Design Awards Submittals Due April 26

AIA Northern Virginia Architecture Week April 8-14

Architecture Week is held every April as part of the American Institute of Architect’s nationwide celebration of our built environment. AIA chapters all over the country offer a variety of lectures, tours and activities geared towards architects and the public alike during this week. AIA Northern Virginia is pleased to offer the following events. Many provide continuing education credits.

**Architecture at its Best: An Exhibit of Award-Winning Projects by Local Architects**
April 8-15
Visit the Torpedo Factory to view an exhibit of winning projects from AIA Northern Virginia’s 2017 Design Awards Program, on display in the ground floor lobby.

**Architecture Week Book Displays**
April 8-14
Displays of architecture-themed books for all ages will be featured at participating area public libraries.

**Walking Tour of Historic Old Town Alexandria**
Sunday, April 8, 1:00-3:00p
Led by members of our Historic Resources Committee, the tour covers the history of Alexandria as reflected through its architecture and urban design. The group will also discuss the Waterfront Plan and its impact on the city.

**WIA Lecture Series: Architecture, Design and Cultural Space**
Sunday, April 8, 6:30-8:30p
Cultural and public spaces are where social values can be expressed in real time. The
Chapter Survey

The March issue of the Smithsonian has an interesting article on trees. Peter Wohlleben, a German forester, observes that, “We have generally thought of trees as striving, disconnected loners, competing for water, nutrients and sunlight, with the winners shading out the losers and sucking them dry. There is now a substantial body of scientific evidence that refutes this idea. It shows instead, that trees of the same species are communal, and will often form alliances with trees of other species. All the trees in the forest are connected to each other through underground fungal networks, sharing water and nutrients, and also use them to communicate.” With this idea of developing our network of communication, we reached out to all of our members with a recent short survey.

Unlike the Census Bureau, we will be reaching out annually to keep our fingers on the pulse of our members. Thanks to everyone who participated. Approximately 15% of our membership responded, spending an average time of four minutes on this survey.

The Demographics – The largest percentage of respondents live in Fairfax County (42%) and work in Fairfax County (32%). The great majority of the respondents are living and working in a wide variety of locales, as far away as Rappahannock, Orange and Stafford Counties. Some of the members noted they are retired or working as single practitioners at home. The professional careers are varied as well, equally balanced among firm size and governmental institutions, with small firms (1-5 employees) holding a slim majority.

What is Important – Being the renaissance people that we are, we are generally interested in all the practice areas noted in the survey. Almost 80% of you highly value professional development related to both practice and construction technology.

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Continuing Education Opportunities

Demystifying Insurance and Maximizing your Professional Liability – 2 AIA LUs
April 20, 11a-1:15p

Organized by the Small Firms Committee, Cady M. Sinks, CPCU, RPLU, with Ames & Gough will present two insurance sessions at the AIA Northern Virginia Chapter House. Lunch is provided courtesy of Ames & Gough.

- **Demystifying Insurance** will explain the coverage of General Liability, Professional Liability and Cyber Liability and what protections each offer to architecture firms.

- **How to Maximize your Professional Liability Application** shares information on how to best represent your company on insurance applications and how to take advantage of free risk management services from insurance companies to get the best coverage and pricing.

[Learn More]
https://aianova.org/event.php?eventID=1684

AIA Women’s Leadership Summit Sessions Online

If you were unable to attend the 2017 Women’s Leadership Summit, organized by AIA Northern Virginia last fall, you are now able to view a selection of the presentations online. AIA has recently posted a few educational sessions for viewing by members on AIAU. Search ‘Women’s Leadership Summit’ to access this great content!

[Learn More]
https://aiau.aia.org/

Health Insurance in 2018: How to Survive and Thrive (Webinar)
April 17, 11:00a-12:00p

A new quarterly webinar series offered by AIA Virginia, in partnership with Chartwell Capital, focused on providing you with the tools to improve your practice management and entrepreneurship skills. The series, Management & Entrepreneurship, will cover a number of topics, starting with navigating health insurance in 2018. This segment will cover recent legislation as well as proposed rules from Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor and other agencies to help you strategically plan for 2018 and beyond. 1 AIA LU

[Learn More]

Structural Technology for Interns and Practicing Architects
May 11-13

This three-day course, taught by Virginia Tech professor Dr. Mehdi Setareh, provides an overview of structural technology topics related to the Architect Registration Examination (ARE5.0/4.0). The sessions take place at Urban Affairs and Planning Building on Virginia Tech’s Alexandria campus. The registration fee is $350 for Part One (ARE 5.0) and $500 for Parts One + Two (ARE 4.0).

