheila Leslie. We want to thank everyone who has donated to the PAC over the past few years. It was a nice accomplishment to be able to make these donations. We will be looking to build up our account in 2013!

Lastly, we are continuing to look at AIA Nevada as an organization. In March the Board met in Las Vegas for a strategic planning retreat to look at the possibility of restructuring the two local components and AIA Nevada. The thought coming out of the retreat was for AIA Nevada to take on the majority of operations, communications and organization in the state. AIA Nevada would provide staffing and support for both AIA Las Vegas and AIA Northern Nevada. It was envisioned that shared resources would make AIA more cohesive and bring the whole state together. During the initial organizational study some challenges were identified. The primary obstacles are money and people (sounds familiar to all of use, right?).  CONT’D ON PAGE 3
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It will take more money to run a statewide chapter. It is likely dues would need to be raised and more staff would need to be hired. Membership numbers for AIA Nevada have decreased over the past few years, largely due to the economic problems that have hit Nevada as hard as any state in the country. In addition to the money part of the equation, staffing would probably be a challenge to provide the high level of service our members deserve. At this point it would seem difficult for a Las Vegas-based administrative staff to serve Northern Nevada in an economical way.

I think it was time very well spent on looking at the possibilities. The discussion about a bigger statewide organization actually reinforced the outstanding local components we have here in Nevada. We are extremely fortunate to have dedicated Boards and memberships on both ends of the state. Our thoughts in the latter part of 2012 have shifted from the idea of a larger statewide component to improving operations and services at the local level. I still believe there are things that a strong AIA Nevada can provide in terms of statewide legislative affairs & design recognition. I’m more excited about the idea that we can continue the rich history of each of our local components in providing even better programs, events, awareness and fellowship to our members and our communities.

I want to thank the members of AIA Nevada for the chance to serve as president in 2012. It has been a privilege, and I have been given more than I put into it. I look forward to carrying the work from this year into 2013. I wish Rob Filary, AIA, our 2013 President, the best of luck. In closing I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and very happy 2013!

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- Joseph Vickers, Southwick Landscape Architects
AIA NORTHERN NEVADA

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
BRAD VAN WOERT, AIA

Happy Holidays, everyone. I hope 2012 was a good year for you and your family, and 2013 becomes a lucky year for all of us, with work pouring through the door and that creative buzz driving us crazy in a good way. Though we can’t predict the future, it is feeling a lot better around the drafting board these days and the troops are coming to work with a bigger spring in their step and a clearer view of what tomorrow will bring. And two things are certain --- pitchers and catchers report on February 12th and Grassroots starts on March 20th. Time waits for no one, and the countdown begins on another AIA year.

Speaking of countdowns - - - Eric, you only have 12 more President’s messages to write... Eric Fong is our new incoming AIANN president and he is going to do a great job for us. He’s young and energetic, and sees architecture and design as the vehicle to better communities and a better quality of life. We are in good hands. Our Executive Board was awesome this year. Our meetings were actually kind of fun, and we got a lot done. Being an unstaffed component makes it hard to stay organized, but the Board was incredible in creating and implementing new ideas and programs. I thought the move to the Nevada Museum of Art for the Q lunches was great, and DICE was the start of something that is going to be very big in the future. Canstruction is growing, golf made money, and the BRDI lectures were stimulating as usual. Thanks to Eric, Pat, Jaime, John, Peter, Wan, Le, Lee, and Gary for a great year.

And thanks needs to go to our other leaders at the state level as well. Max Hershenow’s quiet leadership at AIA Nevada was truly remarkable in a trying year, and executive director Randy Lavigne held us together with bailing wire and duct tape and set us up for a bright future. No one loves the AIA more than Randy, and for that, I am very grateful.

It is all these wonderful people that make architecture the most creative profession in the world to be in, and the AIA is a huge part of it. I think it was in my first President’s message that I said the “AIA is the organization that we hate to love.” Today, I’m loving to love the AIA. Tomorrow, well that’s another day. Go Giants, Go Renzo, Go big or go home...

AIA NORTHERN NEVADA CHAPTER
2013 Dates & Events

The AIA Northern Nevada Chapter has planned a great year. Note these dates and events on your calendar because you won’t want to miss any one. The YODANG Dates are yet to be confirmed and the dates and speakers for the Black Rock Lecture Series will also be announced after January 1st, 2013.

