Tis the Season to Give

Thank you to everyone who donated to Dress for Success and Toys for Tots through AIA Northern Virginia!

Our Women in Architecture Committee collected clothes for the Hampton Roads Dress for Success Affiliate and the chapter partnered with AIA headquarters as a drop-off location for Toys for Tots. Your donations are greatly appreciated!!!

Honor Awards Presented at Annual Meeting

The highlight of the event was the presentation of our Chapter Honor Awards and ELA Candidate:

John A. Burns, FAIA – Award of Honor
Alan L. Hansen, FAIA – Outstanding Achievement
Meagan W. Jancy, AIA – Distinguished Leadership
Fairfax County Exceptional Design Awards – AIA Northern Virginia Chapter Award
Debbie Burns, Hon AIA – Service to the Chapter
Chamberlain Construction and Federal Masonry Restoration – Craftsmanship Award
Katy Atwater, AIA – Chapter Nominee for the Emerging Leaders in Architecture

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2017 Chapter Board Elected at Annual Meeting

Members and guests filled the Cedar Knoll Inn in Alexandria on October 18 to celebrate our 41st Annual Chapter Meeting. After everyone enjoyed a gourmet dinner with stunning views of the Potomac River, members voted for our 2017 chapter leaders and presented our Honor Awards.

Best wishes to our 2017 Chapter President, Karen M. Conkey, AIA and thank you to outgoing President, Meagan W. Jancy, AIA, for her strong leadership throughout 2016.

Congratulations to our 2017 elected leaders:

Executive Committee
President – Karen M. Conkey, AIA
President Elect/1st VP – Theresa P. del Ninno, AIA
Treasurer – T.J. Meehan, AIA
Secretary – Joseph B. McCoy, AIA
Past President – Meagan W. Jancy, AIA
President’s Letter

Moving Forward

by Meagan W. Jancy, AIA
AIA Northern Virginia President

As my term of president is coming to an end, I’d like to reflect upon where we have been this year and what the future may hold. We have started some strategic thinking this past year to help us focus our mission, strengthen our vision and make what we do clearer to both our members and the public. What prevails as a necessity is simply sharing our ideas and sharing our talents.

Architecture, as a creative field, has a long tradition of holding our intellectual property close. As we move towards a more collaborative work environment, crossing many disciplines, it is the sharing of ideas that makes our work more relevant, more powerful. When we share our ideas with the public, we involve people from our community in a conversation about design and design thinking. I am often quite surprised at how much ‘non-architects’ have to say about design.

What are the benefits of sharing ideas? New and better things can come out of these discussions, connecting ideas in new ways. We connect. We listen, we think. Listening is easier said than done yet I am frequently reminded that it is often the most critical. Building diversity fosters innovation. It is the coming together of minds with different backgrounds and different angles, uncovering the layers of each idea that makes them stronger.

Sharing our talents is of equal importance. It is how we demonstrate to the world what our profession is all about. This year, we moved the chapter house. And, as we have settled into our new location, we look forward to creating more thought-provoking forums and opportunities to host design exhibitions. Our visibility is vastly improved and we have a much greater presence on the street. Stop by the chapter house to see all that we have done and take some time to share your talents with the chapter.

I know that my time as president is just a small piece of something much bigger. I challenge those who follow, just as those who came before me did, to continue moving forward in the months and years to come. Together we can do great things.
What's New at AIAU?

