

The event is organized by SAH/SCC Executive Board member Sian Winship. The ticket price includes exclusive access to private areas of the Library, day-pass admission to the galleries and gardens, high tea, and parking. SAH/SCC member tickets are \$59; non-member tickets are \$85. Due to the exclusive nature of this event, space is very limited.

The exhibition is the most comprehensive ever undertaken on the work of Arts and Crafts movement legends Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene. It comprises 200 works drawn from collections at The Huntington and Gamble House, as well as from more than 30 private and institutional lenders. The exhibition includes furniture, decorative arts, architectural drawings, photographs, watercolors, and related materials, some of which have never been on public display.

# Greene & Greene Behind the Scenes

SAH/SCC Tour Saturday, November 15th

bin SAH/SCC for an exclusive tour of the upcoming exhibition A 'New and Native' Beauty: The Art and Craft of Greene & Greene," d by co-curator and SAH/SCC Advisory Board member Edward R. psley, on Saturday, November 15th, 9AM-1PM. This special opportuity offers participants a private guided tour of the exhibition at the untington Library in San Marino before the gallery opens for the day of the public.



rles Greene, c. 1906. Courtesy: Los Angeles Public Library.



Henry Greene, c. 1906. Courtesy: Los Angeles Public Library.

Adelaide A. Tichenor House, Long Beach, 1904-05 (watercolor by Charles Greene, c. 1905) Courtesy: Greene and Greene Archives, The Gamble House, University of Southern California



David B. Gamble House, Pasadena, 1907-09. Photo: @Alexander Vertikoft

Following the tour, participants will enjoy mid-morning high tea at the tea room in the rose garden at the Huntington Library. The menu features an extensive array of seasonal salads, tea sandwiches, scones, pastries, cookies, and freshly steeped tea.

The formal program for the day will culminate with a visit to the private archive facility, led by the Archivist of the Greene and Greene Archives Ann Sheid. A contributing author to the new book *A "New and Native" Beauty: The Art and Craft of Greene & Greene* (Merrell Publishers, 2008), Sheid will provide tour-goers with a behind-the-scenes look at the Library Archive and display selected holdings for exclusive viewing. Bosley, also an editor of the exhibition book, is the Director of the Gamble House in Pasadena and the author of *Greene & Greene* (Phaidon Press, 2000).

In the afternoon, event participants are welcome to enjoy the 120 acres of botanical gardens at Huntington Library or visit the newly restored residence of Arabella and Henry E. Huntington designed by Myron Hunt in 1911. A \$20-million restoration of the Beaux-Arts interpretation of an Italian Renaissance villa was completed in May by Architectural Resources Group (preservation architect) and Earl Corporation (design/build contractor).

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the architecture and artistry of Greene and Greene with the experts. See Order Form on the back page to reserve early.



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## SAH/SCC President's Letter

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In 2005, the Executive Board of SAH/SCC elected Merry Ovnick to be our President. The decision was nearly unanimous. There was, in fact, only one dissenting vote: that of Merry herself.

After two years, Merry is stepping down as President, but will continue on the SAH/SCC Executive Board. Looking back, my predecessor's record shows what those of us who have known Merry for years know to be true: the organization and its members have benefited greatly from her leadership, integrity, generosity, grace, and superb intellect.

And her humility. Which is why I need to share her enormous contributions and "under-the-radar" service to all of us. For starters, Merry has led our organization through one of the most critical periods of reflection in recent memory. Under her leadership, the organization has strengthened its mission, its vision for the future, and its sustainability via the successful "Crossroads Campaign."

Additionally during the past two years, Merry single-handedly created the inspirational "Wallace Neff: Backwards and Forwards" tour, organized a memorable gala event honoring the inimitable Dr. Robert Winter, and oversaw SAH/SCC's "Rodney Walker Weekend" made available to hundreds of attendees of the 2006 AIA National Convention.

At the 2006 Members' Celebration at the Lummis Home and Garden ("El Alisal"), Merry organized a panel discussion, tour, and reception that increased awareness and support for the preservation needs of this historic Los Angeles landmark.

