- Russell takes a long, thoughtful look at building for the next major storm: "Resilience thinking helps us choose solutions that protect us while delivering other benefits that make large investments worthwhile."
- Huxtable is none too happy about New York Public Library's plans for its 42nd St. landmark, with an eloquent explanation and no mincing of words ("profound ignorance," "willful disregard," and "folly" included).
- Jacobs puts her "hate on hold" re: Atlantic Yards Barclays Center, and wishes SHoP could transform the master plan "into a sophisticated urban scheme" - then "there could be a reason to stop hating."
- Schwartz cheers the transformation of a down-and-out neighborhood in Birmingham, Alabama, into "a thriving destination" - and "It's working beautifully."
- Wainwright x 2: he wanders the shimmery Louvre-Lens, and finds out why the architects "erased all the gallery walls" (great video) + locals say interest in the museum proves the stereotype of an uncultured region is wrong.
- He spends a pleasant time with Westminster Abbey's architect-in-residence to find out about his "plans to reinvent a cornerstone of British history": "It's unusual for an architect to be so at ease with both modernity and pastiche" (a "delightfully surreal pavilion" included).
- Brake cheers "landscape architecture's ascendance" and "reclaiming the profession's civic role," which "also points to certain weaknesses in contemporary architecture and planning" (and education).
- A touching video interview with 76-year-old landscape architect Shlomo Aronson re: his work in Tel Aviv, and in Jerusalem "with his friend and mentor Lawrence Halprin."
- Q&A with Daniel Solomon re: his merger with Mithun.
- Peter Cook pens a heartfelt tribute to Lebbeus Woods: "he irritated the academic bean counters but left audiences wanting more."
- Woodman cheers winners of BD's Architect of the Year Awards 2012, and Young Architect of the Year Coffey Architects: its "beautifully conceived projects show it is a practice to be watched."
- Six architects and designers take home United States Artists $50,000 Prizes.
- Halprin...
Shlomo Aronson: Olive Trees and Other Secrets: ...filmed by The Cultural Landscape Foundation, Aronson, who is 76, talks about his life, times, and designs, including his work in Jerusalem with his friend and mentor Lawrence Halprin...[and] his work on the Suzanne Dellal Dance and Theater Center in Tel Aviv. [video]- Landscape Architecture Magazine

The World's Largest Sculpture Will Be A 500-Foot-Tall Pyramid Of 410,000 Oil Barrels: Christo has been planning the [$340 million] sculpture called the Mastaba for decades. Is it now about to become reality outside Abu Dhabi? "...No high-level political decision has yet been made." By Ariel Schwartz [images]- Fast Company

Young Architect of the Year 2012: Coffey Architects' beautifully conceived projects show it is a practice to be watched + Architect of the Year Awards 2012: a golden year for British architecture. By Ellie Woodman -- Hayhurst & Co; Alison Brooks Architects; Hugh Broughton Architects; Witherford Watson Mann Architects; Reiach & Hall Architects; Alford Hall Monaghan Morris (AHMM); Adam Khan Architects; Adams & Sutherland; Stanton Williams; 5th Studio; Civic Architects [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

Six Architects & Designers Take Home $50,000 Prizes: United States Artists (USA), a national grant-making and advocacy organization, named 50 artists to receive the USA Fellowships... -- Stephen Luoni/University of Arkansas Community Design Center (UACDC); Marcelo Spina/Georgia Huljich/P-A-T-T-E-R-N-S; Kate Orff/SCAPE; Jesse Reiser/Nanako Umemoto/Reiser + Umemoto, RUR Architecture - The Architect's Newspaper

Seeking Citizen Sandy: Call for Ideas for Green Rebuilding of Devastated Communities: ...search for Citizen Entrepreneurs: Citizen Sandy, submit your idea -- or nominate someone you know or may have learned about -- to help rebuild on the East Coast. By Matt Petersen/Global Green USA- Huffington Post

Deadline reminder: Call for entries: Architizer A+ Awards: ...break architecture out of the echo chamber to celebrate the world's best structures, spaces and the minds behind them...juried by architects, thought leaders and the people who actually hire architects; deadline: December 21 - Architizer

Deadline reminder: Call for entries/Call for proposals: Folly. A competition for a design/build studio residency leading to an exhibition at Socrates Sculpture Park; deadline: January 7 - Architectural League of New York / Socrates Sculpture Park

Books: "Tadao Ando: Conversations with Students"
-- "Sou Fujimoto – Sketchbook"
-- "Wang Shu – Imagining the House"
-- Hans, His Chairs and The World” by Anne Blond, illustrated by Birgitte Haahr Lund

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