[Learn More]
http://www.setareh.arch.vt.edu/struct/alexandria/
In Memoriam

Marvin J. Cantor, FAIA

It was with great sadness that we announced the passing of our friend and colleague, Marvin J. Cantor, FAIA, in the January/February issue of AIA Northern Virginia News. As promised, we want to celebrate Marvin and all he did for the chapter and the profession.

Marvin was very active in the AIA, serving on local, state and national committees and as AIA Northern Virginia President in 1981. The chapter operated out of his architecture firm and Ellen Cantor served as the chapter’s Executive Director for 10 years. So the best way to remember and honor Marvin is to share some remembrances from some of his close friends.

Paul H. Barkley, FAIA…Marvin Cantor and I met in the late 1970’s, soon after the formation of the Northern Virginia Chapter. Taking on roles advancing the growth of the fledgling organization, we each pursued leadership roles with a special interest in publishing newsletters and magazines. We were among a group of early pioneers eventually becoming known as the “old guard.”

For the Northern Virginia Chapter Newsletter, Marvin penned an often rye but sometimes profound opinion piece (he did the same for the Virginia Record Magazine). One of my early favorites was titled, “Hedonism vs. Functionalism.” It began, “A disturbing trend in suburban housing design has developed The ugly head of hedonism has overshadowed the age old desires of functionalism and aesthetics. The housing developers are pandering to the user’s slothful desires…. What is happening that’s caused my fur to fly? I’ll say it in just four words… the Master Bedroom Suite! !” Three paragraphs later, Marvin concludes, “The Master Bedroom suite has arrived - - what is on the horizon for tomorrow?” A lot in Marvin’s case.

Marvin would go on to lead the profession as President of both the Northern Virginia Chapter and Virginia Society AIA, Regional Representative of the AIA College of Fellows, chair of the AIA’s National Building Performance and Regulatory Committee, serve on Virginia’s Building Code Advisory Committee, and more. He led our profession with excellence and distinction securing benefits for architects that advanced the profession’s ability to better serve its members and society.

Larry Cook, FAIA…A few years after the chapter was formed Marvin and I competed for chapter president. Just before the vote was taken my wife Barbara, knowing that I was overloaded with projects at the time, announced that everyone should vote for Marvin! And they did!

While Marvin was president, his wife Ellen served as secretary to our chapter and ran his practice. The following year I was elected and Barbara had enough work keeping our office running and refused to be chapter secretary. Fortunately for our chapter, Ellen continued on as secretary for many years and organized us into one of the most recognized chapters in the country!

The Cooks and Cantors became good friends and attended may AIA events together for years. Marvin was expert at codes and helped me with several complex buildings. We’ll miss his brilliant insights, strong leadership and good humor.

Thomas L. Kerns, FAIA…The Northern Virginia Chapter has lost one of its founding leaders and he will truly be missed. Marvin was very instrumental in forming the chapter and then dedicated himself to growing it – in membership and influence. He was a mentor and inspiration to all and challenged us to serve on our chapter’s board and at the State level.

No task was too small for Marvin if he thought it was important, and he would work tirelessly to make sure it was done right. For example he helped Ellen transport and hang all the artwork for the silent auction of members’ work, which is still talked about as a terrific and competitive event each fall.

The world needs more people like Marvin, who used his talent, his energy, and his spare time to make his profession better by focusing on the people in the profession, rather than just their accomplishments. And we, as an organization, and his friends and fellow professionals, have benefitted from Marvin’s lifework and wisdom. His memory will continue to inspire us.

James W. Ritter, FAIA…During the years that I served in AIA local and state components, I never met anyone who could equal Marvin’s commitment to our Institute. His opinions were widely appreciated and revered as he went on to become the “wise elder” especially when difficult challenges had to be addressed. He understood the history of AIA and kept current on contemporary thinking at the national level.

Marvin had a keen mind for legal issues that allowed him to become what I considered to be a leading authority on building codes. I served with him on the Fairfax County Code Enforcement Board of Appeals for several years and his judicial
opinions were always fair and thoughtful; he understood that building code requirements can never be written that accurately to address every circumstance.

For his efforts and leadership in these areas (among others), he was elevated to the College of Fellows, and received the Noland Medal from AIA Virginia.

Perhaps his greatest contribution to our Northern Virginia Chapter, was letting his wife, Ellen, serve as our Executive Director for many years!! I credit her with helping me make it through my year as president, with my reputation mostly intact.

Marvin Cantor’s professional life will always be remembered as exemplary as it set a very high bar for the rest of us.