In addition to her duties as President, for the majority of her 12+ years of volunteer service to the SAH/SCC Executive Board, Merry dutifully processed the membership renewals in her free time. By "free time," I mean when she wasn't pursuing her doctorate, teaching at CSU Northridge, writing, organizing the "Kesling Modern Structures" tour, or giving service to other historical and civic organizations. This is her special gift to all of us: Merry is not just a leader, she is a doer.

Merry, thank you for all you do, have done, and will continue to do as an active member of the Executive Board and a familiar face at all SAH/SCC activities. We can't do it without you!

Sian Winship

SAH/SCC is also pleased to announce that longstanding Executive Board member John Ellis will become Vice President of the Chapter. In addition to his talent as an architectural photographer, John has inspired and organized several of SAH/SCC's most memorable events during the past several years, including "Cool Pools," "Ain on Avenel," and "Inside Downtown: The DWP Building". Most recently, John launched the new "Contemporary Patrons" program featuring on-site dialogues with some of today's most innovative architects and commissioning owners. Congratulations, John!



Morgan-Hale House (1887), Heritage Square.

## Save the Date: Happy Heritage

SAH/SCC Members' Celebration Saturday, November 8th

This year's annual SAH/SCC Members' Celebration will be held at Heritage Square in Highland Park, on the afternoon of Saturday, November 8th. Eight historic structures from the Victorian Era (saved from demolition) were relocated in a park-like setting, appearing as if they'd been neighbors all along. Take a close-up look at these jewels of yester-year and at the preservation and presentation stories behind them. SAH/SCC members, their guests, and prospective members will enjoy house tours, talks, refreshments, and good company. See the next issue of *SAH/SCC News* for more info.

#### Tour and Event Information: 1.800.972.4722; sahscc-info@sahscc.or

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#### 3, Wednesday

#### One Pair of Eyes:

Reyner Banham Loves Los Angeles. Film screening of BBC documentary on author of Los Angeles: The Architecture of Four Ecologies. University Art Museum, UC Santa Barbara; 6PM. 805.893.2951. uam.ucsb.edu.

#### 4, Thursday

*Back to School: Studio Works.* Lecture and tour at West Adams Preparatory High School with architects Studio Works. LA Forum for Architecture and Urban Design; 1500 W. Washington, LA; 7:30PM; \$15. 323.852.7145. laforum.org.

#### 6, Saturday

Village Walking Tour. Guided tour of Claremont's downtown Village area, historic Victorian homes, college, and commercial buildings. Claremont Heritage; Claremont Metrolink Depot, 200 W. First St., Claremont; 10AM; \$5; res. req. 909.621.0848. claremontheritage.org.

#### 6, Saturday

Angelino Heights.

Walking tour of Victorian architecture in the historic suburb of Angelino Heights. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 10AM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

#### 6, Saturday

City Hall.

Tour of public spaces in City Hall. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 11AM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

#### 6, Saturday

*Colcord—Home.* Book signing with author Bret Parsons. The Friends of Gamble House; The Gamble House Bookstore, 4 Westmoreland Place, Pasadena; 6-7PM. 626.793.3334. gamblehouse.org.

## 6, 20, 27, Saturday

*Neon Cruise.* Nighttime bus tour of neon signs throughout downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood. Museum of Neon Art, 136 W. 4th St., LA; 7:30-11PM; \$45-55; res. req. 213.489.9918. neonmona.org.

#### 8, Monday

Wedgwood: Industrial Entrepreneur and Ceramics Revolutionary. Lecture by UC San Francisco professor and author Brian Dolan. Decorative Arts Council; LACMA, Brown Auditorium, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., LA; 7PM; \$15-20; res. req. 323.857.6528. lacma.org.

#### 10, Wednesday

Vanishing Los Angeles:

A Conversation. Panel with UCSB professors Colin Gardner and Charles Wolfe, and Santa Barbara Museum of Art photography curator Karen Sinsheimer. University Art Museum, UC Santa Barbara; 6PM. 805.893.2951. uam.ucsb.edu.

#### 11, Thursday

Back to School: Coop Himmelb(I)au. Lecture and tour at High School #9 for the Visual and Performing Arts with architects Coop Himmelb(I)au. LA Forum for Architecture and Urban Design; 450 N. Grand Ave., LA; 7:30PM; \$15. 323.852.7145. laforum.org.