Pro Series: Leveraging Successful Business Strategies – 2 LUs
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Unpacking the World’s Greenest Lab: Performance vs. Predictions – 1 HSW LU
Learn how to narrow the gap between building design and actual performance.
  https://aiau.aia.org/courses/unpacking-world%E2%80%99s-greenest-lab-performance-vs-predictions

Why is Accessibility So Hard? – 1 HSW LU
Cut through the confusion; create an action plan for efficiently achieving accessibility.
  https://aiau.aia.org/courses/why-accessibility-so-hard

The New East River: Transformative Waterfront Design – 1 HSW LU
  https://aiau.aia.org/courses/new-east-river-transformative-waterfront-design

Building Enclosure Fundamentals and New Technologies – 1 HSW LU
Explore proper building enclosure and emerging programs and technologies.
  https://aiau.aia.org/courses/building-enclosure-fundamentals-and-new-technologies

Optimizing Circadian Stimulation in the Workplace – 1 HSW LU
Illuminate your knowledge of the health benefits of using light in design.
  https://aiau.aia.org/courses/optimizing-circadian-stimulation-workplace

Fabulous Pre-fab: Applying Modular Construction to Multifamily Residential Projects – 1 HSW LU
Discover the benefits and design possibilities that modular buildings offer.
  https://aiau.aia.org/courses/fabulous-pre-fab-applying-modular-construction-multifamily-residential-projects

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Learn to move projects towards regenerative designs that operate within the carrying capacity of sites.
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The NEW Collaboration Between Residential Architects and Custom Home Builders – 1 LU
Establish a symbiotic relationship and avoid common pitfalls of custom design-build, while distinguishing your brand to reach a broader client market.

A Letter to Members

On November 21 the chapter sent a letter to our members as part of the conversation generated by the election, the AIA’s post-election message and the apology that followed. The chapter’s Board of Directors sent the letter to reaffirm that our chapter is here to support you and the long-standing values of the profession. The letter is also a call for members to be engaged with the chapter so we can work together to have a positive impact on our communities. You can read the letter here:
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Thank you for the service of our out-going board members:
Al Cox, FAIA
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Honor Awards (Cont.)
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2016 Award Recipients
(with excerpts from presenter’s remarks)

Award of Honor to John A. Burns, FAIA
Presented by: Al Cox, FAIA

John is a Citizen Architect and a dedicated volunteer for the chapter. He is also a recognized expert in documenting and photographing historic buildings, particularly early Modernist architecture, and is a noted lecturer and author, writing about topics from the Bauhaus to the Architecture of Early McDonald’s …. and, yes, he has visited both the Bauhaus and the original McDonalds in Des Plaines, Illinois.

An architect with the National Park Service, John is the Chief Appeals Officer for the Federal Historic Preservation Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit Program, encouraging private investment in the rehabilitation of historic buildings nationwide. He also served as Chief and principal architect of the Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record and Historic American Landscapes Survey. Responsible for developing new technologies in architectural and engineering documentation, John is the Editor-in-Chief of the book *Recording Historic Structures* and worked on the documentation of many important buildings like Independence Hall and the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and aided in the emergency recording of damaged historic structures in California following Loma Prieta Earthquake.

A rare Fellow of both the AIA and the Association for Preservation Technology, John has lectured at schools from MIT to the local WAAC and locations from the National Building Museum to the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments in England, speaking on subjects ranging from Digital Technologies for Documenting Historic Structures, to Preserving Modern Buildings, and Modernism in the Hollin Hills neighborhood where he lives with our own Debbie Burns, Hon. AIA.

However, even without Debbie’s considerable influence, I am quite sure John would still be active in the chapter. I know from personal experience that he is quite good at hanging design award panels in the chapter office on a Saturday morning. Beyond that, he believes strongly in training the next generation of architects and has participated in our 360 Mentoring program every year since it was started. John is currently the chair of our chapter’s Historic Resources Committee and has been a regular tour guide for almost 20 years on our famous Architecture Week walking tour through Old Town Alexandria. He is currently a Director on the AIA Virginia Board, a member and former chair of the Fairfax County Architectural Review Board, on the DOCOMOMO/DC Board of Directors and a member of the Civic Association of Hollin Hills Design Review Committee.

