Design Awards Celebration Achieves Great Heights

by Debbie Burns, Hon. AIA
Executive Director

What do Nats Stadium, a boot, a ship and toast have in common?

They have all been built out of cans during our first decade of Canstruction!

We are about to begin the second decade of our Canstruction® Competition on November 14 at Reagan National Airport. And we need your help!

Up to the 32nd floor, that is. This year’s Design Awards Celebration is being held on the 32nd floor of the tallest office building in metro DC, offering 360-degree views of the skyline.

Our celebration is on Thursday, June 12 at 1812 North Moore Street in the heart of Rosslyn, a 35-story, LEED® certified, glass office building designed by Davis Carter Scott, Ltd. and owned, developed and managed by Monday Properties. Our event will occupy the entire 32nd floor, which is unfinished and awaiting tenant build-out, providing us with this one-time opportunity to experience the pure, raw space.

AIA Northern Virginia Awards Scholarships to Local Architecture Students

The chapter offers an annual scholarship program to help students enrolled in accredited architecture programs pursue their architectural education. Funds to support this scholarship program are provided by proceeds from the chapter’s Golf Tournament, with additional funds contributed by the American Institute of Architects.

Congratulations to our 2014 Scholarship Award recipients:

- First Place: Maria Milagros Sanchez Azcona – MArch II (2nd year)
- Second Place: Heba H. Bella – MArch II (2nd year)
- Third Place: Milagros Sifon – BArch 5th year

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I had the pleasure of attending the 2014 Accent on Architecture Gala held by the American Architectural Foundation this past April 24. Our Executive Director, Debbie Burns, and I were the guests of AIA National for this annual black tie affair. Like many such events, it was an opportunity to catch up with colleagues and make new friends, but the primary focus of the evening was to celebrate individuals and groups that have made substantial contributions to the built environment. Awards were presented to the current and former Mayors of Las Vegas, Nevada, Novartis, STUDIOS architecture and the Chicago Architectural Foundation. I encourage all to learn more about the Gala and honorees at the American Architectural Foundation website, www.archfoundation.org (a special prize if you can find Debbie and me in the banquet hall picture).

Listening to the remarkable presentations highlighting the accomplishments of the honorees, there emerged an essential common thread: the importance of leadership. Though this was a national event celebrating national (and global) contributions, one can apply these lessons locally. Leadership, at its core, is about guiding and motivating people toward a common goal. Leadership styles can vary from the charismatic, to the exemplary, to the domineering (all were on display with the Gala honorees), but it is important to remember that there is no singular style for successful leadership. We all come to the profession as individuals with more or less capacity for growth in our leadership skills and, at some point, we have all been on the receiving end of leadership from others.

It is fundamental to understand how we, as individuals, can marshal our expertise, manage our temperament and maintain our energy to effectively lead (and, where appropriate, be effectively led) in every-day situations of our personal and professional lives. While we will not all chose a formal position of leadership, we should recognize that there are daily opportunities, large and small, to guide and motivate others toward a common goal. We all have the capacity for leadership, but it does not have to look the same.

The Chapter is very happy to welcome new leaders who have stepped forward as committee chairs. Joining us recently are Lala Matties, AIA as chair for Community Service/Canstruction®, John Burns, FAIA as chair for Historic Resources and Dave Chan, AIA and Stephen Kulinski, AIA as co-chairs for Small Firms. We thank them for their willingness to lead and look forward their fresh ideas and energy. We also thank our outgoing chairs for their exemplary service. Thanks to Natalie DiVito Cunneen and Andrew Cunneen, AIA for their leadership of the Community Service/Canstruction Committee, Stephen Smith, AIA for chairing Historic Resources, and John E. Linam, Jr., AIA with the Small Firms Committee.
Firm Tour - HGA Architects and Engineers  
June 9, 6:00p

Get to know your colleagues.

Tour the offices of HGA to learn more about the firm, their space and their recent projects.

HGA, which merged with Wisnewski Blair & Associates in 2011, works in several different areas, including government, public, healthcare, arts and cultural work. Their Alexandria office, which features a fabulous view of the Potomac River, was renovated and expanded in 2013.


The chapter organizes firm tours to coincide with our board meetings. Members are invited to participate in the board meeting and tour or just the tour. The board meetings begin at 4:30p, followed at 6:00p by a tour of our host firm.

