Contemporary Patrons: Istanbullu in Beverly Hills
SAH/SCC Talk and Tour
Sunday, November 22, 2009

Contemporary Patrons heads to the Hills (of Beverly) on Sunday, November 22, 2009, 2-5 PM. We will join clients Paul and Dorrie Markovits and their architect Aleks Istanbullu, AIA, for a spirited dialogue about the creation of a second structure on the Markovits’ land in Beverly Hills. This event is reserved for Patron and Life Members on a first-come first-served basis. Tickets are $10 per person; reservations are limited and will only be opened up to the regular membership should space be available.

The afternoon will focus on the collaboration between architect and client that resulted in the Lago Vista Guest House. This nature-inspired sculptural retreat nestled in a canyon of trees surprises the visitor both inside and out. The skin of the Lago Vista Guest House is made of vertical stripes, varying in width and with small subtleties in their shape. The shades of green, which connote “blades of grass,” were just one of several design decisions discussed between architect and client.

The Guest House, visible from different vantage points on the land, presents artistic sculptural qualities with both horizontal and vertical sensibilities embraced. A series of granite pavers, selectively placed as landing pads, comprise a watery walkway into a space of rest and repose. An interior passage leading from one volume to another is exaggerated by a stair framed by floor-to-ceiling and across-the-ceiling windows.

The architect envisioned a two-volume structure, with the smaller volume serving as kitchen, bedroom, and bathroom wing, while the larger cube creates a peaceful open space. A 16-foot-high wall of books inside the larger space inspires visitors to look up. Then, the eye is drawn outside by an “upside down skylight” that cantilevers over the hillside, creating an experience of both being in nature and floating above it. Experience this yourself by sending in the order form on the back page, or going to www.sahscc.org.
SAH/SCC President’s Letter

SAH/SCC is pleased to announce the launch of its brand-new website at www.sahscc.org, re-thought and re-designed to be the premier portal for architectural history in Southern California. In addition to its new look and feel, the site features an archive of SAH/SCC information, a growing information section on Southern California architects and buildings, book reviews, and opportunities to link to SAH/SCC content provided by our members. The site will also offer related videos, slideshows, articles, and resource links. Over time, the list of represented architects, buildings, and resources will grow larger and larger.

Members will also be delighted to see how easy it will be to sign up for tickets to SAH/SCC events and purchase SAH/SCC publications as well as books featured in our “Bookmarks” section of SAH/SCC News.

The SAH/SCC Executive Board would like to thank the partners who made the new site possible. Svetlana Petrovic, longtime designer of the beautiful SAH/SCC News, contributed the sophisticated overall look and feel of the site. Our remarkable web designer, Andrew Rubin, created the interface, coded dozens of pages, and developed a content management system. Andrew, we never could have done this without you!

For years, SAH/SCC’s web editor, Brent Eckerman, has ensured that we have one of the most up-to-date sites among small nonprofit organizations. Brent will continue his excellent work on the new site, and we thank him for his significant role in bringing SAH/SCC into the 21st century. The other members of the web committee, Rina Rubenstein and John Ellis, have been invaluable in helping to develop and test the site and refine each page design. Additional thanks go to John for contributing many of the images on the site from his professional architectural photography practice. The Board would also like to extend its ongoing thanks to graphic designer Angie Agostino, who created the E-News and is a valued member of our team.

In addition to fulfilling our organizational mission by supporting the needs of members and increasing public educational outreach, the new site offers the opportunity for SAH/SCC members to submit interesting content. Please do so! We’ve created the “Dialogue and Ideas” section specifically for that purpose. You may want to share photos from a recent SAH/SCC event, thoughts about a particular topic, an interesting article, video, etc. Just send a quick email to webmaster@sahscc.org with your suggestion.

With the launch of the new website, our electronic E-News and E-Alerts will have a coordinated look. As with any big transition, there are bound to be a few snags along the way. So, please let us know if something isn’t working. Of course, as a group of volunteers who do this without pay, we also love to hear compliments. So, feel free to let us know what you like about the new site at info@sahscc.org.

Finally, thank you to the 2007-08 Crossroads Campaign Donors, without whom this transition would not have been possible. A special shout-out goes to the entire SAH/SCC Board, which has supported me in my personal mission to make this happen. A thoughtful, vital, and self-sufficient SAH/SCC will enable us to continue to do the things we really love: provide people with the opportunity to learn about and experience the rich architectural heritage of Southern California and beyond.

Sian Winship

SAH/SCC Gift Guide

Give great architecture for the holidays! What better way to treat your friends, relatives, and business colleagues than to give them gift memberships to SAH/SCC for the holidays? Sweaters and ties come and go, but experiencing rare architectural jewels makes memories that last a lifetime. Your friends will get a subscription to SAH/SCC News, member prices on events, and free Members’ Celebration (see Page 8). Plus, memberships are tax deductible. Another creative gift would be a full set of SAH/SCC Publications (see Page 7). Our publications are the next best thing to having been on a tour. Better yet, give both!

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Tour and Event Information:
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Annual Members’ Celebration: Annenberg Community Beach House

SAH/SCC Event, Santa Monica
Saturday, November 7, 2009, 2-5PM

Rated four stars (out of five) by *Architectural Record*’s readers, the Annenberg Community Beach House on Santa Monica State Beach is the spot for this year’s SAH/SCC Members’ Celebration. As always, the Members’ Celebration is free to members in good standing, and includes light refreshment, a chance to mingle with fellow members, and a behind-the-scenes look at some terrific architecture.

In addition to guided tours of the property—including the historic guest house designed by Julia Morgan—there will be a slide show presentation on the five-year, $30-million rehabilitation project by the project manager, SAH/SCC Executive Board Member John Berley, an associate at Frederick Fisher and Partners Architects (FFPA), the principal designer of the project.