January 9  Kick Off Board Meeting MBA
January 25  Post Holiday Party Coney Island
Feb 14    Q1 Program KAHL/National Furniture
          would like to sponsor (topic?)
March 13   Board Meeting Basalite/3SS Greg
          Street, (Sparks) P. 358-1200
March 20-14 Grassroots Leadership & Legislative
           Conference, Washington, DC
March 20-24 CANstruction Food Bank Outreach
May 6     Board Meeting
June 19   Q2 Program/Scholarships
June 20-22 AIA National Conference Denver, CO
July10    Board Meeting TSK/225 South Arlington
          Ave, Suite B, Reno 857-2949
August 12 Golf Tourney at Monteux
August 15 Q3 Program Don & Brad (Arts/Burning
          Man Art)
Sept. 11  Board Meeting VWB/HMC/L+S
Sept. 19-20 AIA State Design Conference – Las
            Vegas, NV
Sept 27   DICE NMA
Oct 2-3 2013 WMR Conference Jackson/Wyoming
Nov 13    Board Meeting MBA/16151 Lakeside
          Drive (Reno)
Nov 14    Q4 Program
Dec 10    2014 Visioning (TBD) Cathexes

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As we approach the end of the Mayan calendar and another media projected doomsday, December 21, 2012, we are left to reflect on this past year and our lives. Okay, enough of that nonsense on to this month's newsletter.

“I cannot imagine the future, but I care about it. I know I am part of a story that starts long before I can remember and continues long beyond when anyone will remember me. I sense that I am alive at a time of important change, and I feel responsibility to make sure that change comes out well. I plant my acorns knowing that I will never live to harvest the oaks.”

Danny Hills, Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors for The Long Now Foundation

The life cycle of all living things is relative to the world that encompasses it. Our understanding of the surrounding world is driven by our senses. We see tonal differences, visualize colors, hear sounds, and feel textures. These are elements that architects have come to master. Yet the perception of time is measured in a fleeting glance, and does not utilize a specific sense to measure change. With no specific sense or senses available to measure time, our thought patterns stand alone as service of a distinguishable record of time. The distinction of time in architecture lends proof to societal decisions in determining a building's recognition and value to community. This is why the National Register of Historic Places does not consider a building eligible for registration until it has reached 50 years in age. Is 50 years really long enough to make that determination? Any buildings built before 1962 are now eligible for recognition, just think of the amount of structures that will be considered for registration in the next decade.

Maybe our understanding of time is a bit short sighted. The Mayans devised a long calendar that ran 5,126 years and apparently began in the year 3,114 B.C. Looking at the math, 5,126 minus 3,114 equals 2012. For another perspective on time take a look at “The Long Now Foundation” and their design for “The 10,000 Year Clock”. I got a chance to tour the Mt. Washington, Nevada site three years ago and became intrigued in long range thinking associated with this project. If you are interested in learning more about this project or long range thinking, see the web link at the bottom of this article. No matter your perception of time, relationships are the most critical thing in all living system's life spans. We must cultivate and nurture relationships if we are to prosper and advance to a higher place.

When Jess Holmes, FAIA came to me 18 months ago and asked me if I would consider taking his place as 2012 AIA President, I was flattered and honored to be considered for this position. It is a role I never sought out, but the experience has been one I will treasure throughout my professional career. It is unbelievable how fast time has gone and the people I was fortunate to meet this past year. Jess and I held a similar desire to expand and enhance the educational knowledge of sustainable architecture in our community. We had lofty goals for the year. We have not lived up to all of those, but I am very proud of the ones that we have accomplished. I hope that I can continue working on those as the 2013 Past President. I am especially proud of the AIA+2030 Professional Series and hope you will consider enrolling in the next session. It is one of the best continuing educational programs that I have ever experienced. In addition, this past year I have learned so much about the inner workings of the AIA, including Advocacy, Education, Government, Economics, and Community Relations.

A few thanks before I sign off. Thank you to the entire AIA Las Vegas Board, it has been a pleasure to work with you and we could not have completed half the things the Chapter does without your time and commitment. Thank you to AIA Nevada and AIA Northern Nevada Board members for your leadership and mentorship. It has been invaluable, and I will value the friendships I have gained from it. Thank you to my family for your patience, understanding and allowing me to take time away from you, so that I could fully commit to serving the profession the best I could.