One hour of AIA credit is available for the tour and discussion. Reservations are not necessary. HGA Architects and Engineers is located at 44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 100, Alexandria. For additional information on HGA, visit their website at [http://hga.com/](http://hga.com/).

2012 IBC Mixed Occupancies  
July 18, 8:15a

Organized by Virginia Society, this seminar is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the code requirements that apply to mixed-occupancy buildings. Participants will be better able to understand and apply the concept of mixed occupancies in buildings and compliance with code requirements in the 2012 International Building Code® (IBC®).


CRAN Architects to Attend Green Festival

May 31-June 1 at the DC Convention Center

Green Festival is America’s largest and longest-running sustainability and green living event. This year, architects from the Capital Area CRAN (Custom Residential Architects Network) will be exhibiting at the Green Festival to talk to the public about the benefits of incorporating sustainable features in home construction and renovation.


The Capital Area CRAN (Custom Residential Architects Network Knowledge Community) is a tri-chapter initiative founded jointly by AIA Northern Virginia, AIA|DC and AIA Potomac Valley.
In addition to the building’s LEED Platinum designation, it also achieved Gold certification in the LEED for Neighborhood Development rating system. Not only does the building offer a dramatic addition to the Rosslyn skyline, it is an integral part of improvements for the surrounding neighborhood, including the adjacent Rosslyn Metro Station. Additional information on the building is available at www.1812northmoore.com.

Please join as we celebrate the great design work of our chapter members, catch up with friends and watch the sunset from our lofty site. Tickets are $88, with a discounted price of $83 for four or more attendees who register as a group. We are now accepting reservations at http://aianova.org/DA14/celebration.php.

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Help Sponsor the Design Awards

The annual AIA Northern Virginia Design Awards Celebration is coming up on June 12th and will be held at the recently completed LEED® Platinum-registered office building at 1812 North Moore Street in Rosslyn. The event is organized by chapter staff and a committee of volunteers, but sponsors are also needed to defray costs and keep ticket prices low. Sponsorship is easy and also a great way to support the work of the chapter. Information on sponsor levels and how to sign up can be found on the chapter website at www.aianova.org/DA14.

Thanks for your consideration and we hope to see you there.

Fairfax County Design Awards Due June 20

Since 1985, the Fairfax County Exceptional Design Awards have recognized achievement in the total design of a building and its site. The awards aim to raise awareness of outstanding planning and design projects among design professionals and the general public.

Any project completed in Fairfax County in the past five years is eligible for nomination. The Call for Entries will be available on May 19, with submissions due Friday, June 20. Projects submitted to the AIA Northern Virginia Design Awards, which were checked as eligible, will be sent directly to the Fairfax County program. Information about the program is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/designawards.

Young Architects Happy Hour - June 25

Mark your calendars! The Young Architects Forum is starting monthly happy hours. We are coordinating with other planning, engineering and young professional groups in the area as well. The first event will be June 25, 6:00-8:00p, at La Tagliatella, 2950 Clarendon Boulevard in Arlington.

Please complete the brief survey to help influence future happy hour events: www.surveymonkey.com/s/93TG2FV.

Call for volunteers. Are you interested in suggesting happy hour locations? We will need a number of folks to help get the happy hours started. Future dates and locations are up to you. Speak up and show your interest in networking with young architects and other professionals.

For questions, contact Raedun de Alba, Assoc. AIA rdealba@lewarchitects.com or Simone Saidel, Assoc. AIA at sas@lkarchitects.com.

Transition Plan

The launch of ARE 5.0 is over two years away, but information is available now to help you plan for the transition.

ARE 5.0: The Basics

• ARE 5.0 will launch in late 2016.
• ARE 5.0 will have six stand-alone divisions that are aligned with commonly defined professional architect activities: Practice Management, Project Management, Programming & Analysis, Project Planning & Design, Project Development & Documentation and Construction & Evaluation.
• The current graphic vignettes and the software will be replaced with new questions types that take advantage of new testing technologies.

The Transition Plan

• If you begin testing in the current version of the exam, you will receive credit for appropriate ARE 5.0 divisions based on ARE 4.0 divisions passed if you transition to ARE 5.0.
• ARE 4.0 will continue to be delivered after the launch of ARE 5.0 - at least 18 months - before being retired on June 30, 2018.
• If you have started testing in ARE 4.0, you will have the opportunity to “self-transition” to ARE 5.0 at any time after it launches.
• Since each candidate’s testing situation is different, you will have access to interactive tools that will help you determine how your current credits will transition to ARE 5.0. These will be released in early 2015.

