



Barkitecture Tour
&
Charity Auction

A project
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American Institute of Architects
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&
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Society
to benefit
The Greater Birmingham Humane
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participation

For years, architects, artists and builders have been using their creative talents to design and build functional doghouses for their four-legged friends. This phenomenon has been commonly referred to as "Barkitecture."

This summer, The American Institute of Architects Birmingham Chapter (AIA) and The Greater Birmingham Humane Society (GBHS) are joining forces to bring "Gimme Shelter: Barkitecture Tour & Charity Auction" to the Greater Birmingham area. The project was conceived to give local architects, designers and artists a chance to display their creative skills to a wide audience; and, to help raise funds for charity.

Birmingham area architecture firms, designers, and renowned artists are invited to participate in this unique project and competition. Doghouses will be placed on public display. Following the display period, the doghouses will be judged and then auctioned off at the 3rd annual Gimme Shelter charity auction on Saturday, August 22nd at Old Car Heaven on 1st Ave. South.

Where and when will the doghouses be displayed?

Doghouses will be displayed at Brookwood Village from August 8th to August 22th. They will then be brought to Old Car Heaven for the Charity Auction where they will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. All funds raised will go to GBHS.

What does it cost to participate?

There is no entry fee to participate. We ask only that you cover the costs associated with designing and building your doghouse.

What are the benefits of participating in Gimme Shelter?

- Your house will be viewed and enjoyed by thousands of people both living in and visiting the Greater Birmingham area.
- Participants will have a chance to be featured in Birmingham Magazine!
- Each doghouse entered into the auction will have the opportunity to win one or both of the awards.

Best in Show will be awarded to the design that best meets and exceeds the theme and design guidelines as defined in this document according to a panel of your peers.

Top Dollar Dog will be awarded to the design that brings in the most cash! In addition to the final selling price during the live auction, each doghouse will have a "voting box" that will allow the public to vote for their favorite design. Each dollar cast in a voting box counts toward that design's grand total. There is no limit to the number of times an individual or organization can vote.

- Each architecture firm/artist will be listed with contact information on a decorative plaque in front of the house they designed.
- You will help raise much needed funds for The Greater Birmingham Humane Society supporting community outreach, education and the animals they serve.
- "Gimme Shelter" organizers will aggressively pursue all available public relations opportunities and each firm/artist will be listed on the "Gimme Shelter" website
- Each participating firm/artist will receive tickets for a table of eight (8) to the Charity Auction fundraising event, to be held August 22th at Old Car Heaven.



This year's theme is all about Birmingham and the things that put the "magic" in "Magic City". Keep it local! Don't be afraid to incorporate local and indigenous materials to make a design that is authentic to this magical Southern city.

You don't have to worry about permits, building codes or zoning restrictions. Doghouses can be as creative or conservative as you can imagine, but here are a few guidelines to help you on your way...

- **Doghouses must be functional.** Dogs can be pretty tough on their surroundings so we recommend that you use only materials that dogs cannot easily destroy, eat, mangle, etc. (i.e. a dog house made of dog bones would look great but it probably wouldn't last long. The same goes for a house made of foam core or modeling materials).

- **Design guidelines:**

- Each doghouse must fit within the confines of a 4' x 4' x 6' "box" and weigh not more than 400 pounds. There are no minimum size requirements.

- The cost of materials for each doghouse must not exceed \$500. . . OK, \$501 but if your doghouse gets to this price point, that last dollar better be amazing!

- Use any available materials whether borrowed, found, donated, bought or recycled. Please keep in mind that the AIA strongly encourages the use of sustainable materials and practices for all projects regardless of scale. Jobs under construction are a great place to find materials, but make sure you ask the contractor on site if he/she would like to donate material to your project.

- Individuals whose firm does not wish to participate, but are interested in being a part of this great event, should contact the Barkitecture committee chair or the Emerging Professional chair to be matched with a design team. Firms should feel free to collaborate on a doghouse design if so desired.



dates to remember & contacts

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – Due date for call to entry

Saturday, August 8, 2009: Pick up date for your completed doghouse.

Saturday, August 22, 2009: Gimme Shelter Charity Auction at Old Car Heaven

- For more information, Please contact:

- **AIA Barkitecture Chair**

- Emily Bullard-McClellan at (205) 458-3238 or ebmcclellan@kpsgroup.com

- **AIA Emerging Professional Director**

- Kendal Smith at (205)322-7482 or ksmith@dadot.com

- **AIA Executive Assistant**

- Danya Humaidh at (205)322-4386 or danya@aiabham.org

- **Gimme Shelter Committee Chair**

- Keri Lane Hontzas at (205) 595-3549 or keri-lane@earthlink.net

How do I get started?

Step One - Fill out and mail the attached "Intent to Participate" form. Please be sure to include a contact person.

Step Two - Once we have confirmed your participation you are free to do what you do best, design and build the most amazing doghouse ever conceived!!



intent to participate

Gimme Shelter

Please return by Wednesday, May 20th by 5pm.

The project is a cooperative effort by the AIA Birmingham Chapter and The Greater Birmingham Humane Society to benefit GBHS.

In order to begin your participation, please fill out the below form and send to:

Rhea Williams
AIA Birmingham Chapter
107 South Richard Arrington Blvd.
Birmingham, AL 35233

As soon as we receive your form, we will contact you and instruct you on how to proceed.

If you have any questions regarding your participation, please contact one of the following:

Barkitecture Committee Chair

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Architecture firm/builder/artist's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

e-mail _____

Contact Name _____ Contact phone _____

I agree to participate in "Gimme Shelter". I understand that after my doghouse is displayed, it will be auctioned with proceeds benefiting the Greater Birmingham Humane Society.

Signed _____ Date: _____