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VACATION HOUSE

Beach House at Harvey Cedars,
New Jersey

by Myron Henry Goldfinger
is one of twenty-five houses
included in the exhibition at
U.S. Plywood Showroom
777 Third Avenue at 49th Street,
opening May 1, 1968



PRATT SUBMITS SUFFOLK COUNTY STUDY

Dean Olindo Grossi reports that the study of Suffolk County by the Pratt Institute School of Architecture, recently reported in progress in the Oculus has now been completed and has been presented to the local public and authorities. This study funded with a grant of \$10,000 proposes guidelines for Suffolk's anticipated population growth — 500,000 newcomers for Brookhaven and Riverhead townships which encompass most of the 100-square-mile study area. Understandably, the scope and design features have brought forth mixed reactions for this area which lies directly in the path of typical and conservative sub-urban sprawl. It is expected the main immediate contribution of this study will be to strengthen the hand of officials and practitioners who wish to build better and more creative environments. Burt Stern, Georg Kongeter, Clark Neuringer and Gerald Hallissy comprise the team whose master plan for Suffolk County won them top honors and a \$1,000 prize awarded by Pratt.

Seventy-two fifth year School of Architecture students were assigned the Suffolk study. Except for theses, this project is the culmination of five years' intense professional effort. Their efforts were evaluated and refined under the guidance of faculty members Frederick Bentel, William Conklin, Olindo Grossi, David Leavitt, Dean McClure, Joseph DeChiara, Alan Rudolph and Stanley Salzman.

NYCAIA SPONSORS VACATION HOMES EXHIBITION

The New York Chapter of The American Institute of Architects announces the opening of an exhibit on vacation homes on May 1, 1968, at the U.S. Plywood Showroom, 777 Third Avenue (49th St.), New York City.

The tremendous growth of the leisure market has given the architect a new lease on life -- and his imagination. The vacation house has provided the opportunity to develop new forms and spaces for the less conventional living patterns inherent in the second house. Some of the younger architects have been engaged in this form of building which permits the use of the simplest materials, yet allows freedom of creativity.

In this exhibit, arranged by the AIA Exhibits Committee, headed by Minor L. Bishop, homes for the beach and ski slope designed by such firms as Edward L. Barnes, Bruce Graham, Charles Moore, Hobart Betts and Charles Gwathmey are selected as some of the best examples of new trends. Twenty-five large mounted photographic panels show plans and interior and exterior views. The exhibition, made possible by the generous assistance of the U.S. Plywood Division of U.S. Plywood-Champion Papers Inc., was designed by Wright Salisbury, with text and research by John Dixon and Peter Samton. The exhibition is open from 9 P.M. to 5:30 P.M., Monday to Friday and will run through June.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS--- New appointments to National Committees are noted as follows: J. E. Aronin to Architecture for Commerce and Industry Committee. Edwin M. Forbes and William M. Barnum to the New York Construction Industry Arbitration Committee.

EFL OPENS SCHOOL LIBRARY --- The Educational Facilities Laboratories, Inc. has recently moved to new quarters that include a well-equipped library with a professional librarian in charge. EFL is now offering its unique resources to our members. Contact Mrs. Lucille Gordon for an appointment. Telephone 751-6214.

AMICUS SECTIONIS TO NYCAIA TO RECEIVE KEMPER AWARD--- The Institute will give the coveted Kemper Award to E. James Gambaro, FAIA, at the 1968 Convention. "Jimmie" Gambaro, a member of the Brooklyn Chapter, is well known to us and has made distinguished contributions to the profession through the Institute.

NYSAA--"ARCHITECTURE-EMERGING TECHNIQUES" --THEME--- Architects throughout the state will convene at Whiteface Inn, Lake Placid, Oct. 9-13, 1968. Panel discussions will be held with leaders in the profession at three seminars-- 1) Construction Management and the Architect, 2) The Computer and the Architect and, 3) The Future of the Architectural Profession.

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1968 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FUNDS-- MEMORIAL TO DR. KING

Equal Opportunities Committee has announced that its 1968 fund-raising campaign for scholarships and training programs for disadvantaged youth in New York City has been dedicated to the memory and in the honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This year, the committee is seeking to broaden its base of assistance to minority young people through a number of means. Intensive discussions are being held with both Pratt Institute and Cooper Union to determine the feasibility of chapter support for expanded aid programs in those institutions. On-the-job training programs in offices will result in the employment of a number of young people. The scholarship fund itself has been of assistance to a few students. The total for 1967 was \$6470; for 1965 it was more than \$11,000. We need more.