The Credit Model

• Download the ARE 5.0 Credit Model from NCARB’s website.
• If you transition to ARE 5.0, there are three important divisions to pass in ARE 4.0:
  1. Construction Documents & Services
  2. Programming, Planning & Practice
  3. Site Planning & Design
• With a strategic testing approach, it is possible to complete the ARE in five divisions rather than six or seven.
• Be aware of your Rolling Clock dates, and make your testing plan accordingly. Some of your divisions could expire before or during the transition.

Key Takeaways

• Keep testing! Most ARE candidates complete the ARE in about two years. You have plenty of time to finish before ARE 5.0 even launches.
• Test strategically. If you do have to transition to ARE 5.0, make a plan to ensure the switch is to your benefit.
• Stay informed. NCARB releases information as it develops.

Also, make sure you are signed up to receive updates on ARE 5.0. To learn more about ARE 5.0 and its transition plan, visit www.NCARB.org and the NCARB Blog at http://blog.ncarb.org/en.aspx.
WHO
Entering teams can be made up of architects with designers, engineers, contractors or students. At least one member of each team must be a member of the AIA Northern Virginia Chapter. Student teams must be mentored by an AIA architect member. Firms may enter jointly.

WHEN + WHERE
November 14-23, 2014 at Reagan National Airport.

HOW
Complete and return this form with a $100 entry fee ($25 for student teams) to AIA Northern Virginia, 205 South Patrick Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Team Name: _________________________________

Team Captain: _______________________________

Email: ______________________________________

Office Phone: ________________________________

Mobile: ________________________________

WHAT
Design & build structures made entirely from canned foods within a 10'x10'x8'h space.

Information is available on our website at www.ainova.org/canstruction.php.
Canstruction cont.  

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport will once again host our 11th annual Canstruction® Competition. We are building in the main terminal on Friday, November 14. Structures will be on display through November 22 and then the food is donated to the Arlington Food Assistance Center just in time to stock their shelves for the holidays.

In celebration of our first Canstruction decade we want to recognize and thank all the firms and sponsors who have participated over the past 10 years, many on a regular basis.

Our teams build fantastic structures. Samaha Associates, an avid participant in Canstruction for many years, even won the top prize – Jurors’ Favorite – in the 2010 International Canstruction Competition with “ORANGE you glad you CAN help e-LEMON-ate hunger?” Their rendition of a giant orange and lemon was constructed of 3,696 cans of chili, tuna and peanut butter. Selected as Jurors’ Favorite from among hundreds of submissions from 140 cities worldwide, the jury recognized the striking structure, noting that the “design was crisp and clean, exploding with freshness and realism.”

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**Participating Firms**

Architecture, Inc.
BeeryRio (now Moseley Architects)
The Cangineers (student team)
Cannon Design
Cooper Carry
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Dewberry PSA-Dewberry
Geier Brown Renfrow Architects
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Above: Orange you glad you CAN help e-LEMON-ate hunger?  
Samaha Associates  
2010 International Canstruction Jurors’ Favorite  
JD Boswell, Photographer

Below: Don’t ChickCAN Out, Cluck Up to End Hunger  
MTFA Architecture  
Michael Neff/Neffworks, Photographer
2014 Canstruction Jury

We are honored to announce our prestigious 2014 Canstruction jury:

Thomas Luebke, FAIA
Secretary of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts

Thomas is the Secretary of the U.S. Commission of Fine Art, the federal design review agency for the nation’s capital. Previously he has served as the City Architect for Alexandria and as the executive director of the Mayors’ Institute on City Design, a forum sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. Thomas is a Phi Beta Kappa and honors graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, and received his Masters in Architecture degree from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, where he was a teaching fellow in architectural history. He was a visiting scholar at the American Academy in Rome in 2010 and also served as president of the board of the Washington Architectural Foundation, a non-profit organization of architects serving the Washington, DC community.

Charles Matta, FAIA
U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)

Charles is Deputy CIO in GSA’s Public Buildings IT Service. Prior to this role he led various divisions within the national Office of Design & Construction, as Director of Strategic Programs and as national Director for Federal Buildings & Modernizations where he oversaw a program of 120+ buildings nationwide, in various stages of planning, design and construction. He advised the PBS leadership on Federal architecture, design and construction innovation. Before joining GSA, Charles established Matta Architects and his work was published in the Washington Post, Washington Times, House and Garden, Inform, Builder and Remodeling magazines. Charles is a former President of AIA Northern Virginia, an AIA Fellow and Vice Chair on the Arlington County Historical Affairs and Landmarks Review Board.