The Annenberg Community Beach House—recently granted LEED Gold certification—is a multi-use public beach recreation facility that occupies the site of the historic Marion Davies Estate designed by Morgan and built in 1928 by William Randolph Hearst. The original five-acre estate on Pacific Coast Highway included a 110-room mansion, seven-bedroom guest house, gardens, pool, and tennis courts. Only the Morgan-designed guest house and pool, both city landmarks, remain.

FFPA conceived the project as a series of indoor/outdoor recreation and event spaces, both formal and informal, woven through the historic and new structures of the site. The primary images for the project were formulated in response to three compelling aspects of the Beach House site: its natural setting, its social history, and the architectural remains of its heyday.

Space is limited, so call 800.9SAHSCC for member reservations, or use Order Form on back page, which also has space for guest tickets. We encourage you to bring friends who might want to join the SAH/SCC member roster. Their $10 entry is applicable to new membership dues.
Living West: New Residential Architecture in Southern California
by Sam Lubell

A veritable guide to “Contemporary Patrons” event opportunities, this new volume shows that SoCal modernism is alive and well in the hands of a younger generation of California architects. Recent transplant Lubell, the editor of The Architect’s Newspaper California, does hark back to generations past beginning with the front cover—a Benny Chan photo of Hagy Belzberg’s Skyline Residence very much meant to give a déjà vu feeling of Julius Shulman’s photo of Pierre Koenig’s CSH #22. That said, Lubell contends that “these houses defy being classified into one specific style—they cater to specific conditions rather than a school of thought.” A surprise and delight in this volume is the dependence on the clear, crisp photography with minimal necessary text that immerses one into the projects—especially in light of a generation schooled too often in theory and criticism. Each architect’s vision and intent are clear and masterful in 32 intriguing houses that “refuse to adhere to rules established elsewhere.”

The Monacelli Press; hardcover; 240 pages; $50.

Casa del Herrero: The Romance of Spanish Colonial
by Robert Sweeney; introduction by Marc Appleton; photography by Matt Walla

What makes a house a home, and what makes a home historical is artfully displayed in the new book by architectural historian Sweeney (also president of Friends of the Schindler House). In interesting detail, he delves into the history and passions of the Steedman family, which would see three generations enjoy the continually evolving Montecito landmark. A great amount of archival material—construction and family photos, plans, tile patterns, correspondence—complement Walla’s warm images. How the life of the people and the life of the house merge is seen in examples of Steedman’s silversmith work (SAH/SCC tour-goers will remember the incredible workshop on site, which is celebrated with a gate-fold photo). Its designation as a National Historic Landmark earlier this year is just one way Casa del Herrero will live on. This book is the other.

Rizzoli International Publications; hardcover; 160 pages; $50.
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2-6, Monday-Friday
Preservation in the City Without Limits. Association for Preservation Technology conference. Millennium Biltmore Hotel (Schultze & Weaver 1923), LA; res. req. 217.529.9039. apti.org.

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Research & Deploy. Lecture with artist Christian Moeller & designer Rob Ley. LA Forum; LACE (Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions); 7:30PM. 323.957.1777. laforum.org.

6, Friday
Building LA’s Future. Breakfast with USC Capital Programs vice chancellor Steven A. Olsen. AIA/LA; Rios Clementi Hale Studios, LA; 8AM; $15-30; res. req. 213.639.0777. aialosangeles.org.

6, Friday

7, Saturday
Old Pasadena. Walking tour. Pasadena Heritage; 9AM; $10; res. req. 626.441.6333. pasadenaheritage.org.

7, Saturday
Growth, Technology, & Sustainability in Pasadena. Talk moderated by “DnA” host Frances Anderton with artist Edgar Arceneaux & architect Michael Maltzan. AIA/Foothill; Armory Center for the Arts (Vaccarino & Istanbullu 2002), Pasadena; 2-4PM. 626.792.5101. armoryarts.org.

8, Sunday
It’s a Mod, Mod, Mod City. Self-driving tour of 1960s architecture in South Bay. LA Conservancy; 10AM; $10-30; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

8, Sunday
Port of Los Angeles. Four-part documentary & discussion with Port director Geraldine Knatz. Huntington Library ( Hunt & Grey 1910), San Marino; 1-5PM; res. req. 310.221.4717. huntington.org.

11, Wednesday
Skyzoid Machines & Ecosophical Apparatuses. Lecture with architect Francois Roche. USC Architecture, LA; 6PM. 213.740.2723. arch.usc.edu.

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*Field Reports 2009.* Lecture with architect Andrew Zago & OSU architecture professor Jeffrey Kipnis. LA Forum; MAK Center (Schindler 1921), LA; 7:30PM. 323.651.1510. laforum.org.

20, Friday
*Figure, Field, & Squid: Bacon's Painting & Mies’ Architecture.* Salon with architectural historian Paulette Singley. Farmlab, LA; 12PM. 323.226.1158. farmlab.org.

21, Saturday

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6, Sunday
*Holiday Tour.* Guided tours. Castle Green (Roehrig 1898), Pasadena; 1-5PM; $20; res. req. 626.577.6765. castlegreen.com.

6, Sunday
*It’s a Wonderful Life.* Matinee at Million Dollar Theatre (Martin; Woollett 1918). LA Conservancy; LA; 2PM; $5-10; res. req. 213.623.2489. laconservancy.org.

12, Saturday
*VDL House.* Tours by Cal Poly Pomona architecture students. VDL House (Neutra 1932/64), LA; 11-3PM; $10. 323.644.5480. neutra-vdl.org.

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