Kevin Sneed, FAIA…I have known Marvin since I first moved from Texas to the Northern Virginia area almost 30 years ago. My best memories of Marvin and Ellen are going to their home/office for our bimonthly Associate/Young Architects meetings along with Kitten Herlong, the committee chair. At the time, Kitten was on Marvin’s staff. During these meeting times, I would find myself in his office. I would see all of his architectural licenses and awards that gave me the motivation to get my license.

Marvin was always approachable and willing to share the good (and bad) about the industry and struggles, history, and triumphs of the AIA. As a matter of fact, he was the one that collaborated with me and encouraged me to start the AIA Fellows/Young Architects committee. This committee provided mentorship support for the Virginia Society AIA and was later emulated by other chapters, now known as the Emerging Professionals. I always remember, with fondness, the fun times and collaborative moments. I am glad to be a part of this institution that he believed in and that he held so dear.

Marvin J. Cantor, FAIA (Cont.)

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panelists will share how to make room for cultural spaces in likely and unlikely places.

**On the Boards - Cleveland Park Library**  
Monday, April 9, 6:30-8:00p  
Students, architects and the public are invited to join staff from Perkins Eastman as they discuss their design for the new Cleveland Park Library in Washington, DC. See images on page 13.

**Virtual Reality Demonstrations**  
Tuesday, April 10, 6:30p-8:00p  
Join local architects for a night of virtual reality demonstrations, featuring design walkthroughs, historic virtual tours, 360° Photography, and more.

**Architecture’s Relevance Revolution - A Presentation by AIA President Carl Elefante, FAIA**  
Wednesday, April 11, 7:00-8:00p  
Carl Elefante, FAIA, 2018 President of the American Institute of Architects, will speak about environment concerns and how architecture can make a difference.

**30 Years of Shaping the City, Cartoons by Roger K. Lewis, FAIA**  
Friday, April 12, 6:30-8:00p  
AIA Northern Virginia and the Athenaeum present an evening with Washington Post columnist and cartoonist Roger K. Lewis, FAIA.

**Scrap City - Torpedo Factory ‘Late Shift’ Event**  
Friday, April 13, 7:00p-9:30p  
A family event at the Torpedo Factory, Scrap City invites architects from AIA Northern Virginia to be on hand to help participants design and build a Scrap City.

**Oatlands Historic House and Gardens Tour**  
Saturday, April 14, 10:00a-noon  
Join Judith Richards, AIA, for an educational and insightful tour, developed specifically for architects, about the design and history of this significant property.

**Skyline Yoga**  
Saturday, April 14, 10:00-11:00a  
Enjoy a free yoga class, with local architects, in an architecturally inspiring place with sweeping views of the metro area.

**Architecture Scavenger Hunt for Children**  
Saturday, April 14, 11:00a-1:00p  
A fun self-guided activity for children and their families. Participants will receive a map identifying 12 places that are synonymous with Old Town Alexandria.

**WeLive Crystal City Tour**  
Saturday, April 14, 2:00-3:00p  
WeLive Crystal City is a new way of living, offering furnished living spaces with common areas to provide shared community, work and social spaces.

**Firm Tour - Winstanley Architects & Planners**  
Saturday, April 14, 3:00-4:00p  
Tour an architecture firm located in a renovated warehouse and learn about their award winning Potomac Transportation Framework Plan.

Reservations are required for some events. Visit our Architecture Week website for complete information  
[www.aianova.org/architectureweek.php](http://www.aianova.org/architectureweek.php)

**Architecture Exchange East**  
**Call for Proposals Due April 9**

The ArchEx Call for Proposals is open. AIA Virginia is seeking experts both from within the profession and outside it to showcase cutting-edge case studies and the latest technologies, practices, and research at Architecture Exchange East.

Presentations can range from a one-hour session to a full-day workshop. To propose an offering, complete and submit the Presentation Proposal Form by April 9.  
[https://www.aiava.org/prof_dev_news/will-answer-call/](https://www.aiava.org/prof_dev_news/will-answer-call/)

The Old Dominion Boat Club Tour  
Saturday, April 14, 9:00-10:00a  
Led by Michael Winstanley, AIA, with Michael Winstanley Architects & Planners, the architects for the project, this tour will explore the new three-story Old Dominion Boat Club completed in late 2017.

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**Old Dominion Boat Club**  
Jessica Marcotte Photography
contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession. Out of a total AIA membership of over 90,000, fewer than four percent of members are distinguished with the honor of fellowship and honorary fellowship.

Ed, the Director of Project Management, The Americas for Nord Anglia Education, believes that well planned and executed facility design can dramatically improve people’s lives. Beginning with master plan programming and continuing through final project commissioning, he meticulously integrates community expectations, owner’s requirements and the user’s aspirations into a carefully-crafted solution. As manager of the process and advocate for the client, he has led dozens of projects through the collaborative journey from conceptual vision to transformed reality.