### 12, Friday

Voussoir Cloud. Discussion on exhibition with architects Eric Owen Moss, Lisa Iwamoto, and Craig Scott. SCI-Arc, Main Space, 960 E. 3rd St., LA; 7PM. 213.613.2200. sciarc.edu.



### 13, Saturday

Little Tokyo. Walking tour of the historic heart of LA's Japanese community. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 10AM; \$5-10; res. reg. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

#### 14, Sunday

#### Sullivan Home.

Book signing of Colcord Home with author Bret Parsons at the Colcorddesigned home of Susan Sullivan. Windsor Square-Hancock Park Historical Society; 4-6 PM; res. req. 213.243.8182. wshphs.org.

#### 14, Sunday

Biltmore Hotel.

Tour of public spaces in the 1923 Millennium Biltmore Hotel. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 2PM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

#### 16, Tuesday

DnA: Design and Architecture. Radio program on design and architecture in Los Angeles with Frances Anderton. 89.9 FM KCRW; 2:30-3PM. kcrw.com.

#### 18, Thursday

Hollywood's Society Architect Gerard Colcord. Lecture and book signing with Bret Parsons. Architecture & Beyond; Los Feliz Public Library; 6:45-7:30PM; res. req. 323.244.6706.

#### 18, Thursday

*Beverly Hills Residence.* Talk and tour with architect Bill Hablinski and his Beverly Hills homeowner client. Institute of Classical Architecture & Classical America; Beverly Hills; 6:30PM; \$150-200; res. req. 310.396.4379. classicist-socal.org.

#### 18, Thursday

Infinite Space: The Architecture of John Lautner. Premiere of new documentary film on Lautner by filmmaker Murray Grigor. Billy Wilder Theater, Hammer Museum, LA, 310.443.7000. hammer.ucla.edu.

#### 18, Thursday

#### La Jolla.

Lecture and book signing by authors Carol Olten and Heather Kuhn. Save Our Heritage Organization; Adobe Chapel, 3950 Conde St., San Diego; 6-7:30PM. 619.297.9327. sohosandiego.org

#### 19, Friday

The Search for Fluidity. John Lautner exhibition walkthrough with co-curators Nicholas Olsberg and Frank Escher followed by panel discussion chaired by Getty Research Institute's Wim de Wit with MIT's Stanford Anderson, writer Alan Hess, and University of Illinois' Robert Bruegmann. Against Reason Symposium; Hammer Museum and Getty Research Institute; Hammer Museum, LA; 3PM; res. req. 310.443.7000. getty.edu.

#### 19, Friday

Engaging Lautner's Built Legacy in the 21st Century. Panel on challenges of adding to Lautner's residential structures moderated by Getty Research Institute's Christopher J. Alexander with architects Hernán Díaz Alonso, Winka Dubbeldam, and Frank Escher. Against Reason Symposium; Hammer Museum and Getty Research Institute; Hammer Museum, LA; 7:30PM; res. req. 310.443.7000. getty.edu.

### 20, Saturday

Los Angeles, Capital of Lautner's America. Lecture on architect John Lautner with NYU's Jean-Louis Cohen. Against Reason Symposium; Hammer Museum and Getty Research Institute; Getty Center, LA; 10AM; res. req. 310.443.7000. getty.edu.

#### 20, Saturday

The Shapes of Anti-Rationalism. Panel on John Lautner with Washington University-St. Louis' Eric Mumford, UMass-Amherst's Timothy Rohan, and UCLA's Dell Upton. Against Reason Symposium; Hammer Museum and Getty Research Institute; Getty Center, LA; 11AM; res. req. 310.443.7000. getty.edu.

#### 20, Saturday

*The California Condition.* Panel on John Lautner with Yale's Sandy Isenstadt and UC-Berkeley's Marc Treib. Against Reason Symposium; Hammer Museum and Getty Research Institute; Getty Center, LA; 2PM; res. req. 310.443.7000. getty.edu.

#### 20, Saturday

The Architecture of Attraction. Discussion on John Lautner with exhibition co-curator Nicholas Olsberg, UCLA's Sylvia Lavin, and UNLV's Greg Hise. Against Reason Symposium; Hammer Museum and Getty Research Institute; Getty Center, LA; 3:15PM; res. req. 310.443.7000. getty.edu.

