

## Today's News - Thursday, September 11, 2014

- 9/11: An animated children's poem about a lone pear tree at the WTC that miraculously survived the collapse of the Twin Towers.
- EarthCam's two-and-a-half-minute time-lapse movie of the 9/11 Memorial Museum construction, from groundbreaking to completion.
- Finch on "just how political architecture, planning and design can be" - case in point: Urbed's Wolfson Prize-winning proposal, the first "where I felt happy to accept the idea of giving up chunks of green belt in order to create bigger (but significantly improved) city environments."
- Brussat weighs in on the Zaha/Filler brouhaha: her comments "reflect the inhumanity of modern architects that arises from the inhumanity of modern architecture, especially that of major commissions by starchitects."
- Wainwright weighs in on the Helsinki vs. Guggenheim "backlash against the global megabrand," and the Next Helsinki counter-competition "launched in rebellion."
- A look at Japanese architects who are "scoring success" on a global stage "by reinterpreting the past" with a "sensibility that speaks to human-oriented yet innovative everyday life."
- A look at Helpern Architects' "spectacular" restoration of Yale's landmark Sterling Memorial Library.
- It's a small, small world - and only getting smaller: Rhode Island's Providence Arcade, America's first shopping mall, "is now stuffed with micro homes."
- Sokol reports that a new multifamily building for Sweden's Uppsala University has "validated micro-dwellings as a local solution for the affordable housing crunch."
- Northeastern University alumni come up with pre-fab micro-units and a new "approach to apartment construction and urban design that appeals to Millennials' wallets."
- A tour of Britain's smallest home, a former storage shed in London "smaller than the minimum size for a council car parking space" is for sale, confirming "a trend of Lilliputian homes coming onto the market."
- Revisit Zinkin's "awkward interview" with Corbu in 1965, where she "realizes the great architect has designs on something other than large buildings" (a great read!).
- Eyefuls of the 2014 AL Light & Architecture Design Awards winners (all enlightening!).
- One we couldn't resist: eyefuls of Sochi 2014 Olympic venues six months later: "actually they are just as you would imagine: abandoned and desolate" - a ghost town in the making.
- Call for entries - and lots of 'em: Those Saved - To Their Rescuers: a memorial to the Poles who rescued Jews in German-occupied Poland, to be built in Warsaw + EOI: Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Culture and Education Quarter two-stage international competition + RTF Sustainability Awards 2014 for Excellence in Architecture, Landscape & Urban Design + 2014/2015 Global Schindler Award: "Designing the City as a Resource" student competition.

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[Survivor Tree: a children's poem on behalf of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. It's the story of a lone pear tree at the World Trade Center that miraculously survived the collapse of the Twin Towers on 9/11. \[video\]- 9/11 Memorial](#)

[EarthCam Commemorates September 11 Anniversary with 9/11 Memorial Museum Time-Lapse Movie: ...from groundbreaking to completion in two and a half minutes. Also visible is the "Survivor Tree," which was discovered and nurtured after the September 11 attacks and is a living reminder of strength and resilience. \[video\]- EarthCam](#)

[All architecture is political: Before turning to the question of the Scottish independence vote, let us at least acknowledge just how political architecture, planning and design can be. A good example came following the publication of proposals by David Rudlin and Nick Falk of Urbed...Their ideas, which have won the excellent Wolfson Prize...Anyone interested in planning and urbanism should read the full report - with a far more open mind than that of the current housing minister... By Paul Finch- Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[In defense of Zaha? I do regret that the press wrongly linked her comment to her proposed stadium. Still, she did make the comment and it does reflect the inhumanity of modern architects that arises from the inhumanity of modern architecture, especially that of major commissions by starchitects. By David Brussat -- Martin Filler; Beverly Willis- Architecture Here and There](#)

[Helsinki v Guggenheim: the backlash against the global megabrand is on: The Guggenheim's proposed Finnish outpost is one of the biggest architectural competitions ever, but it has been criticised as a vanity project. Now, a counter-competition has been launched in rebellion...Next Helsinki... By Oliver Wainwright -- Michael Sorkin; Juhani Pallasmaa; Sharon Zukin- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Japanese architects sell a lifestyle on global stage: ...scoring success by reinterpreting the past...their sensibility that speaks to a human-oriented yet innovative everyday life is proving a hit abroad... -- Kengo Kuma; Sou Fujimoto; Kazuyo Sejima; Ryue Nishizawa; Toyo Ito; Shigeru Ban; Kenzo Tange; Fumihiko Maki; Tadao Ando; Takaharu and Yui Tezuka- Yakima Herald-Republic \(Washington\)](#)