Outstanding Achievement Award to Alan L. Hansen, FAIA
Presented by: Al Cox, FAIA

Mentored in his early professional years at Kerns Group Architects, Al grew to value volunteer service to the AIA and served as President of the Northern Virginia Chapter in 1995. When he left Washington, DC in 1987 and opened his own practice in rural, but rapidly growing, Loudoun County, he noted that Loudoun did not formally recognize design excellence. After Al shared his vision with County Administrator Kirby Bowers, the county eagerly agreed to facilitate such a program and since 2003 Al has served as chair of Loudoun County’s Design Cabinet. Al’s current firm, DBI Architects, Inc., where he serves as Director of Architecture, is similarly supportive.
To recognize exceptional architectural design throughout the county, the Cabinet created the highly visible, community-centric annual competition known as Signatures of Loudoun. In addition to the Cabinet’s selection and recognition of the winners, high school students also enthusiastically participate by commenting on the entries and selecting the recipient of a Students’ Choice Award. While winning entries are published in local media, they are also prominently displayed in libraries, government offices and retail centers to raise public awareness.

Although initially created with the primary intention of fostering a design excellence competition, the Cabinet had convened only once when the George C. Marshall Foundation at Dodona Manor asked for design guidance, thereby underscoring the county’s need for a design charrette process. While a typical design charrette can last 3-4 days, Al shortened the collaboration to 3-4 hours to accommodate the time constraints presented by an all-volunteer Cabinet. The new format was successful and dozens of design charrettes have now been completed countywide.

The Cabinet is now the Loudoun County design resource that promotes high-quality, environmentally sustainable and culturally respectful architectural and landscape design in one of the fastest growing communities in the nation. Cabinet members include planners, architects, landscape architects and engineers who, in volunteer collaboration, resolve community design challenges that arise when an agrarian county steeped in historical significance faces sweeping cultural and economic change.

The Cabinet provides expertise on issues that range from the renovation of a bucolic general store, to the analysis of a major university’s plan for a satellite campus, to review of the Zoning Ordinance. In addition to benefiting the citizens of Loudoun County, the Cabinet has been recognized as a model of service and a prototype for municipalities throughout the country.

In recognition of his work with the Design Cabinet, Al was honored with the PlanVirginia Citizen’s Award for 2010 by Loudoun County’s Department of Economic Development. He was also elected to the AIA College of Fellows in 2013, in part, for his work with the Cabinet. As a Citizen Architect, Al encourages every architect in a community without a design recognition mechanism to create one, thereby embracing the AIA’s national initiative to promote design excellence through collaboration with community decision makers.

In Al’s own words: “Architects working with their communities – This is probably the most satisfying community outreach experience I have had in my career. Nothing beats solving real problems for real people, right in front of them, and seeing their satisfaction.”

Meagan received this award in recognition of her intelligent, thoughtful and insightful leadership on the board, serving for many years in a number of different positions. I have truly enjoyed serving on the board with Meagan for the past five years. Meagan has a wonderful ability to bring big-picture clarity to complex issues and build consensus among the board members.

As President, Meagan led the board to consensus on signing the Big Sibs Sustainability Agreement, led our state-wide Member Services conversations helping us reach consensus with AIA Virginia and other local chapters and is leading the effort to develop a new strategic plan for the chapter. Meagan has been an advocate of the chapter’s Canstruction event for years. Last year her firm’s entry was awarded the “Juror’s Favorite” in the International Canstruction competition. Meagan was instrumental in arranging the chapter’s move into new space, our first move in 28 years. At Grassroots, National Convention and National Big Sibs conferences, Meagan consistently represented the chapter to the outside world with her own high level of personal and professional standards.

