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CALENDAR

February 9 - 12
AIA Grassroots Convention
Washington, D.C.
www.aia.org

February 17
EXCOM Meeting
11:30 AM
AIA Office

February 22
Chapter Meeting
Location TBA

March 10
EXCOM Meeting
11:30 AM
AIA Office

March 15
Chapter Meeting
TBA (date subject to change)

March 22
Alabama Council
2nd Quarterly Meeting &
AIA Legislative Day
Montgomery

May 19-21
AIA National Convention
Las Vegas, NV

July 31 - August 2
Alabama Council Convention
3rd Quarterly Meeting

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CHAPTER NEWS

"Draw Your Dream" Art Contest Receives AAF Grant

The 2004/2005 "Draw Your Dream" (formerly known as "Draw Your Dream House") contest has been awarded a grant from the American Architectural Foundation's CNA Insurance Companies and Victor O. Schinnerer & Company, Inc. grant program in the amount of \$1,250. AIA Birmingham will be recognized at the AIA Grassroots Conference on February 11. The "Draw Your Dream" contest, usually held in the fall, has been moved to the spring to accommodate a variety of changes to the program.

This year's theme will be "Architects Create Downtowns". Participants will be asked to write a "dream statement" and draw their idea of a dream downtown Birmingham. Information packets will be distributed to K-5 art teachers in the greater Birmingham area in mid-February. The entry deadline will be in late March, and the awards program will be held in late-April or early-May. Dick Pigford, AIA, has generously offered the use of Architecture Works studio for the event.

In past years, the contest has received as many as 1,800 entries. AIA Birmingham would like to thank the "Draw Your Dream" Committee for all of its hard work and dedication. Committee members include: Karen Reynolds, AIA, Cohen & Company, Inc. (chairperson); Dick Pigford, AIA, Architecture Works; Adrienne Retief, AIA; and Robert Stockton, AIA. For more information please contact Vanessa Elrod at (205) 322-4386.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Karlesberger Laboratory and Technology Group (KLTG)

KLTG, a leader in clinical and research laboratory design, is seeking senior-level laboratory planners, project architects and lab-related professionals. Send resumes to KLTG via email (birmingham@karlesberger.com); fax (205-252-9191); or mail to 2509 Seventh Avenue South, Birmingham, AL, 35233. EOE. www.karlesberger.com

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Thompson Architecture, Inc. is seeking a talented, driven professional for a position in a young, growing firm. Our firm has a wide range of projects, including healthcare, pharmaceutical, office, university, and residential. Applicant must be a skilled designer with the ability to carry a project through design, construction documents and construction administration. Bachelor of architecture and 2-3 years experience required, registration preferred but not required. AutoCAD proficiency preferred. Contact Robert Thompson: Phone (205) 414-1272, Fax (205) 414-1273, Email robert@thompsonarchitecture.com.

Exford Architects, LLC

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OTHER NEWS

In the Pursuit of Housing

In the Pursuit of Housing - A National Housing Competition for Young Designers
 The BSA announces a new design competition to promote excellence in socially progressive housing design by young designers. Through this competition, the BSA hopes to gather and display the housing design work of architecture students and recent graduates in order to examine and celebrate the wide range of design approaches to contemporary housing challenges in urban, suburban and rural communities worldwide. For the purposes of this competition, 'housing' is defined as multi-unit dwellings or single-family dwellings that can serve as prototypes; 'high-end' or luxury single-family dwellings are eligible only if the designer demonstrates clearly and convincingly that aspects of the design are applicable to the housing needs of the general population. Undergraduate and graduate students currently in architecture school anywhere in the world and individuals who have earned their architecture degrees within the last five years are invited to enter this competition. Submission deadline is February 18, 2005. The Call for Entries is available at http://www.architects.org/emplibrary/Pursuit_of_Housing_2005.pdf

ONB Magic City Art Connection Eyebeam Project

We are seeking intern architect volunteers to collaborate with local artists and skilled construction craftsmen to introduce children to creative thinking and problem solving on a public work of art and architecture.

We would like your help to unify contemporary influences from the built environment with universal concepts. inventive techniques, and simple tools and techniques.

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Volunteering for three days with more than 1,000 children from city center, Region 20/20, and special needs schools has proven to be a great way to obtain IDP community credit hours.

The ONB Magic City Art Connection Contemporary Art Festival has matured over 22 years by hosting more than 10,000 artists and providing more than 800 interactive art workshops in the heart of Birmingham's city center - Linn Park. Please join us in moulding the fourth annual interactive, educational, and fun Eyebeam Project. Please contact us at mcac@bham.rr.com, or call Jessica at 595-6306 by February 7 to express your interest in attending the next organizational meeting.

BuildingGreen Identifies "Top 10" Green Building Products

BuildingGreen, publisher of the *GreenSpec Directory* and *Environmental Building News*, recently identified its selections of the top 10 green building products of 2004. This is the third year that the publisher has recognized "the most exciting products" added to its *GreenSpec Directory* during the past year.

The products chosen this year reflect concerns about energy efficiency, water use, and innovative products such as a new pressure-treated wood product "that relies on a unique mineralization process within the wood rather than toxins to protect it from insects and decay," according to *BuildingGreen*, "and it does this without making the wood more corrosive." The top 10 products identified by *BuildingGreen* are:

- ◆ ECO I paver from E.P. Henry
- ◆ TimberSIL nontoxic pressure-treated wood from Timber Treatment Technologies
- ◆ FSC-Certified framing lumber and plywood from Potlatch Corp.
- ◆ Ethos carpet-cushion backing from Tandus - C&A Floorcoverings
- ◆ Photovol Glass PV glazing panels from MSK Corp.
- ◆ Winston Series CPC solar water heating collector from Solargenix
- ◆ EcoSpace elevator from Kone
- ◆ FlushMate IV pressure-assist toilet flush mechanism from Sloan Valve Co.
- ◆ Cold climate heat pump from Nyle Special Products
- ◆ EcoVeil TPO interior shade screening from MechoShade Systems

The *GreenSpec Directory* of more than 1,800 products selected by the editors of *Environmental Building News* is available at www.architects.org/store.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Structural Renovation of Buildings — March 10-11

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NOTE:

As we revamp our member communications we welcome your input. The Electronic Bulletin will be distributed monthly via email and will focus on timely information and news briefs. The Quarterly Newsletter will be distributed in January, April, July, and October. The quarterly publication will include more in-depth articles and information. Please forward any press releases or information you would like to have considered for publication to: AIA Birmingham, ATTN: Vanessa Elrod, 107 21st Street South, Birmingham, AL 35233; or email to aiabirm@aiabham.org (preferable).