Finally, thank you, to all the members of the AIA Las Vegas chapter that have continued to maintain your membership during these trying times, and for allowing me to serve as this year's President. It has been humbling and incredible gratifying. I would ask that you consider bringing your background and talents to serve on the AIA Las Vegas Board, it will be an experience that will enrich you.

Value the relationships that you gain in this short career, and leverage them to create great things that will stand the test of time.

http://longnow.org/clock/
DECEMBER HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
“IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE UH... CHAPTER”

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if AIA Las Vegas had never been born ... I mean established? Oh it would be a very different world indeed..... Think of it...no connections ....no benefits .....no membership meetings.....no C.E. credits .....no design awards.....no golf tournament..... No Zuzu’s petals....or rather no Kelly’s pens.

At the Holiday Celebration, the good archangel, Clarence .....(that’s Eric Roberts) will lead us through what life would be like without the AIA and the architects who have been so essential in building a great Chapter. Join us on Wednesday, December 12 in the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School when we celebrate “It’s A Wonderful Chapter.” You’ll get a chance to laugh and play and really appreciate the great times we’ve had as a real live organization.

Don’t forget to bring a gift or a donation for Safe Nest

There will be a Holiday Buffet of all your favorite treats, music, even dancing if you like ....and even a chance to win prizes. Take a look back at the highlights and accomplishments of this year... meet the 2013 board members.... Learn about the exciting plans for the new year and celebrate the holidays with your friends and associates.

Mark the date on your calendar, Wednesday, December 12th.
The Party begins at 5:30pm in the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School. The Program will begin at 6:30PM

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AIA Las Vegas was founded in 1956. For the last fifty-seven years, the organization has met and overcome challenge after challenge in its commitment to upholding, enhancing and protecting the profession of architecture, and providing support and encouragement to our members. AIA Las Vegas has a proud history and a long line of dedicated leaders who have built a strong and viable organization. The last four years have been a difficult time for all of us. Every architect, associate and allied member of AIA knows all too well the results of the economic adversities that we have suffered. While we are beginning to see a possible easing of the economic pressures, our community is not yet recovered and strategic changes are required in order for our Chapter to continue to operate successfully.

AIA Las Vegas is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 6 organization, and like any other business or organization we must operate effectively in order to stay in business. We must continually improve our operations and institute revenue streams that will provide the resources needed to support programs, services and benefits for our members. Currently, AIA Las Vegas members (Architects, Associates, and Allied) pay an average dues amount of $268.33 per member, however each member receives over $1,050 in benefits and services. This means that 74% of the cost of benefits and services must be generated through non-dues revenue sources.

Over the last four years the overall membership of the Chapter has been reduced by 45%. When a chapter loses members, we not only lose dues revenue, we also lose the income generated through sponsorships, advertising, and participation in events. Yet, the cost of providing these benefits and services does not decrease. To compensate for this reduction in revenue the Chapter has already reduced the staff and payroll, trimmed overhead expenses, and instituted many additional economic policies. As we look to 2013 and beyond, the Board of Directors and the Executive Director have carefully considered the options and opportunities and in an effort to continue to maintain a strong and viable organization and to continue to provide benefits to all our members, the following changes will become effective January 1, 2013.

Members Only - Membership in the American Institute of Architects is an honor, and a privilege that is reserved for those who have made an honest and profound commitment to upholding the highest standards of professional practice. Member benefits and services will be strictly reserved for those who have made this commitment and will not be available to those who are not members of AIA. For instance, beginning in 2013 continuing education classes and AIA membership meetings will be provided for AIA Members Only. Member meetings will now be specifically designed and arranged to provide programs/speakers that are of special interest and benefit to our members. This series of six meetings will be under a new program called “Projects & Practice” and will focus on providing information that will help members to know more about upcoming projects and how to best respond to calls for those projects.

Member Meeting Fee - Beginning in January, it will be necessary to institute a small fee for membership meetings. The expense of providing programs and speakers now requires additional financial support from the members. A small fee of $20.00 (no more than you would pay for a lunch with a friend or associate) for each meeting will be instituted in order to help offset the cost of providing the meeting, reception, program speaker and continuing education credits for each of these meetings. The payment of $20.00 will be required at the time the RSVP is made online. This fee is required for all AIA members and AIAS students who RSVP to attend the meetings. For members who do not RSVP the fee at the door will be $50.00.