[Following a 'spectacular' restoration, a treasured Yale landmark reopens to the public: The majestic entrance nave in Yale University's Sterling Memorial Library reopens...marking the completion of a major restoration project that has returned the nave to its original architectural splendor and brought about improvements that will better serve the needs of library users in the 21st century. -- James Gamble Rogers \(1930\); Helpern Architects \[images\]- Yale News](#)

[America's First Shopping Mall is Now Stuffed With Micro Homes: In 2008, Rhode Island's Providence Arcade was in trouble...the nearly 200-year-old downtown building closed...needed an overhaul, but few viable options existed: when the possibility of a gut job arose, preservationists raised holy hell. In the end, the shopping center and its snug quarters proved just the right fit for a growing housing trend: micro apartments. -- Russell Warren/James Bucklin \(1828\); Northeast Collaborative Architects \[images\]- Curbed](#)

[The Lofted Life: Thinking Big for a Micro-Dwelling: ...offers a solution to a Swedish university town's housing crunch...Smaragden project \[in Uppsala\]. This multifamily building validated micro-dwellings as a local solution for the affordable housing crunch. By David Sokol -- Christensen & Co Architects; Mikael Ahrbom \[images\]- GreenSource Magazine](#)

[Are Pre-Fab Micro Units the Solution to Millennial Urban Design? A unique financial approach could help fund affordable micro lofts for young urban professionals...a group of young Northeastern University alumni have developed an approach to apartment construction and urban design that appeals to Millennials' wallets. -- studioMAUD- Multifamily Executive](#)

[For sale: Britain's smallest home \(don't swing a cat in it\): The demand for housing means people are prepared to live in ever-shrinking abodes...This former storage shed...is yours -- all 188sq ft of dwelling space -- for £275,000. That sounds expensive for something smaller than the minimum size for a council car parking space...confirms a trend of Lilliputian homes coming onto the market... -- Christopher Dyvik/Dyvik Kahlen Architects \[images\]- Telegraph \(UK\)](#)

[From the archive, 11 September 1965: An awkward interview with Le Corbusier: On meeting him in Chandigarh, Taya Zinkin realises the great architect has designs on something other than large buildings...To strike a Victorian pose would have been ridiculously melodramatic. I simply walked out. - Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[2014 AL Light & Architecture Design Awards Winners -- Studio V Architecture/Tillotson Design Associates; Horton Lees](#)

[Brogden Lighting Design/AECOM; Bjarke Ingels Group/BIG; John Pawson/Mindseye Lighting; Renfro Design Group- Architectual Lighting magazine](#)

[Instant Ruins: Sochi Is a Ghost Town Only 6 Months After the Olympics: You'll never guess what the Sochi 2014 Olympic venues look like now. Well, actually they are just as you would imagine: abandoned and desolate. \[images\]- Architizer](#)

[Call for entries: Those Saved - To Their Rescuers \(international\): a memorial to all the Poles who rescued Jews in German-occupied Poland, to be built in Warsaw; cash prizes; registration deadline: October 8 \(submissions due December 5\)- Remembrance and Future Foundation](#)

[Call for entries: Expressions of Interest/EOI: Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Culture and Education Quarter two-stage, international design competition; deadline: October 17 - Malcolm Reading Consultants / London Legacy Development Corporation](#)

[Call for entries: RTF Sustainability Awards 2014 for Excellence in Architecture, Landscape & Urban Design \(international\); 15 categories; deadline: September 30- Re-thinking The Future \(RTF\)](#)

[Call for entries: 2014/2015 Global Schindler Award: "Designing the City as a Resource" student competition: proposals that use mobility as both a catalyst and conduit for urban change in Shenzhen, China; €100,000 in prizes; no entry fee; registration deadline: November 15 \(submissions due January 31, 2015\)- Schindler Group / Future Cities Laboratory / ETH Zurich](#)

[ANN Feature: INSIGHT: When to Remember Not to Renovate: The story of the Berkeley South Branch Library is a case study of when a Midcentury Modern building is arguably best remembered and respected through photographic and historic archives rather than reuse. By Avery Taylor Moore, AIA, Field Paoli Architects - ArchNewsNow](#)



[Zaha Hadid Architects: Vienna University of Economics Library and Learning Centre: With bundles of flowing curves around every corner...resembles a fancy stream-lined car rather than a traditional building. Situated at the center of a new university campus in Austria's capital, it is the biggest, tallest and most striking piece of architecture of the entire campus area. By Ulf Meyer \[images\]](#)

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