An AIA member since 1985, Ed has led the school inventory master planning effort for a number of urban communities including the District of Columbia; Detroit, Michigan; Providence, Rhode Island; and Syracuse, New York with this perspective on transformation. These efforts have involved hundreds of school buildings, including cornerstones of our historic and cultural heritage. These iconic structures provide the design inspiration and professional motivation that anchors Ed’s professional practice.

For example, the resurrection and reuse of Phelps High School, in the District of Columbia, began with alumni conversations and community reminiscences. From an afternoon conversation with a Phelps centenarian to the opening of the nation’s first public high school devoted to the study of Architecture, Construction and Engineering, the resulting dramatic transformation embodies the community’s values, their interests and their personalities. Since reopening, Phelps High School is one of the most successful educational programs in the District.

Ed lives his passion and devotion to the profession beyond his commitment to excellence in design. He involves himself with the educational community of his projects, teaching classes and participating in programs for both students and school communities. He is currently volunteering his time to oversee the development of a new Center for the Arts in his community. While managing the design of the Detroit School Construction Bond Program, Ed organized and oversaw a Summer Student Worker Program, employing almost 200 Detroit high school students over a three-year period, offering an incredible opportunity to improve the lives of these students.

Ed has taken the message of the inherent value of the creative reuse of our underappreciated architectural inventory to a wide range of national forums, including articles, publications, presentations and webinars. He uses these opportunities to discuss the life-changing benefits of well-planned design solutions, community involvement and thoughtful implementation. AIA award-winning examples of his school building repurposing have refocused attention back to responsive community architecture that allows for historic preservation, energy sustainability and community pride.

The 2018 Fellows will be honored at an investiture ceremony at the AIA Conference on Architecture in New York City.

For a list of all members elevated to fellowship this year, visit [https://www.aia.org/college-of-fellows](https://www.aia.org/college-of-fellows)
Chapter Survey (Cont.)

Resources Provided by the Chapter – Overall, 85% of the responses confirm that what the Chapter is providing for resources is either very important or of some importance. Continuing education programs and state and local advocacy top this list as very important. The respondents also found the BLAST and our Newsletters are important resources.

Chapter Resources Meeting the Needs of our Members – Overall, 90% of the respondents felt that the resources the Chapter is providing either meet their needs or exceed their expectations. We will be working on addressing two of the areas deemed as very important, the need for continuing education and advocacy, which had the highest percentage of not meeting the needs of these members (30%).

The narrative portion of our survey provided a number of insights. For the question about other resources the Chapter should address, the following selective comments represent this response:

• Of the programs that exist, not enough of them are near me (outside the beltway).
• Chapter could somehow partner with organizations like Habitat for Humanity, DC arts group.
• Reduce membership dues.
• Access and engagement of the middle-age members with limited time availability.

For the question about how the Chapter can better meet your needs, the following selective comments represent this response:

• Addressing the unique geography of our Chapter: Northern Virginia is a collection of suburban centers connected by terrible traffic...possibly developing other activity centers around the region.
• Engagement with municipalities and permit departments to help ease project permitting process.
• Information about Architectural service contract opportunities
• Reduce dues.
• More cross collaboration with other chapters including DC.

These results will inform our upcoming committee planning meeting. Our committees will be looking at continuing education programs, events that reach beyond the beltway, cross collaboration and advocacy opportunities. I would like to encourage all of you to become more active in our network of committees and communication with each other.

The conclusion of the Smithsonian article asks: “Why do trees share resources and form alliances with trees of other species? Doesn’t the law of natural selection suggest they should be competing?” “Actually, it doesn’t make evolutionary sense for trees to behave like resource-grabbing individualists,” notes Suzzanne Simard. “They live longest and reproduce most often in a healthy stable forest. Damaging winds can penetrate the forest more easily, and without neighboring tree crowns to stabilize against, the chance of being uprooted increases.”

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Federal Government Assistance to Find and Win Design Projects Overseas
May 8, 12:00-1:30p

At the Chapter House, 1101 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

The U.S. Export Assistance Center (USEAC) for Virginia and Washington, DC will present a session on government assistance available to help local firms interested in expanding their practice to include overseas projects. Presentations will be provided by the U.S. Commercial Service, the Small Business Administration, and the Export Import Bank.

- The U.S. Commercial Service will discuss how you can leverage staff at American embassies to receive customized market research, find international partners and business opportunities.

- The Small Business Administration will discuss its export loan program through a network of SBA Senior International Credit Officers.