Meagan is an exceptional leader, always figuring out what needs to be done and then doing it. Along with all of her AIA activities, Meagan pursues her passion for excellence in architecture as an Associate Principal with MTFA Architecture. We greatly appreciate Meagan’s dedication to and leadership of the chapter over a long period of time. Heading toward the end of her tenure next month, the chapter is stronger for Meagan’s leadership and in excellent position heading into 2017.
AIA Northern Virginia Chapter Award to the Fairfax County Exceptional Design Awards
Presented by: Manoj V. Dalaya, AIA

This community design awards program, created in 1984, is sponsored by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and is administered by the Department of Planning and Zoning in cooperation with the County Architectural Review Board. County staff have worked closely with our chapter to coordinate our awards program with theirs, making it seamless for our members to participate in both awards programs.

Over the past 32 years, 225 projects have been recognized with awards. The program has raised public awareness of the role of architects in shaping our communities and furthered the idea that design excellence leads to exceptional communities.

Accepting the award on behalf of the county are Marsha Collins, Program Coordinator, Linda Blank and Mary Ann Welton.

Service to the Chapter Award to Debbie Burns, Hon AIA
Presented by: Sean E. Reilly, AIA

Debbie joined the chapter as Executive Director in 1999. Her first event was the Annual Meeting held at the Season’s Restaurant in Fairfax. She had been working at the chapter for two whole days. Former Executive Director, Ellen Cantor, graciously introduced Debbie to the room full of architects. That was the first and last time she felt like a stranger at a chapter event.

Two months later, it was time for another party. President-elect Dan Feil arranged to host our Holiday and Honors Party at the new National Airport Terminal designed by Cesar Pelli. Dan could do this because, at the time, he was an architect with WMATA overseeing the design and construction of the airport. Dan and Debbie had purchased all the alcohol for the party and were delivering it to the airport. Debbie was totally shocked when Dan drove them right onto the runway to access a back entrance. Debbie recalls, “That was fun!”

Now, seventeen years later, under Debbie’s dedication, vision and desire to serve, AIA Northern Virginia is thriving. The chapter has grown to become a “Big Sib,” one of just 18 chapters nationally, out of 266 chapters, to have over a 1000 members. The chapter has been consistently solvent financially and maintains a full calendar of programs, educational opportunities, resources and social events for members. Debbie brings tremendous passion, energy and intelligence to each day. Never seeking recognition for herself, Debbie is deeply motivated to make the chapter relevant and valuable to its individual members through her servant style of leadership. Debbie has created a culture that empowers board members and committee chairs to seek excellence in chapter programs and become good leaders.

It is worth noting a few recent accomplishments. Under Debbie’s leadership the chapter’s ARE Prep Series received the national AIA CACE ARE Excellence Award. The chapter’s Women in Architecture Committee was selected to host the 2017 AIA Women’s Leadership Summit. Our Construction Competition has grown to become the chapter’s most significant outreach program, annually donating thousands of cans of food to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. This year will be the fourth year Debbie arranged for this annual event to be held at Reagan National Airport, where the structures will be viewed by over 480,000 people. Debbie was instrumental in putting the chapter in position to receive the maximum three years of accreditation under the AIA’s new Member Services Plan. On top of everything else, Debbie implemented the successful relocation of the Chapter House this spring, from negotiating the lease to serving as the construction manager for the build-out of the space.

Debbie and her small, but excellent, hard-working staff accomplish an amazing amount of good for the chapter and its members. Debbie’s unwavering dedication to chapter members sets the bar uncommonly high, challenging each of us on the board to seek the best, but always demanding the most of herself. Her thoughtful, collegial leadership style creates a collaborative environment for board members and committee chairs to lead the chapter, implement programs and share knowledge. Debbie instills a sense of love in all that she does for the chapter, making it of ever increasing value to each individual member.
Craftsmanship Award to Chamberlain Construction and Federal Masonry Restoration
Presented by: Sean E. Reilly, AIA

Chamberlain and Federal Masonry Restoration were each honored with the Craftsmanship Award for their outstanding work at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church on Pitt Street in Old Town Alexandria. St. Paul’s Parish treasures their beloved church, designed by Benjamin Latrobe and built in 1812. This project is a component of the parish’s Third Century Campaign.