One happy report concerns a recipient at Pratt. Word was received from Dean Grossi "David Danois has been selected to receive the Dean's Medal this year for high scholastic average, consistent performance, real initiative, personality and good citizenship. He ranks second in a class of 75.

"It should be encouraging to your Committee to have your awards succeed so well. I am certain he could not have done as well without your support."

Achievements such as this make it even more incumbent on every individual member and firm in the New York Chapter of AIA to support the 1968 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship Fund Drive. In this year, of all years, we can make no little plans. Scholarships, on-the-job training programs, professional contacts with the youth of our ghettos -- these must all increase in scope and effectiveness. The Equal Opportunities Committee will seek every means to increase its resources and explore every avenue to gain additional funds. But it is basically the responsibility of every Chapter member to help in this overwhelmingly important undertaking. If we are to overcome the forces of apathy and lack of direction so often generated by slum environments, we must contribute in a material sense. The Committee urges that generous checks be sent soon to advance this cause. Checks should be made out to New York Chapter AIA Foundation, Inc., 20 West 40 Street. Let us make the outpouring of aid to the disadvantaged young this year worthy of the memory of Dr. King.

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PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE WOMEN'S ARCHITECTURAL AUXILIARY'S AWARD OF HONOR PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON APRIL 16th at the HOME OF AIA REGIONAL DIRECTOR MAX O. URBahn, AND MRS. URBahn.

SEATED: L to R
AWARD WINNERS
MRS. ALBERT D. LASKER AND
MRS. ESTEE LAUDER,
STANDING: L to R
Mrs. Urbahn, Mr. Urbahn,
Award Winner MRS. VINCENT
ASTOR, and Park Commissioner
August Heckscher.



WAA HONORS—SCHOLARSHIP BALL COMING EVENT

Three distinguished benefactresses were honored for their outstanding contributions to the enhancement of the urban scene in New York as part of the 10th anniversary celebration of the WAA. Commissioner Heckscher thanked the women on behalf of Mrs. John V. Lindsay for their generosity to New York.

Mrs. P. Whitney Webb, president of the WAA, greeted the 150 guests and explained the history of the WAA, its present purposes and goals. She announced that in addition to the architectural schools to which the WAA will continue to award annual scholarship funds, the Equal Opportunities Committee of the AIA will also receive an equal amount this year. Mrs. Saul Edelbaum, described the achievements of the women; Mrs. Vincent Astor, president of the Vincent Astor Foundation which gave the funds to create playgrounds for George Wash-

ington Carver houses in Harlem, and the Jacob Riis Houses on the Lower East Side; Mrs. Albert Lasker, for her continuing program to beautify New York City through planting and landscaping since 1943; and Mrs. Estee Lauder for her contribution of the Adventure Playground at 67th Street and Central Park West.

The Scholarship Ball is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 8th. A champagne reception at the Ford Foundation Building, 320 East 43rd Street, starts at 7:30 pm. Chartered buses will take guests to the Waldorf-Astoria where supper and dancing will be featured at the Starlight Roof. No speeches are scheduled — just a gala good time. For information call TR 9-0494. Single tickets are \$30. Donors, \$60 for 2 tickets. Sponsors, a Table for 10 at \$500. A few places available.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Philip Ives, FAIA, has recently organized Philip Ives Associates with Herbert Kraus, **Russell C. Cecil**, and **Edward W. Winter**, as partners. They are developing plans for several churches including a large contemporary one for New Canaan, Connecticut.

Elliot Willensky was recently appointed as Co-ordinator of Capital Projects and Director of Design, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administration of New York City.

Arthur Rosenblatt, the former Director of Design for the Parks Department and presently the Administrator for Architecture and Planning, Metropolitan Museum of Art is the author of an article—"The New Visionaries"—in the April 1968 Bulletin of the Museum. He also addressed the Cleveland Chapter recently on "Parks in the Urban Environment."

Edward Durell Stone, FAIA, spoke on the "Office Building as a Symbol" and **Robert Allan Jacobs, FAIA**, addressed

the subject "Design in the Speculative Office Building" at the Spring Conference of the Building Research Institute.

Ulrich Franzen, Percival Goodman, FAIA, and **Victor Lundy, FAIA**, were included on the Jury for the 1968 Bard Awards Program.