Continuing Education Luncheons - AIA Las Vegas will continue to provide Continuing Education Luncheons without charge as a benefit of membership. However, as of January 1, 2013 there will be a charge of $20.00 for non-members. All who wish to attend an AIA Continuing Education Luncheon must RSVP online prior to the meeting. For those who do not RSVP online as required, and simply show up, there will be a charge of $40.00 payable at the door.

Non-members who would like to attend the Projects & Practice meetings or Continuing Education lunches may do so by becoming members of AIA. If a member wishes to bring a friend to a meeting we hope that they first encourages them to join. Applications are available online at www.aialasvegas.org.

Annual Membership dues are -- $686.00 for Architects, $308.00 for Associates, $375.00 for Allied Members. Dues are pro-rated quarterly throughout the year.

AIA LAS VEGAS RECEIVES USGBC EDUCATION AWARD

The Nevada Chapter of USGBC has announced that their 2012 Education Award will be presented to the Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The award is given annually to the organization that has significantly contributed to sustainable education in Southern Nevada. AIA Las Vegas was selected for their development and presentation of the AIA+2030 Professional Series. This program provides the architectural community with resources and relationships to make a difference through sustainable design. The purpose is to provide design professionals with the knowledge and leverage to create next-generation, super-efficient buildings. The Series of 10 four-hour sessions began in April of 2012 and will be completed in April of 2013, with the graduation of 48 architects and civic leaders from the program, who will then utilize their knowledge to instruct others and to reduce the fossil fuel greenhouse gas emissions.

Championed by Jeff Roberts, AIA, President of the Las Vegas Chapter, the Series has also been selected as a model for the comprehensive content of the program. Jeff represents the Chapter on the AIA+2030 Advisory Board for the national program.
Projects & Practice Meetings
• January 16 – Zappo’s and the Downtown Project – The Future of Our City
• February 20 – K-12 Schools & Higher Education
• March 13 – Federal Projects – How to Get’em!
• May 15 – State, County and City Public Works – What’s In The Works?
• June 19 – Utilities & Transportation - Where are we going?
• November 20 – Architecture 2020 – Past meets the Future

Special Events Meetings
• April 14-20 – Architecture Week
• September 19-20 – Statewide Design Conference
• October 16 – Learn About / Turn About Product Show
• December 18 – End of the Year Holiday Celebration

Additional Programs & Events
• Nevada Design In Focus – Statewide Design Conference – September 19-20
• AIA Nevada Excellence in Design & Distinguished Service Awards and Gala
• “Leadership Lunches” Informal meetings for Young Architects and Senior Architects
• AIA + 2030 Professional Series – Completion of the last four sessions
• 40th Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament - Friday, June 7th at the Silverstone Golf Club
• Bowling Tournament as an annual fund-raiser event for our scholarship fund.
• Master Jury for UNLV School of Architecture and the Downtown Design Center
• Architecture Week – April 14-20 will include the following activities:
  A. Unbuilt Design Awards (a statewide program)
  B. High School Design Awards
  C. CANstruction –
  D. Box City in one of the elementary schools – Managed by Gene Pasinski, Assoc. AIA
  E. UNLV Job Fair

Conferences & Conventions
• AIA Grassroots Leadership & Legislative Conference – March 20-23 – Washington, DC
• AIA National Convention & Design Expo – June 19-22 – Denver, CO
• Western Mountain Region Conference – October 2-5 – Jackson Lake, WY

2013 AIA LAS VEGAS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
The following is a calendar overview of the meetings and events we have planned as of December 1, 2012 for the coming year.
Please note that events and dates are subject to change.

JANUARY – PROJECTS & PRACTICE
ZAPPO’S AND THE DOWNTOWN PROJECT
THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY
The new year gets started right with a fresh look at the plans for downtown Las Vegas. We will get an update on the Zappo’s Downtown Project from Loren Becker, Corporate Trainer with Zappo’s. The City’s Redevelopment Office will also provide a review of the 2012 accomplishments and the exciting plans and projects for 2013. We’ve invited Councilman Bob Coffin and Kristin McMillan, President and CEO of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce to provide long-range perspectives on Las Vegas. RSVP now and make your plans to attend this comprehensive presentation on the Future of Our City. Wednesday, January 16 – 5:30PM Reception/ 6:30PM Program.
Click here to RSVP now.