The scope of the project addresses failing stucco and flashings on the historic church’s façades, interior plaster and renovation of the entry plaza, which had last been renovated in the early 1990’s. Chamberlain successfully completed two previous renovation projects at St. Paul’s over the last ten years. They brought a high level of craft, skill and professionalism to each of those projects. For this project Chamberlain again served as the general contractor and helped secure the services of Federal Masonry Restoration, which was the key subcontractor on the project.

Federal Masonry Restoration and their team proved to be expert craftsmen in repairing and restoring the historic façades. The church was required to be kept open every Sunday, as well as for weddings and funerals. The project schedule was challenging, it had to be completed within a three month window when the Day School was not in session. This was an excellent effort by Chamberlain and Federal Masonry Restoration to help execute the parish’s vision through drawings and honor Latrobe’s original design intent in the color, scoring, texture and details of the restoration.

Chapter Nominee for the Emerging Leaders in Architecture to Katy Atwater, AIA
Presented by: Meagan W. Jancy, AIA

The Emerging Leaders in Architecture program is an Honors Academy of AIA Virginia designed to develop future leaders in architecture firms, in communities and in the profession through a rigorous one year program. One of the 16 highly competitive seats is reserved for our chapter’s nominee.

Congratulations to all!

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Architecture Lab Upcoming Events

January 6 – Architecture in the Schools Exhibit
6:00-7:30p at WAAC, 1001 Prince Street, Alexandria
The exhibit will showcase student projects from the fall 2016 semester.

January 19 – Architecture Lab Committee Meeting
6:30-8:00p at the Chapter House, 1101 Duke Street, Alexandria 22314.

January 28 – Architecture in the Schools Introductory Meeting
For information on these events or to volunteer to help in local schools, please contact Committee Chair, Elma Willcoxon, Assoc. AIA
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The official launch of ARE 5.0 in November kicked off a new era of testing for the Architect Registration Examination. Based on feedback gathered from our members through a survey and a transition information session with NCARB, we learned that most of our members plan to complete their testing under the transition grace period of ARE 4.0. Others are preparing to take advantage of NCARB’s transition plan to combine ARE 4.0 with ARE 5.0 in order to only take five tests.

While the format and division organization of ARE 5.0 are quite different, much of the content overlaps with 4.0. Our 2017 ARE Prep Series will provide inclusive learning and applicable resources for ARE candidates regardless of the test version they intend to complete.

This year, we reorganized the course outline so that overlapping content is consistent with the legacy ARE 4.0 divisions, but the graphic vignette content specific to 4.0 is now condensed into a single-day session. Practice Management content new to 5.0 is presented in a separate course. We also added a general study session to provide an open coaching and review forum for those looking for additional personal guidance. And once again, we will offer supplemental courses to provide an overview of topics found throughout all exams. Participants will be able to choose the sessions that are relevant to their ARE strategy without having to attend unnecessary courses. Whatever your plan -- 4.0, 5.0, or both -- the 2017 ARE Prep series will offer the resources to help you succeed.

AIA continuing education credits are available for all sessions. Most sessions take place at AECOM in Arlington, except the three-day sessions for Structural Systems, which takes place at Jacobs in Arlington. We are again partnering with the AIA Blue Ridge Chapter to offer our Wednesday and Saturday sessions remotely at the AECOM office in Roanoke and the 4/22 Vignettes session will be broadcast from Roanoke.

Please note that this schedule is subject to change.
Additional information and registration will be available shortly on our Chapter website.