#### 20, Saturday

Free-Form Living: A Conversation With the Clients and Colleagues of John Lautner.

A lively panel moderated by Getty Research Institute's Rani Singh with Helena Arahuete, Jacklyn Burchill, Kelly Lynch, Robain Poirier, John de la Vaux, and Guy Zebert. Against Reason Symposium; Hammer Museum and Getty Research Institute; Getty Center, LA; 3PM; res. req. 310.443.7000. getty.edu.

#### 20, Saturday

*Downtown's Evolving Skyline.* Tour of architecture, art, and open spaces of Downtown's Central Business District. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 10AM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

#### 20, Saturday

Union Station. Walking tour of the architecture and history of Union Station. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 10AM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

#### 23, Tuesday

Architecture and Seduction: Bachelor Pads and Sex Machines. Panel discussion moderated by Woodbury University School of Architecture director Norman Millar with architect and exhibition co-curator Frank Escher, Woodbury architecture professor Paulette Singley, ASU architectural history professor Renata Hejduk, and Columbia University's Kazys Varnelis. Hammer Museum, LA; 7PM. 310.443.7000. hammer.ucla.edu.

#### 25, Thursday

Jefferson and Palladio. Talk on Jefferson's Monticello with State of Virginia architectural historian Calder Loth. Institute of Classical Architecture & Classical America; LA; res. req. 310.396.4379. classicistsocal.org.

#### 27, Saturday

Union Station Family Tour. Walking tour designed for children and families, exploring the architecture and history of Union Station. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 11AM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

#### 27, Saturday

#### Edward A. Killingsworth

Designs in Context. Panel discussion moderated by UAM curator Kurt Helfrich, with photographer Julius Shulman, retailer Ron Frank, Killingsworth associate Ron Lingren, and Killingsworth exhibition curators and authors Jennifer M. Volland and SAH/SCC Executive Board Member Cara Mullio. University Art Museum, UC Santa Barbara; 2PM. 805.893.2951. uam.ucsb.edu.

#### 27, Saturday

Between Architecture and Cinema. Day-long course on Lautner's cinematic influence with Syracuse University Architecture assistant professor Jon Yoder. UCLA Extension; Hammer Museum, LA. 310.825.9971. uclaextension.edu.

#### 28, Sunday Colcord—Home.

Book signing with author Bret Parsons. West Hollywood Book Fair; West Hollywood Park, San Vicente Blvd.; 3-5PM. 323.848.6515. westhollywoodbookfair.org.

## SAH/SCC EVENT 20, Saturday

Paul Edward Tay Tour of five houses in Long Beach. See Page 3 for details.



#### SAH SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS



#### 2, Thursday

*Exhibition Walkthrough.* Tour of exhibition "Between Earth and Heaven: The Architecture of John Lautner" with Hodgetts + Fung Design and Architecture partner Craig Hodgetts. Hammer Museum, LA; 6PM. 310.443.7000. hammer.ucla.edu.

#### 4, Saturday

Water and Politics in Southern California: A Retrospective on the Centennial of the Los Angeles Aqueduct.

Conference on history and politics of Southern California water. Loyola Marymount University; res. req. 310.338.7478. shotnews.net/?p181.

#### 4, Saturday

Radiant Light—Shadow Drawings of California Native Plants. Opening reception for exhibition of drawings by artist Pamela Burgess. Theodore Payne Art Gallery, 10459 Tuxford St., Sun Valley; 2-4:30PM. 818.768.1802. theodorepayne.org.

#### 4, 11, 18, 25, Saturday Neon Cruise.

Nightime bus tour of neon signs throughout downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood. Museum of Neon Art, 136 W. 4th St., LA; 7:30-11PM; \$45-55; res. req. 213.489.9918. neonmona.org.

#### 6, Monday

Collecting Modern: Decorative Arts at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, 1876 to the Present.

Lecture with Philadelphia with Museum of Art curator Kathryn Hiesinger. Decorative Arts Council; LACMA, Brown Auditorium, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles; 7:30PM; \$15-20; res. req. 323.857.6528. lacma.org.

#### 11, Saturday

Little Tokyo.