William Richards
The American Institute of Architects

Bill is Director of External Publishing for the American Institute of Architects. Prior to joining AIA, he served as Editor-in-Chief of Inform and readinform.com, published by Virginia Society AIA. As a writer, his work has appeared in Architect, Architectural Record, Competitions Magazine, Landscape Architecture Magazine, and other publications. Bill holds a Ph.D. in art and architectural history from the University of Virginia and is a happy resident of the District of Columbia, which is pretty great if you happen to be an architectural historian.

We encourage you to join this distinguished list of participants as we begin our second decade. Make your commitment now by submitting the participation form on page 6. If you have questions, please contact our Canstruction chair, Lala Matties, AIA at slmatties@gmail.com.

CAN you pledge to help those in need?

Canstruction® is a national community service project of the design and construction industry under the auspices of the Society for Design Administration. For additional information on the competition, visit the Canstruction® website at www.canstruction.org.
Scholarships cont. continued from page 1

All recipients are enrolled at Virginia Tech’s Washington Alexandria Architecture Center (WAAC).

Organized by the chapter’s Schools Connections Committee (SCC), the scholarship program is available to rising 4th year and higher students who are enrolled in an accredited architecture program in Virginia or who live within the Chapter boundaries and attend an accredited architecture program elsewhere in the country.

Interested students were asked to submit a smartphone case design that graphically depicts their design work.

The submissions were reviewed anonymously by a jury comprised of:

Marcia F. Feuerstein, AIA, Ph.D., Associate Professor at WAAC
Brian J. Frickie, AIA, Principal at Kerns Group Architects
Morgan Danner, Associate AIA, Kerns Group Architects
David Prevette, AIA, Grimm + Parker Architects, Schools Connections Committee Chair
D. Matthew Alexander, AIA, Kerns Group Architects, Coordinator of our Scholarship Program

This is the 11th year of this highly rewarding program and we encourage interested students to apply for the 2015 program. Information will be available on our website next spring.

First Place - Maria Milagros Sanchez Azcona
Second Place - Heba H. Bella
Third Place - Milagros Sifon

Scholarship Winners: (l-r) Maria Milagros Sanchez Azcona (1st Place), Milagros Sifon (3rd Place) and Heba H. Bella (2nd Place)

Jury: (l-r) Marcia F. Feuerstein, AIA; D. Matthew Alexander, AIA; Morgan Danner, Associate AIA; Ella Prevette (helper), David Prevette, AIA; and Brian J. Frickie, AIA
Architecture in the Schools Exhibit

May 21, 6:00-8:30p

At Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., Arlington 22203.

Architecture in the Schools (AIS) is an award-winning curriculum enrichment program where volunteers work in classrooms with students and teachers to study various aspects of architecture, design and community while completing a compelling class design project. This exhibit will showcase the student projects completed during the spring 2014 semester.

Please join us in celebrating their achievements.

Our spring 2014 schools:

• Hoffman Boston ES, Arlington
• Kings Glen ES, Springfield
• McKinley ES, Arlington
• Rolling Valley ES, Springfield
• Twain MS, Alexandria
• Washington-Lee HS, Arlington
• Washington Mill ES, Alexandria

All are welcome to attend the exhibit opening. Reservations are not necessary.

Special thanks to Jean O’Toole, AIA, our Chapter’s AIS Chair, and Mary Kay Lanzillotto, FAIA and Beth Judy, with the Washington Architectural Foundation, for organizing our AIS program. Architecture in the Schools matches design professionals with classroom teachers to enrich the learning experience of students. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Chapter at aianova@aianova.org.

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Thank you to everyone who made Architecture Week 2014 a great success.