- The Export Import Bank will discuss its Export Credit Insurance program which can reduce the risks of selling internationally on credit terms by insuring foreign receivables from one buyer with EXIM’s Short-Term Single-Buyer Export Credit Insurance Policy.

The USEAC team strongly encourages participants to bring information on projects they are pursuing overseas. Following the information session, the USEAC team will meet one-on-one with participants to discuss how they can win projects overseas and receive payment for their services.

To learn more about the U.S. Commercial Service, refer to the article in the January/February issue of AIA Northern Virginia News, on page 9


and visit their website at

https://www.trade.gov/cs/

Proposal Opportunities

Following are three current proposal opportunities. For more information on any of these, contact Cody Dietrich with the U.S. Commercial Service at 703-235-0064 or cody.dietrich@trade.gov

1. The Montego Bay Jamaica Sangster International Airport invites proposals from consulting firms to provide Aviation Planning, Architectural, Engineering and Interior Design services for the expansion and renovation of the airport terminal. The Scope of Works will consist of the following:

- To review airport documentation inclusive of the Airport’s Master Plan in consultation with MBJ.

- To prepare Conceptual, Schematic and Detailed designs for the Terminal expansion in keeping with the plan.

Proposal Submissions deadline: April 17, 2018
Contract Commencement date (tentative): June 1, 2018

2. Sistema Interoceánico de Guatemala, project owners of “Interoceanic Corridor of Guatemala,” a proposed new route and trading platform in Central America to cover the Pacific – Atlantic commercial traffic, is looking to partner with Design and Construction companies with expertise in large infrastructure projects. This project consists of a strip of land 372 km. long and 140 meters wide, where a state-of-the-art infrastructure for intermodal transportation will be built, including two deep water container ports, a double-line railroad, four-lane highway, Crude Oil and LNG Port Terminals and four Pipelines. The project is to be conducted in a Local Public Private Partnership framework.

3. The Government of Kenya has received a loan from the African Development Bank to finance the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Airfield Expansion Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for this loan for Construction of Second Runway at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. The objectives of the project are to:

- Improve reliability of air service for JKIA by having a second runway to cover the uncertainties currently associated with the existing runway.

- Improve capacity to accommodate fully loaded Class F aircraft such as Airbus 380.

- Enhance payload capacity for direct non-stop flights to North America.
Giving to AIA Virginia Political Action Committee

by Eliza B. Engle, AIA
AIA Virginia Director

Advocacy for all architecture firms in the Commonwealth of Virginia is done by AIA Virginia with assistance from its Political Action Committee or PAC. Legislation that affects architects in a variety of areas, including public procurement of design services through Qualifications Based Selection, Small, Woman, and Minority-owned (SWaM) businesses, building codes, resiliency, historic preservation, and tax reform, is influenced by state legislators. Creating, educating and sustaining relationships with legislators about issues that are important to our profession are the foundation of advocacy. Through the PAC, the membership of AIA Virginia supports candidates who understand the importance of the prevalent issues that face the architecture profession.

AIA Virginia’s income consists of dues and non-dues revenue sources. AIA Virginia invests its financial resources in the following areas: Continuing Education, Member Communities, Emerging Professionals, Honors & Awards, Government Advocacy [lobbyist fees], Public Outreach, AIA Documents, and Member Services. No membership dues are used for the PAC, it is completely donation based. Our goal is to raise $15,000 this year.

Compared to other membership based organizations (see graphic) the AIA Virginia PAC historically has not had much money to assist in our ‘seat at the table.’ The AIA Virginia Government Advocacy Advisory Committee has received 100% member PAC contributions this year and has challenged all component Boards to obtain 100% participation. AIA Hampton Roads has already reached that goal! It would be even better if we could get all our AIA NOVA members to participate. Can you spare $10 to assist our profession? Given the current political climate, we need your help now more than ever. Click here to donate: AIA VA PAC https://aiavapac.org/give/

Thank you for your support!

Borromini’s Dust
An Evening Lecture Sponsored by the Washington Alexandria Architecture Center

April 12, 7:00p, at the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Jonathan Foote, PhD, Associate Professor, Aarhus School of Architecture will present his on-going project that examines the materiality of dust through the realizing of stucco walls and profiles in the 17th century architecture of Francesco Borromini (1599-1667). Well-known for his plastic treatment of space and light, the Baroque master also asserted a sophisticated practice of using a unique, bone-white application of stucco romano, an extremely hard covering consisting of marble-dust and hydraulic lime.
Theodore Roosevelt Island Cultural Landscape Report and Environmental Assessment Release

There will be an informational event held in the plaza near the Theodore Roosevelt Island parking lot.
April 19, 2:30-5:00p

The public is invited to review and comment on the Cultural Landscape Report/Environmental Assessment and Assessment of Effect (CLR/EA) for Theodore Roosevelt Island, a park site administered by the George Washington Memorial Parkway, in Washington, DC and Rosslyn, Virginia.