Percival Goodman, FAIA, also served on a Jury with **Sidney Katz, FAIA**, for annual awards of the New Jersey Society of Architects.

Construction Specifications Institute announces 1968 fellowship honors for **Ray E. Cumrine**, President of N.Y. CSI and **David F. M. Todd**, Regional Director.

Awards of Merit were bestowed on (1) The Library Institute for Advanced Education, Princeton University by **Harrison & Abramovits**, (2) Saint John's University Library, Collegeville, Minnesota by **Marcel Breuer, FAIA** and **Hamilton P. Smith** and (3) Hofstra University Library, Hempstead, Long Island by **Warner Burns Toan Lunde**. In the recent Library Building Award Program, **Giovanni Pasanelli** was one of three architect members on the jury.

1968 LE BRUN AWARDS EXHIBITED

Drawings submitted in competition for the 1968 LeBrun Travelling Fellowship will be exhibited at Chapter Headquarters beginning on May 15, 1968, until June 7, 1968. The LE BRUN Committee consisted of Esmond Shaw, Harvey P. Clarkson, Richard Dattner, Jouka Hakola, Edward F. Knowles and Richard A. Meier. The title was "Design of a Metropolitan Area Rapid Transit Station and Related Facilities."

Esmond Shaw, FAIA, Chairman, stated — "the entries this year were of a very high caliber in response to a rather complicated program. The Jury was unusually pleased with the ingenuity of the winning design and the two mentions." The winner of the \$3,000. Fellowship is Edwin C. Taylor of Brooklyn, N.Y. First mention was awarded Richard Anthony Barnes of Palos Verdes Peninsula, California. William P. Kelly of Novato, California received second mention.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE IN SESSION

The Committee to Nominate Officers, Directors and Members to the Elective Committees of the Chapter have been elected for 1968. They are Ronald Allwork, David L. Eggers, Jordan L. Gruzen. Morris Ketchum, Jr., FAIA, and Daniel Schwartzman, FAIA. Morris Ketchum, Jr., was elected by the Committee as Chairman.

NYCAIA COMING EVENTS

- EXHIBITION — VACATION HOMES — Sponsored by NYCAIA and U.S. Plywood through June. Monday through Friday 9 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. 777 Third Ave. at 49th St.
- EXHIBITION — 1968 LE BRUN TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP — a selection of the competition entries—"Design of a Metropolitan Area Rapid Transit Facility and Related Facilities," May 15 — June 7 Monday through Friday 10 A.M. — 5 P.M. NYCAIA Headquarters, 20 West 40th Street.
- TWO EXHIBITIONS — "100 YRS. OF N.Y. ARCHITECTURE" — Selections from 1967 Centennial exhibit and first showing of selections from recent (1966) House Competition. Through May 13. Monday through Friday 10 A.M.—5 P.M. NYCAIA Headquarters, 20 West 40 St.
- AIA PRE-CONVENTION LUNCHEON, Park 100 Restaurant, Park Ave. at 40 St., Wed., May 22, 12:30 P.M.
- ANNUAL LUNCHEON — Delmonico Hotel, 59 St. & Park Ave., Wednesday, June 5 at 12:30 P.M.

COMING EVENTS—GENERAL INTEREST

- GOLF DAY — Annual event sponsored by NYCAIA and N.Y. Association of Consulting Engineers to be held at INNIS ARDEN GOLF CLUB, Old Greenwich, Conn. on June 4, 1968. Telephone Miss Faherty at MU4-2877 for details.
- EXHIBITION — 'LIGHT FLOORS' — an experimental environment on view through May 11. Monday through Friday 10 A.M. — 5 P.M. Saturday 1 P.M. — 5 P.M. — Architectural League, 41 East 65 Street.

- SEMINAR — 'DESIGN OF WELDED STRUCTURES' — sponsored by AISC and ASCE — Technical sessions from 9 A.M. — 4:45 P.M. Thursday, May 16. Belmont Plaza Hotel. Contact—Bob Beiner, tel. (212) 685-7374.
- LUNCHEON — Joint Industry Luncheon — Statler Hilton Hotel — Christian A. Herter, Jr. will talk on "Redevelopment of our Cities." Contact Howard Callen at JU 6-5907 12th Annual National Convention of Consulting Engineers Council, NYACE May 8, 1968, Noon. \$7.50.
- VIDEO TAPE SHOW — Two evenings of video tapes by Les Levine. 8 P.M. May 9 and May 16. Architectural League, 41 East 65th Street.

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