The week started with our always popular Walking Tour of Old Town. Thank you to our very knowledgeable tour guides:
- Richard Bierce, AIA
- John Burns, FAIA
- Al Cox, FAIA
- Bill Cromley
- Marlan Ky
- Baird Smith, FAIA
- Stephen Smith, AIA
- John von Senden, AIA

Running all week, our Women in Architecture Committee organized a clothing drive for Dress for Success. Over 240 articles of clothing and accessories were collected. Thank you to the WIA Committee and all the firms who volunteered to be drop-off locations:
- Dewberry
- EYP
- Geier Brown
- HDR
- HOK
- Jacobs
- Maginniss + del Ninno Architects
- SHW Group

David Prevette, AIA and the Schools Connections Committee and Chris Ard and WAAC’s AIAS organized an exhibit of our chapter’s 2013 design award winners at the Washington Alexandria Architecture Center. The highlight of the exhibit was a presentation on the Mission Training Complex at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, a 2013 Award of Excellence winner, by team members Stephen Wakeman, Associate AIA and Derrick Steltzer, Associate AIA, with Jacobs. Thank you to Jacobs for providing all the delicious refreshments for the evening.

Virginia’s Favorite Architecture Exhibit Continues Through October 19

At the end of 2013, the Virginia Center for Architecture (VCA) and Virginia Society AIA (VSAIA) conducted a public survey to determine Virginia’s favorite buildings. With nearly 30,000 votes, the public poll selected 100 structures identified as Virginia’s Favorite Architecture.

Now through October 19, the VCA is showcasing these 100 structures in an exhibit to celebrate VSAIA’s 100th Anniversary this year. Here are the top ten:

1. Sweet Briar House, Sweet Briar College – Joseph Crews
2. Monticello, Charlottesville – Thomas Jefferson
3. Burruss Hall, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg – Carneal, Johnston, and Wright, Architects and Engineers
4. LUMENHAUS, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg – Center for Design Research, VT School of Architecture + Design
5. The Academical Village, University of Virginia, Charlottesville – Thomas Jefferson
6. War Memorial Chapel and Pylons, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg – Harbeson, Hough, Livingston, & Larson
8. Moss Center for the Arts, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg – Snøhetta
9. Christ Church, Alexandria – Col. James Wren
10. Poplar Forest, Forest – Thomas Jefferson

Additional information on the poll and exhibit, as well as the complete list of 100 structures, can be found at [www.aiava.org/featured/virginias-favorite-architecture-announced/](http://www.aiava.org/featured/virginias-favorite-architecture-announced/).
Women in Architecture Lecture Series

by April Drake, AIA
Women in Architecture Committee

This March, the NOVA WIA Committee appropriately held their annual Lecture Series dedicated to the advancement and celebration of women in the industry. Each week 20+ men and women gathered to not only discuss a variety of topics, but to inspire and encourage one another.

This year’s topics all focused on ‘innovation’ with lectures discussing salaries, technology, sustainability and the career of DC’s own Chloethiel Woodard Smith, FAIA. Each subject led to a variety of discussions on how women continue to succeed in the profession.

Week 1: Innovations in Profit and Compensation:
It is a known fact that women are historically paid less than men for the same position. Our discussion on salaries, informed us that women also ask for raises 85% less often than men. While many of us are grateful to be working in this economy, we still want to be paid what we are worth! It’s been over 50 years since the Equal Pay Act was signed into law, but we are still fighting for wage/salary equality. To aid us in our battle, we received some great advice and negotiating tips from Career Coach, Alyssa Best. We hope the ladies will use it. We also jumped to the business side and ended the evening discussing the P3’s (public, private and partnership) contract and antitrust laws.

Week 2: Innovation in Technology
Through the use of technology, we were able to speak with women and men all over the country who are following their dream. They are using social media tools (LinkedIn, blogs, Facebook) to promote themselves, their passion and their businesses. For those of you just getting started, the first thing you should do is determine your goal for being online (free press, attracting business, getting your dream job, etc.). This will help you establish which media tools to use in order to reach your target audience. If you’re still having trouble, check out Enoch Sears’ website, “The Business of Architecture,” at www.businessofarchitecture.com. It’s a great site and there is also a link to his book, “Social Media for Architects.”

Week 3: Timeless Innovation – Chloethiel Woodard Smith
Chloethiel Woodard Smith, FAIA was considered the most influential Washington, DC modern architect and urban planner of her time. Smith owned one of the largest architecture firms in the area. She believed the term ‘woman’ demeaned her accomplishments and she made it a point NOT to distinguish herself as a woman architect. The panel discussion walked us through several facets of her professional and personal life. For those of you not familiar with her work, we challenge you to learn more about this great ‘architect’ and her contributions to the District. Smith’s career spanned 50+ years and by the late 1980’s, almost 30% of working architects in the area had come through her office.