Walking tour of the historic heart of LA's Japanese community. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 10AM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

### 11, Saturday

*City Hall.* Tour of public spaces in City Hall. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 11AM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489.

#### 12, Sunday

laconservancy.org

Glendale Modern. Self-driving tour showcasing modern homes from Whiting Woods to Adams Hill. Glendale Historical Society. 10AM-5PM; \$20-30; res. req. 818.500.7675. glendalehistorical.org.

#### 12, Sunday

*Biltmore Hotel.* Tour of public spaces in the 1923 Millennium Biltmore Hotel. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 2PM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

#### 12, Sunday

Lautner Home Tour. Tour of 1963 Sheats/Goldstein Residence. Hammer Museum, LA. 310.443.7000, hammer.ucla.edu.

#### 16-18, Thursday-Saturday Mobius LA.

Annual trade exposition and conference on architecture. AIA/LA; Pacific Design Center, 8687 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood. 213.639.0777. aialosangeles.org.



#### 16, Thursday

Spreading the News: Making the Most of the New & News Media Focus on Architecture. Panel moderated by SAH/SCC News Editor Julie D. Taylor, with journalists Christopher Hawthorne, Sam Lubell, Christopher Palmeri, and Dakota Smith. Mobius LA, AIA/LA; Pacific Design Center, 8687 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood; 9-10:30AM; res. req. 213.639.0777. aialosangeles.org.

#### 16, Thursday

Building a Global Boutique. Discussion with architects Dan Meis and Andy Cohen. Mobius LA, AIA/LA; Pacific Design Center, 8687 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood; 9-10:30AM; res. req. 213.639.0777. aialosangeles.org.

#### 16, Thursday

Branded Architectures: Brand Slaves to Brand Stewards. Program with (M)Arch.branded architectures principal Sherry Hoffman. Mobius LA, AIA/LA; Pacific Design Center, 8687 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood; 10:45AM-12:15PM; res. req. 213.639.0777. aialosangeles.org.

#### 16, Thursday

False Economies in Façade Renovation: Suggestions for Higher Standards of Practice. Discussion with architects Peyton Hall and John Fidler. Mobius LA, AIA/LA; Pacific Design Center, 8687 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood; 1:45-3:15PM; res. req. 213.639.0777. aialosangeles.org.

#### 16, Thursday

*Restaurant Design Awards.* Awards ceremony and opening reception for Mobius LA. AIA/LA; Pacific Design Center, 8687 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood; 5-7:30PM; res. req. 213.639.0777. aialosangeles.org.

#### 16, Thursday

*Cemeteries of San Diego.* Lecture and book signing by authors Seth Mallios and David M. Caterino. Save Our Heritage Organization; Adobe Chapel, 3950 Conde St., San Diego; 6-7:30PM. 619.297.9327. sohosandiego.org.

#### 17, Friday

*To LEED or Not to LEED.* Panel moderated by USGBC's Lance Williams with architects Michael Lehrer and Mark Gangi, and engineer Alan Locke. Mobius LA, AIA/LA; Pacific Design Center, 8687 MeIrose Ave., West Hollywood; 10:45AM-12:15PM; res. req. 213.639.0777. aialosangeles.org.

#### 17, Friday

*Bird's Nest: Herzog & de Meuron in China.* Film screening of documentary on the Chinese Olympic Stadium. Mobius LA, AIA/LA; Pacific Design Center, 8687 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood; 6-9PM; res. req. 213.639.0777. aialosangeles.org.

### 17-18, Friday-Saturday

Hollywood's Society Architect, Gerard Colcord: An Architectural Tour. Lecture and tour of five Colcord estates in Beverly Hills, Bel-Air, and Brentwood never before opened to the public with Colcord—Home author Bret Parsons. UCLA Extension; Friday, lecture-7-9PM, Saturday, tour-9AM-4PM; \$295; res. req. 800.775.5582. uclaextension.org.

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#### 17-19, Friday-Sunday

17th Annual Craftsman Weekend. Tour of significant Craftsman-era homes, lectures by experts, and evening receptions in historic sites. Pasadena Heritage; Pasadena; res. req. 626.441.6333. pasadenaheritage.org.