The National Park Service (NPS) seeks to ensure that the planning process properly considers the significance of the cultural landscape and historical features of these sites so that the historical context may be preserved while promoting a better visitor experience.

Members of the public may stop by any time during the hours listed to see graphic displays about the project and talk to project team members. Comments will be taken during this meeting and throughout the 30-day public comment period. The NPS is accepting comments through May 3, 2018. The CLR/EA is available for download and comments can be submitted online at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/tri CLR_ea

NCPC Parks & Open Space Element Open House on April 12

The National Capital Planning Commission is holding an open house to discuss their new policies proposed in the recently released draft of Parks & Open Space Element.

The Comprehensive Plan’s Parks & Open Space Element establishes policies to protect and enhance the many federal parks and open spaces in our region, and to promote improvements to the regional open space network. NCPC uses these policies to guide agency actions, including review of projects and long-range plans that affect federal parks and open spaces. The Comprehensive Plan’s elements are updated on a rolling basis, and the Parks & Open Space Element was last updated in 2004.

The open house is on April 12 from 10:30a-12:00p at the NCPC’s offices located at 401 9th Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004

Public comments can be made through May 7, 2018.

To review the proposed text, learn more about the process, and provide comments, click here. https://www.ncpc.gov/initiatives/openspace/
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Hollin Hills House + Garden Tour
April 28, 12:00-6:00p

Hollin Hills is a unique community of over 450 mid-century modern homes, designed by renowned architect Charles Goodman beginning in 1949, nestled in the woods, just 4 miles south of Old Town Alexandria.

Recognized many times in the past for its architectural vision, Hollin Hills is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Virginia Landmark Historic District.

The Hollin Hills House + Garden Tour is a tradition that dates back to the neighborhood’s earliest days – the first home tour was held in 1953. The houses have always been a draw for those interested in architecture and design. Robert C. Davenport, the developer and builder of Hollin Hills, recalled that “hundreds of people came” when they charged just 25 cents for the public to view the first home available in 1949. Most recently, the 2016 House + Garden Tour drew more than 1,000 mid-century modern enthusiasts to visit the neighborhood.

The community organizes the House + Garden Tour every two years to celebrate and share this historic neighborhood. Funds from the event support the Civic Association of Hollin Hills which works to preserve the unique architecture of the community and maintain more than 31 acres of surrounding parkland.

The tour is scheduled to showcase 11 houses and landscapes. Continuing education credits will be offered for architects. Additional information is available at www.hollin-hills.org/house-tour

Virginia By Design Awardees

Virginia by Design has announced the winners of their inaugural awards which highlight excellence in design, visionary thinking, patronage and the transformative role of design in shaping the built environment. The recipients are:

• The Branch Medallion – Joan and the late Macon Brock
• Design Achievement Award – Virginia Beach City Public Schools
• Emerging Designer – Katie MacDonald
• Vision in Design Honor – Susan Piedmont-Palladino
• Prize for Public Interest Design – Phoebe Crisman, The Elizabeth River Project

An exhibition featuring work of the Virginia by Design Award recipients will be at The Branch, April 24-June 10. https://branchmuseum.org/
The AIA reports an increase in architecture firm billings for February from its Architecture Billings Index (ABI), with several key segments showing an encouraging outlook for 2018.

“We remain optimistic about the trends we’re seeing at architecture firms this year with the ABI continuing to show growth in February,” said AIA Chief Economist, Kermit Baker, Hon. AIA, PhD. “We saw several major bright spots reflected in February’s data, as billings remained particularly strong at firms located in the West and Midwest.”

While the pace of growth in design activity slowed a bit in February for an ABI score of 52.0 (any score over 50 indicates billings growth), it still reflects a healthy business environment. In particular, firms with a multifamily residential or an institutional specialization continued to report extremely strong billings.

Key February ABI highlights:

• Regional averages: West (57.6), Midwest (54.5), South (54.4), Northeast (47.5)
• Sector index breakdown: multi-family residential (56.6), institutional (53.8), commercial/industrial (51.0), mixed practice (49.7)
• Project inquiries index: 62.4
• Design contracts index: 54.5

March ABI data will be released on Wednesday, April 18.