Week 4: Innovation in the Architectural Workplace
This year’s series ended perfectly with a guided tour of Gensler’s new DC office. Janet Pogue, AIA and Katie Mesia, AIA, presented their successes and struggles in designing this state-of-the-art open concept work space. We had an awesome time exploring their office and seeing how their goals for a greener workplace have come to fruition. Afterward, many attendees stayed to network in the grand atrium. We enjoyed the space so much; it was hard to get us to leave!

The NOVA WIA Committee would like to thank everyone who attended this year. Whether you have your own firm or are just starting out as an intern, we hope the lecture series excited and motivated you. We also would like to express our gratitude to all the speakers; our sponsors, SmithGroupJJR and Gensler; our reception hosts Haworth, HOK and Shen Milsom & Wilke; and to our own Melissa Daniel for her hard work and dedication in organizing the series. For even more information, please visit the series website at http://dcwiaseries.wordpress.com/.

If you would like to be involved in the planning of next year’s series or any other WIA event, we invite you to join us at the next committee meeting. Please visit the AIA NOVA website for details.
Construction Tour of the New Jefferson Houston School of the Future
by Eliza Beth Engle AIA
Women in Architecture Committee

Great weather welcomed the tour group to the new Jefferson Houston School in Alexandria on Saturday, May 3rd. For a complete understanding of the project, a member of the client team, Mark Eisenhower, Principal-on-Assignment with Alexandria City Public Schools; a member of the Project Management Team, John Montemayor with Brailsford and Dunlavey; a member of the Design Team, Doug Dickerson with VMDO; and the Construction Superintendent, Steve Davis with Turner Construction were on hand to conduct the tour.

Participants were able to tour the entire building, except for the administrative offices, including a mocked-up classroom complete with polished concrete floors and light fixtures. The Extended Learning Areas (or ELAs) were of interest to the group given that this new model in distributed dining, designed to slow the lunch rush and instill a more leisurely approach to healthy eating, was a new concept to most. An innovative aspect of these spaces is that they are designed to be used two hours a day for eating and then four hours a day for academics, better utilizing valuable urban space.

VMDO successfully incorporated daylighting in 90% of the spaces and the cistern below the bus drop off area helps decrease the amount of storm water run-off into the storm sewer, which is a very important feature in Old Town Alexandria.

“The tour was fabulous!” wrote an attendee. Women in Architecture would like to thank all those who attended and especially Mark, John, Doug and Steve for taking time out of their Saturday morning to share this project with us.
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On the Boards

Courthouse Square
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Originally an automobile repair garage, the unassuming brick building across from the Loudoun County Courthouse on East Market Street, within the Old and Historic District, currently houses the Arcom Publishing Company and the Loudoun Times-Mirror. Arcom, seeking to increase the value of its property for the company and the town, has worked with the real estate team and the architect since 2007 to design a higher-density development that complements the district’s historic architecture, promotes walkability and enhances the vitality of downtown Leesburg. Offering Class A office and retail space - as well as a much-needed 340-car, five-story parking garage - in the core of one of the fastest-growing areas in the United States, the project is expected to be particularly attractive to larger tenants, who have been able to find adequate space only in suburban office parks until now.

Approximately 120,000 GSF, Courthouse Square will be the largest private development ever built in the historic district; in fact, the town’s Board of Architectural Review created review sessions specifically for this project to accomplish its timely evaluation. To accommodate this mixed-use structure, the height limit of the town’s historic district was raised from 45 to 65 feet. The building’s design accomplishes three objectives: it reflects the town character by using additive massing and complementary materials; provides a mid-block background building of appropriate density for a first-class office and mixed-use space; and harmonizes with the historic town green and courthouse complex across East Market Street. Recognizing the Times-Mirror building’s historic designation, DBI plans to restore its façade to the original design.
AIA Northern Virginia Visits Capitol Hill

by Raedun de Alba, Associate AIA
AIA Northern Virginia Director

As a part of the AIA National Grassroots conference March 19-21, AIA Northern Virginia board members Sean Reilly, AIA, Bill Brown, AIA and Raedun de Alba, Associate AIA visited the offices of congressmen from the 8th, 10th and 11th districts. The doors were open, the staff was welcoming and friendly, and better still, they were receptive to the agenda items that we came to discuss. We met with staff from Jim Moran’s office, Gerry Connolly’s office and were able to drop off materials at Frank Wolf’s office. This was a unique opportunity to approach elected officials and to be a part of an AIA national movement. We thoroughly enjoyed our experience on the Hill and we hope to find that congressmen continue to be receptive to issues facing our practice.