#### 18, Saturday

Santa Barbara Adobes: Art in Old/New Contexts. Day-long tour of historic and contemporary adobe homes with University Art Museum curator Kurt Helfrich. University Art Museum, UC Santa Barbara; 9:30AM; res. req. 805.893.2951. uam.ucsb.edu.

#### 18, Saturday

University of Southern California. Walking tour of architecture on USC's University Park campus. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 10AM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

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#### 18, Saturday

Union Station. Walking tour of the architecture and history of Union Station. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 10AM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

#### 20, Monday

Mobility 21: Funding for the Future. Summit focusing on funding options for public transportation. Metro and Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce; Wilshire Grand Hotel, Downtown LA; 8AM-2PM. 213.580.7500. mobility21.com.

#### 21, Tuesday

DnA: Design and Architecture. Radio program on design and architecture in Los Angeles with Frances Anderton. 89.9 FM KCRW; 2:30-3PM. kcrw.com.

#### 24, Friday

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*Canstruction LA.* Opening day for public exhibition of architect-designed structures made of canned food to benefit the LA Regiona Foodbank. The Water Garden, 2425 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica; through November 1; 9AM-5PM. 310.315.9800 canstructionla.com.

#### 25, Saturday

A Day in Greece. An illustrated lecture on Greek architecture by Orange Coast College Art Gallery director Irini Vallera-Rickerson. UCLA Extension, LA; 9AM-3PM; \$70-85; res. reg. 800.775.5582. uclaextension.org.

#### 25, Saturday

#### Highland Park.

Walking tour of the architecture and history of Highland Park. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 10AM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

#### 25, Saturday

Historic Spring Street. Walking tour of Spring Street, the city's first financial district. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 10AM; \$5-10; res.

req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

#### 25, Saturday

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#### 26, Sunday

## Biltmore Hotel.

Tour of public spaces in the 1923 Millennium Biltmore Hotel. Los Angeles Conservancy; LA; 2PM; \$5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

## FEATURED EVENT 24, Friday

## Canstruction LA.

Opening day for architect-designed charity structures. See listings for details





## Setting to Know Architect Paul Edward Tay: ive Houses in Long Beach

AH/SCC Tour, Saturday, September 20th



aly Residence (1972). Photo: Adam Wheelei

There are still spaces open to join SAH/SCC Executive Board member Adam Wheeler for a tour that will uncover the work of architect Paul Edward Tay, an unknown yet prolific figure in the annals of modern architecture. On Saturday, September 20th, 10:30AM-3PM, in Long Beach, tour-goers will visit homes from the 1950s through 1970s that expose an individual language and pure identity that showcase the talented hand of Tay. The event is \$35 for SAH/SCC members; \$45 for non-members. See Order Form on back page.

Born in Pomona in 1924, Paul Edward Tay graduated from USC in 1950 and counts Harwell Hamilton Harris and Frank Lloyd Wright as early inspirations. He opened his practice in Long Beach soon after graduation and conducted a healthy career designing many residential projects in the Southern California area. The Tay tour will touch upon the evolution of this architect, revealing his work as a blend of a modernist aesthetic within a ranch-style vocabulary. Throughout his 25 years in Long Beach, he produced more than 30 residential projects that both exude the "essence" of ranch modernism as well as a particular individuality.

The self-driven tour begins with The Braly Residence (1972) located on the Peninsula, Long Beach, which was the last house that Tay designed in Southern California before moving his practice north to Mendocino. This two-story residence incorporates the "Piano Nobile" idea, whereby the primary living spaces are on the second floor to capture the views, air, and light of the waterfront. Next stop is the Crail Residence (1957), a single-story 3,700-square-foot compound-like courtyard house with cantilevered eaves and vaulted ceilings located on a 10,000-square-foot lot in the Park Estates area.

The Sipprelle residence (1961) is located in Signal Hill and is the most sculptural of the homes, as it is built on a sloped site with sweeping vistas of downtown Long Beach and the ports beyond. The tour ends with two similar, yet striking, homes located in the neighborhood known as Bixby Knolls. While these residences-Drake Residence (1951) and Penn Residence (1954)-are both located on typical flat sites with unassuming street presences, each house has been restored and remodeled in its own way to accentuate open floor plans and outdoor patios.