The Architecture Billings Index (ABI), produced by the AIA Economics & Market Research Group, is a leading economic indicator that provides an approximately nine to twelve month glimpse into the future of nonresidential construction spending activity. For complete information on the ABI and to subscribe to the report, visit www.aia.org/resources/10046-the-architecture-billings-index

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https://www.aia.org/pages/21896-associate-new-graduate-membership

AIA Small Firm Compensation Report

Brand new for 2018 is the first-ever AIA Small Firm Compensation Report, dedicated to the unique needs and structure of small architecture firms, defined here as those legally structured as sole proprietorships (regardless of number of employees) and architecture firms with fewer than three architectural staff employees.

The report includes data on trends and employee demographics, as well as details on benefits offered by small firms and 23 detailed compensation tables broken out for six positions by firm type, firm revenue, region of the country, and more. [Learn More] https://www.aia.org/resources/178221-aia-small-firm-compensation-report

Show Us Your Work!

We are looking for projects to publish in this newsletter and BLAST. We offer three features to showcase our members’ work:

On the Boards

Featured Projects

Sketches

On the Boards -- Each issue of AIA Northern Virginia News features a project currently “on the boards” being designed by Chapter members. These can include theoretical, conceptual and unbuilt projects or projects currently in the planning or design phase. Submissions should include a project description of 150-250 words and at least four images at print resolution. Other information to include is the project name, location and photographer credit, where needed.

Featured Projects -- Each issue of BLAST features a recently completed project designed by a Chapter member. Submissions should include a project description of 150-250 words and two-four images. Other information to include is the project name, location and photographer credit. You may also include a link if your website has more information on the project.

Sketches -- Sketches is a feature in AIA Northern Virginia News showcasing the artistic talents of our members. We encourage you to share your sketches. Please send high resolution copies of one to five sketches with brief captions and information on how we should credit you, the artist.

We will generally publish work on a first-come, first-served basis. Photos and images may be resized or cropped to fit the formatting and it may be necessary to edit the description. Please let us know if you wish to review any changes before publication. To submit for any of these features, just email all material to aianova@aianova.org

Thanks for sharing!
Located in Historic Cleveland Park, the new Cleveland Park Library is DC’s second most used library behind the MLK Library and holds one of the DC Public Library’s largest collections.

The new design provides a variety of public spaces including expanded Children’s and Adult collections, a spectacular reading room, multiple reconfigurable meeting rooms, private study rooms, an outdoor garden, outdoor balcony space, and various seating arrangements for both group activities and quiet study. From the place-specific massing and materiality, to the spectacular views up and down Connecticut Avenue from within the library, the Cleveland Park neighborhood is celebrated throughout the design. The new library provides a much needed urban presence and an expanded program that provides space to support a strong fabric and cultural health for the neighborhood into the 21st century.

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Membership Update

New Chapter Members

Eyob M. Alemnew, Assoc. AIA, Bethel Regency Homes
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Upgrading Members

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Daniel L. Bishop, AIA, Hoffmann Architects to Architect
Steven A. Foster, AIA, DBI Architects, Inc. to Architect
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https://www.aia.org/pages/185386-where-we-stand-sexual-harassment-

Call for Nominations for NAAB Visiting Team – AIA has an opportunity to nominate members to serve on NAAB Visiting Teams who have a demonstrated interest in architectural education and are current in the skills of contemporary practice. We are particularly seeking nominees from groups traditionally underrepresented in our profession. Deadline for nominations is April 6, 5:00p. Contact pday@aia.org

2018 Update to AIA State Economic Profiles – The state economic profiles provide a collection of economic indicators that can be used to make better business decisions. They are focused on each state to better inform members’ understanding of policies affecting the industry.

The AIA Home Design Trends Survey for Q4 of 2017 Now Available – This interactive report identifies emerging trends in kitchen and bath design, along with residential business conditions.

Full-Text Searchable Online Architect’s Handbook now available

The AIA Message Book Available as a Course on AIAU – This course guides you through a specialized message design framework so by the end of the course, you will have generated unique and purposeful content that you can use at any time to talk about architecture with your clients and the public.
https://aiau.aia.org/courses/how-talk-about-architecture-your-clients-and-public

AIA Global Practice Primer Adds Three Chapters – Covering human resources, technology in practice, and sustainability. The Global Practice Primer is designed for architects who are either considering the pursuit of projects abroad or are already engaged in international work.
https://www.aia.org/resources/25876-aia-global-practice-primer

Are 4.0 Retirement Update – ARE 4.0 retires in less than six months on June 30, 2018. In advance of that retirement, we want to make sure everyone with active eligibilities in ARE 4.0 is in the best position possible for the change come July 1.
https://www.nearb.org/
Geoffrey Lewis, AIA, LEED® AP has joined the growing Reston office of Architecture, Incorporated as Technical Director. In this newly created role, Geoff will focus on document quality, standards, life-safety review, specifications, peer review and in-house staff mentoring. He is a recognized expert in building codes, building science and contract development; and will act as an additional resource for the firm’s institutional and commercial studios. Geoff joins with more than 35 years of professional experience and was most recently a Director at DBI Architects. A graduate of Carnegie-Mellon University, Geoff serves as an ICC Certified Plans Reviewer and a Peer Reviewer for Fairfax County.