The agenda items that were the focus of AIA national efforts this year were:

1. Reinstate a tax incentive to encourage energy efficient design of commercial buildings. 179D Energy Efficient Commercial Building Tax Deduction expired at the end of 2013, the goal is to reinstate it.

2. Reform the federal design-build process to make the “short-list” shorter. The Design-Build Efficiency and Jobs Act (HR 2750) would amend the current law to shortlist no more than five teams. In recent history these lists have seen 10 or more firms.

3. Assist architecture graduates with student loan debt in return for design service assistance in communities. The National Design Services Act (HR 4205) helps young architects with loan debt and helps underserved communities get needed design expertise. There are precedents for loan aid for medical, legal and veterinary school graduates.
Catch the Super Saver rate of $295 when you register by June 15th!

Join us at the ninth annual DesignDC conference set for October 1-3, 2014. The first two days take place at the Washington Convention Center, with tours leaving from the District Architecture Center on October 3.

The theme of this year’s conference is Smart Synergy, engaging your peers and leading experts in a discourse on the power of effective cross-disciplinary collaboration. From tours of local projects to seminars on design innovation, this three-day conference will connect you to cutting-edge information, peer practitioners and the latest products and best practices.


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Pre-Convention Workshop on June 25 - When Change Means Going International

The International Practice Committee is hosting an all-day pre-convention workshop, *When Change Means Going International*. It is a great opportunity for members to learn about international practice or improve current global market initiatives while earning 7.5 LU’s. $350. Additional information is available at http://eventscribe.com/2014/AIA/TwitterPres.asp?Pres=49025. Registration is part of general convention registration. Select WE203: When Change Means Going International.

AIA Convention 2014 is also looking for volunteers, who can attend free of charge. So if you are interested, visit www.volunteerspot.com/login(entry/727108374055).

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With the premise that “our profession is transforming - and so are you,” the AIA has just launched the AIA Progress Report. More than just a report of what is happening at the AIA, this new feature is your guide to current AIA resources that will help you in your practice.

The site offers information organized in eight categories: Your New AIA, Advancing Architecture, Community Impact, Global Diversity, Issues in Action, Public Outreach, Member Value and Financials.

For example, the Advancing Architecture section includes links to the Foresight Report, which highlights key trends and their impact on business and growth in the architecture marketplace; the Sustainability Leadership Opportunity Scan, which identifies four priority areas where the AIA can most effectively strengthen the sustainable leadership of architects; and Deep Energy Retrofits, an architect’s guide to the Energy Retrofit Market.

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Explore the AIA Progress Report at http://progress.aia.org/.

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**Call for Entries: VSAIA 2014 Design Awards** – Organized by the Virginia Society, the Virginia Center for Architecture and Inform magazine, the Awards for Excellence in Architecture recognize outstanding design, both built and un-built. Entries are due June 27, submissions on July 25. Details can be found here: [www.aiava.org/honors/awards-for-excellence](http://www.aiava.org/honors/awards-for-excellence).

**Office Space Available in the Chapter House** – We are partnering with Virginia Tech to develop incubator space for architecture firms in the Chapter House in Alexandria. Tenants enjoy a great location in the heart of Old Town, a dedicated parking space, collaboration space, shared equipment, access to university facilities and limited use of the chapter’s conference room. For information and showing, email Henry Hollander, Coordinator for Outreach & Alumni Relations at WAAC, at hrh@vt.edu.


**National Design Services Act** – The AIA and the AIAS announce the introduction of the National Design Services Act (NDSA), which will give architecture students the same relief from crushing student loan debt, which is already granted young lawyers, doctors and others in return for community service. Please contact your congressman to support this bipartisan legislation, H.R. 4205. Information is available at [www.aia.org/press/releases/AIAB102011](http://www.aia.org/press/releases/AIAB102011).

In April, the AIA introduced a new economic indicator to supplement the trend information provided by the ABI. AIA Chief Economist, Kermit Baker, spotlighted the new economic indicators in an AIA economic research white paper, [Designing the Construction Future](http://www.aia.org/aiaucmp/groups/aiadocs/documents/pdf/aiab102055.pdf), available at [www.aiava.org/aiaucmp/groups/aiadocs/documents/pdf/aiab102055.pdf](http://www.aiava.org/aiaucmp/groups/aiadocs/documents/pdf/aiab102055.pdf).