FEBRUARY – PROJECTS & PRACTICE
K-12 SCHOOLS & HIGHER EDUCATION
Are there any plans for K-12 school projects? What’s happening at UNLV? Anything new at CSN. February is the time to find out. No area of our community needs attention more than our schools, yet with the failure of the last bond initiative and no budget to support school renovations and retrofitting it seems little can be done. Paul Gerner, Assistant Supervisor and Facilities Manager for CCSD will provide insights into the short and long range plans for the School District. David Frommer, AIA, Director of Planning & Construction for UNLV will present the UNLV Master Plan, and Sherri Payne, Director of Facilities for the College of Southern Nevada will provide information on the plans for CSN. RSVP now and make your plans to attend the February meeting. Wednesday, February 20 – 5:30PM Reception / 6:30PM Program. Click here to RSVP now.
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CONTINUING EDUCATION LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 6
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Registered for 1 CE/HSW
Click here to RSVP for this Luncheon
Please note: There is no charge to attend this CE classes. But if you RSVP and then fail to show up, there is a no show fee of $30.

New for 2013

For Attendees
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Non-members who would like to attend the Continuing Education lunches may do so by becoming members of AIA. If a member wishes to bring a friend to a class, we hope that they first encourage that person to join.

Applications are available online at www.aialasvegas.org.

For Providers / Hosts
If you are interested in providing or hosting an AIA Las Vegas Continuing Education Lunch, please click HERE for more information

The dates scheduled for 2013 Continuing Education Opportunities are as follows (All Thursdays):

January 10
January 24
February 14
February 28
March 14
April 11
April 25
May 9
May 23
June 13
July - Dates Tentative
August - Dates Tentative
*September - Design Conference
*October- Product Show CE Series
November 14
December 12

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STILLMAN: ARCHITECTURE AS ART

Don’t miss the new photographic exhibit exploring the eclectic architecture of Las Vegas that is now open at the Springs Preserve. The many sides of Las Vegas are on display in the Big Springs Gallery, which is located inside the Origen Museum at the Springs Preserve. Las Vegas has inspired many people, including the collaborative creative vision of Stillman and Marilyn Clark, two artists who called Vegas home in their youth and returned to the city in 1987. For more than 25 years they have been photographing the architecture of Las Vegas, most recently documenting the construction of the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health - Cleveland Clinic, a Frank Gehry project.

The Stillman: Architecture as Art will be on exhibit until January 21, 2013, and is open daily from 10AM to 6PM. The exhibit is free for Springs Preserve members or included with General Admission. Nevada residents are 9.95 for adults and 4.95 for children 5-17; those under 5 years old are free. The Springs Preserve is located at 333 S. Valley View Blvd. (Meadows Lane, between Alta Drive and U.S. 95).
Well it is that time of year. Students are wrapping up their projects and final reviews are this week! We have an open door policy on our reviews and all are welcome to show up. If you would like to serve as a juror and have not already been contacted please contact the studio professor directly. The schedule for final reviews is posted on our facebook page. Please carve out some time to join us and help encourage these future professionals.

A couple big UNLV shout outs. The first is to professor Alfredo Fernandez-Gonzalez who was named the 2012 Nevada Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The award was presented during a luncheon Nov. 15 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The awards recognize professors for their influence in the classroom and their commitment to undergraduate students. Fernandez-Gonzalez was selected from a pool of nearly 300 top professors nationwide and a broad range of academic disciplines and institutional types.

The second is to professor Randall Stout, FAIA who recently returned from Italy where he was invited to lecture at the Politecnico Università di Torino Dipartimento di Architettura e Design and the Sapienza Università di Roma Dipartimento di Ingegneria Civile, Edile e Ambientale. His presentation entitled “Museum Architecture Synthesizing Technology and Sustainability” covered recent work.

Professor of Architecture, Randall Stout, FAIA has completed projects of museums and civic buildings throughout the world, including the recent Art Gallery of Alberta. His studio, with headquarters in Los Angeles, has created more than 60 projects combining dynamic forms with advanced technologies and environmental sustainability.

The Solar Decathlon Student Team submitted their CD package. They were the only team with out deficiencies. So big congratulations to the team and a big thank you to our supporters. We are looking to add to our list of partners that are supporting this effort. It is truly an honor to participate in this competition and this project will put UNLV, Las Vegas and Nevada on an international stage. If you followed this bi-annual competition in the past you know that the projects have impact well beyond the competition. If you have an interest in supporting this effort please contact Anne Mulloy at the UNLV Foundation anne.mulloy@unlv.edu or by phone 702-895-4292.

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