Hoffmann Architects is pleased to announce the promotion of Daniel L. Bishop, AIA to Project Architect, in recognition of his advanced professional credentials and technical skill in providing investigation, design, detailing, remediation, and peer review services for building enclosure projects. A graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo with a Master of Architecture degree, Bishop studied at the Aarhus School of Architecture in Denmark and is a member of both the AIA and the Association for Preservation Technology. His recent projects include roof and facade restoration and design for Verizon, the New York City Department of Design and Construction, the Smithsonian Institution, the George Washington University, and the United States Capitol.

HGA is also pleased to announce that Bruno Grinwis, IIDA, has joined the firm as Associate Vice President and Corporate Interiors Principal. He will oversee expansion of market opportunities in the DC region while reinforcing HGA’s existing workplace design expertise. With more than 30 years of experience in programming, workplace strategies, tenant improvement and interior architecture, Grinwis has built his career on infusing today’s interior trends with decades of experience.

HGA is pleased to share the promotion of d’Andre Willis, AIA, LEED AP, an associate principal, practice leader and project manager specializing in projects for arts, community and education, to Vice President.

James F. Lee, Jr. and Jonathan C. Shoemaker recently formed a new law firm, Lee/Shoemaker PLLC. Joining Jim and Jonathan when the firm opened its doors in February were three associates: Paul E. Knupp, III, Dalene A. Radcliffe, and John P. Williams. Their new law firm’s headquarters is located at 1400 Eye Street, Suite 200, Washington, DC.

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**April**

AIA Northern Virginia Architecture Week
April 8-14

Architecture at its Best: An Exhibit of Projects by Local Architects
April 8-15

Architecture Week Book Displays
April 8-15

Walking Tour of Historic Old Town Alexandria
April 8 | 1:00p | Alexandria

WIA Lecture Series: Architecture, Design and Cultural Space
April 8 | 6:30p | Alexandria

AIA Northern Virginia Board Meeting
April 9 | 4:30p | Alexandria

On the Boards – Cleveland Park Library
April 9 | 6:30p | Alexandria

Virtual Reality Demonstrations
April 10 | 6:30p | Alexandria

Architecture’s Relevance Revolution - Carl Elefante, FAIA
April 11 | 7:00p | Alexandria

30 Years of Shaping the City, Cartoons by Roger K. Lewis, FAIA
April 12 | 6:30p | Alexandria

Scrap City - Family Activities
April 13 | 7:00p | Alexandria

The Old Dominion Boat Club Tour
April 14 | 9:00a | Alexandria

Skyline Yoga
April 14 | 10:00a | Arlington

Oatlands Historic House and Gardens Tour
April 14 | 10:00a | Leesburg

Architecture Scavenger Hunt for Children
April 14 | 11:00a | Alexandria

WeLive Crystal City
April 14 | 2:00p | Arlington

Firm Tour – Winstanley Architects & Planners
April 14 | 3:00p | Alexandria

Health Insurance in 2018: How to Survive and Thrive
April 17 | 11:00a | Webinar

Demystifying Insurance & Maximizing Professional Liability
April 20 | 11:00a | Alexandria

ARE Exam Series: Project Planning and Design
April 21 | 10:00a | Arlington

Architecture Lab Committee Meeting
April 26 | 6:30p | Alexandria

Design Awards Committee Meeting
April 26 | 12:00p | Alexandria

Design Award Entries Due
April 26 | 5:00p

Young Architects Forum Brunch
April 29 | 11:00a | Alexandria

**May**

Women in Architecture Committee Meeting
May 7 | 6:00p | Fairfax

Federal Government Assistance to Find Design Projects Overseas
May 8 | 12:00p | Alexandria

Design Awards Committee Meeting
May 10 | 12:00p | Alexandria

Accessible Restrooms & Multigenerational Public Design
May 11 | 11:00a | Alexandria

ARE Exam Series: Project Development and Documentation
May 12 | 10:00a | Arlington

AIA Northern Virginia Board Meeting
May 14 | 4:30p | Rosslyn

Architecture in the Schools Exhibition
May 21 | Washington, DC

Committee Chairs Planning Meeting
May 22 | 6:30p | Alexandria

Design Awards Committee Meeting
May 31 | 12:00p | Alexandria
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