The AIA is expanding their [New Graduate Incentive Program](http://www.aia.org/press/releases/AIAB102011), which offers free AIA membership to recent graduates. Beginning May 1, 2014, the program is available to both NAAB accredited degree holders and non-NAAB degree holders and IDP participants. Information is available at [www.aia.org/join](http://www.aia.org/join).

**Contract Documents Training** – AIA offers an informational webinar that highlights the new features of its online contract documents service ACD5 - including search functions, a personal clause library, custom templates, easy contract collaboration and administrative capabilities for multiple-user accounts. Upcoming sessions are offered on May 19, June 9 and June 23. Information and registration is available at [www.aia.org/contractdocs/index.htm](http://www.aia.org/contractdocs/index.htm).

**Robert M. Gurney, FAIA** was featured in an article titled, *Homing Instinct*, written by Nalina Moses, AIA, and published in the April 11, 2014 issue of *AIArchitect*. The article features nine accomplished residential architects who were asked to pick a house - any house - that has left the greatest impression on them as designers. Bob selected the Farnsworth House by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe in Plano, Illinois because of its serene and calming environment and free flowing, open spaces and with uninterrupted walls of glass.

**DBI Architects** was recognized with an IIDA Silver Award in Commercial 20,000-100,000 sf for GetWellNetwork. The firm is also pleased to announce the promotion of [Anne Regan](http://www.aiava.org/honors/awards-for-excellence) to Senior Project Manager.

**Architecture Incorporated** was honored with the 2014 International Interior Design Association Bronze Award for Retail for the Mellow Mushroom Restaurant in Herndon.

**Hickok Cole Architects** is pleased to announce three projects received IIDA Mid-Atlantic Premiere Awards: NPR was honored with a Silver Award - Educational/ Institutional; Allsteel was recognized with a Gold Award - Commercial Under 20,000 sf; and Pfizer received a Gold Award - Commercial Under 20,000 sf. Also, the firm has launched a full-service ad agency called Hickok Cole Creative with Sarah Barr as Creative Director and Paul Bescher as Creative Strategist.

**Huelat Parimucha** is pleased to announce that the firm now practices as Huelat Davis with support from [Davis Partnership Architects](http://www.aiava.org/honors/awards-for-excellence). Founded in 1991, Huelat Parimucha has been at the vanguard of the patient-centered movement and a certified Planetree™ firm, internationally recognized for the design of healing environments. The combined firm has offices in Alexandria, VA and Colorado.

**Bowie Gridley Architects** is pleased to announce the following promotions: Dennis Findley, AIA, Associate has been named a Project Manager. Dennis received his Bachelor of Architecture from Auburn University, and his Master of Architecture degree from Harvard University. Stuart Billings, AIA, has been named a Principal of the firm. Stuart earned his Master of Architecture degree from Rice University, and his Bachelor of Arts from Brown University.

**GPI Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.** is pleased to announce the addition of Chuck Potter, CPD, GPD and Moustapha Diack, PE, LEED® AP BD+C to their staff. Chuck, a Senior Plumbing Engineer, received a degree in Technical/Professional Studies from Chesapeake College and a degree in Management of Construction from Montgomery College. Moustapha, a Senior Electrical Engineer, received both his BS and MS in Electrical Engineering from University of Paul Sabatier Toulouse III and a MS in Engineering Management and Electrical Power from The George Washington University.
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May 21 | 6:00p | Arlington

**Women in Architecture Happy Hour**  
May 22 | 6:00p | Alexandria

**Women in Architecture Committee Meeting**  
June 2 | 6:00p | Arlington

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

**Firm Tour – HGA Architects and Engineers**  
June 9 | 6:00p | Alexandria

**Women in Architecture Book Club**  
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**AIA Northern Virginia Design Awards Celebration**  
June 12 | 6:00p | Arlington

**Women in Architecture Happy Hour**  
June 18 | 5:00p | Arlington

**Young Architects Forum Happy Hour**  
June 25 | 6:00p | Arlington

**Design with a Purpose – AIA Convention 2014**  
June 26-28 | Chicago

**AIA Northern Virginia Board Meeting**  
July 14 | 4:30p | Alexandria

**2012 IBC Mixed Occupancies**  
July 18 | 8:15a | Fairfax

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