Drake Residence (1951)



Penn Residence (1954). Photo: Nick Pugh.



Penn Residence (1954). Photo: John Berley



#### Ibert Frey, 1903-1998: Living Architecture of the Desert / Gloria Koenig

pllowing her best-selling Eames title in the aschen Basic Architecture Series, Koenig turns er attention to Albert Frey, a Swiss-born archiect who epitomized the desert cool style of Palm prings. With the exception of two early houses New York, this slim yet informative volume feaires residential, commercial, and civic structures and around Palm Springs, which Frey claimed ad "perfect conditions for architecture." In the troduction, Koenig weaves Frey's story-from ulfilling his father's fruitless dreams of being an rchitect to becoming an architectural idol well to his 90s. Fifteen projects are then documented detailed text, black-and-white and color photoraphs, and the occasional drawing. It's a treat to ee several photographs of homeowners in the omes, although they-along with most of the hotos showing people-tend to fix the strucures in a definitive time. Those without people et the buildings in a timeless realm as vast as he desert that Frey so beautifully honored. aschen; paperback; 96 pages; \$9.99.



#### **Preservation of Modern Architecture** by Theodore H.M. Prudon, FAIA

Prudon, the president of DOCOMOMO US, puts forth that "the preservation of buildings, structures, or sites in any form is about much more than merely saving their material existence. In contrast to the heritage of earlier periods, architecture and design of more recent vintage represents the ideals and philosophies of the original architects, their clients, and subsequent occupants." With that in mind, he reviews the history of preserving buildings from the early 1900s to 1975, beginning in Europe and continuing to encompass myriad buildings types, from architectural icons to everyday buildings. Part One of the book discusses philosophical issues, evolving standards, modern materials, and assessment processes. Part Two delves into specific typologies and materials with accompanying case studies: Pavilions-Barcelona Pavilion (Mies), The Aluminaire House (Kocher/Frey); Residential-Villa Savoye (Le Corbusier), Mar Vista (Ain); Performing Arts-Sydney Opera House (Utzon); Airport Terminals-TWA at JFK (Saarinen); Glass-Lever House (Bunshaft). Ironically, Mar Vista is the only California project represented, however the lessons Prudon shows throughout the modern world apply here as well.

John Wiley & Sons; hardcover; 577 pages; \$99.



#### Havana Before Castro: When Cuba Was a Tropical Playground by Peter Moruzzi

From mojitos to the mob to modernism, SAH/SCC member Moruzzi explores the tropical playground of Havana in this engaging volume. The book is a culmination of Moruzzi's self-described 20-year obsession with the history of Cuba. Most of the items-menus, sheet music, brochures, LP covers, publicity photos-in this profusely illustrated book are from the author's own collection, and work to tell the story from both the purveyors' and patrons' points of view. One's modernist inclinations are fulfilled in chapters focusing on several mid-century hotels, such as the impeccably maintained Havana Riviera Hotel (Igor B. Polevitzky, 1957) and the Habana Hilton (Welton Becket, 1958), the tallest building in Latin America at that time. Also included is a chapter on "Havana's Other Fabulous Hotels," as well as an opinionated round-up of 25 modern buildings still standing today (including a 1956 house by Richard Neutra). The text-which spans early history, economics, politics, and culture-is written with a lively, albeit winsome, air.

Gibbs Smith; paperback; 256 pages; \$30.

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#### Vintage LA

by Jennifer Brandt Taylor photography by Jeaneen Lund

A visual feast for any native Angeleno or visitor from another land, Vintage LA is packed with images, fun facts, and offbeat history. Organized by neighborhood, from Beaches to The Valley, this guidebook focuses on the truly vintage-no retro pastiche welcome. Thus, you'll find Farmers Market, but not the Grove. There's shopping, dining, and sight-seeing with Taylor as your guide, along with other vintage aficionados along the way. The acknowledgement of vintage buildings is strong, as the author writes about the city's architecture in the introduction: "LA is accessorized with magnificent structures like diamonds on an Oscar nominee." That's a perfect Hollywood sentiment, and although she notes that there are numerous "joints" built by Wright, Lautner, Neutra, and Eames, none are fully highlighted in what is otherwise an enjoyable romp through LA. Collins; paperback; 232 pages; \$34.95.

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