**2017 ARE Schedule**

- **ARE Roundtable, Wednesday 1/11, 6:30-8:00p**
- **Supplemental Courses:**
  - Wednesday 1/18 – Historic Preservation, 6:30-8:00p
  - Wednesday 1/25 – Green Building, 6:30-8:00p
  - Wednesday 2/01 – Accessibility, 6:30-8:00p
  - Wednesday 2/08 – Architectural History 1, 6:30-8:30p
  - Wednesday 2/22 – Architectural History 2, 6:30-8:30p
  - Wednesday 3/01 – Acoustics, 6:30-8:00p
  - Wednesday 3/08 – General Study Session, 6:30-8:00p
- **ARE Exam Series:**
  - Saturday 1/21 – 4.0 Vignettes, 10:00a-3:00p (SD, SPD, PPP, CD, BDACS) – from Arlington
  - Saturday 1/28 – CD - Documents, 10:00a-2:00p
  - Saturday 2/04 – CD - Legal, 10:00a-3:00p
  - Saturday 2/11 – PPP, 10:00a-2:00p
  - Saturday 2/25 – SPD, 10:00a-2:00p
  - Saturday 3/11 – BDACS, 10:00a-4:00p
  - Saturday 3/18 – Practice Management (5.0 Material)
  - Friday-Sunday 3/31-4/02 – Structural Systems with David Thaddeus, AIA
  - Saturday 4/22 – 4.0 Vignettes, 10:00a-3:00p (SD, SPD, PPP, CD, BDACS) – from Roanoke
  - Building Systems – TBD
- **Wednesday 4/19 – Life After the Exams: Licensing and Professional Development, 6:30-8:30p**
- **Date TBD – Celebration of our Newly Licensed**

**Sections of Dr. Mehdi Setareh's Book is Available for Free Download**

Dr. Mehdi Setareh, a professor of Architecture at the Virginia Tech School of Architecture and Design, has placed several sections of his “Structural Systems: Architect Registration Exam 4.0” book and video recordings of his lectures online and available for free download. The materials are available at:


**Refresher Classes Provide CE Credits**

On January 18, AIA Northern Virginia will begin a series of 6 refresher classes, on multiple topics, held on Wednesday nights.

1/18 – Historic Preservation, 6:30-8:00p, 1.5 HSW LU
1/25 – Green Building, 6:30-8:00p, 1.5 HSW LU
2/01 – Accessibility, 6:30-8:00p, 1.5 HSW LU
2/08 – Architectural History Part 1, 6:30-8:30p, 2 HSW LU
2/22 – Architectural History Part 2, 6:30-8:30p, 2 HSW LU
3/01 – Acoustics, 6:30-8:00p, 1.5 HSW LU

These classes, organized by the Young Architects Forum as a supplemental part of the ARE Exam Series, are open to the general membership as well as non-members. Registration will be available shortly on our Chapter website.
Thanks for a Great Series!

We would like to thank our 2016 ARE instructors, venue hosts and volunteers. Your support makes this series possible! We also offer a special thank you to Anna Barbour, AIA, for organizing the entire ARE Prep Series!

If you would like to volunteer as an instructor or seminar helper, please contact the Chapter at aianova@aianova.org

Instructors:
Anna Barbour, AIA – ARE Roundtable, NCARB Software, CD: Documents + Vignette
John A. Burns, FAIA – Historic Preservation
Brian Champa, AIA – Schematic Design
David Chan, AIA – Accessibility
Harry Falconer, AIA – ARE Roundtable
Peter Feibelman, RA – Green Building
Braden Field, AIA – Construction Documents: Legal Vignette
Matthew Friesz, AIA – Life After the Exams
Tonia Harrison, DPOR – Life After the Exams
David Metzger, FAIA – Building Design + Construction Systems
Alison R. Mullins, Esq. – Construction Documents: Legal
John Nolan, AIA – Programming Planning and Practice Vignette
Gunn Prag, RA – Site Planning and Design + Vignette
Nicholas Respecki, AIA – ARE Roundtable
William M. Stevens, AIA – Architectural History 1+2
David Thaddeus, AIA – Structural Systems + Vignette
Julie Williams – Acoustics
Chris Winnike, AIA – Building Design + Construction Systems
Jason Wright, AIA – Programming Planning and Practice

Venue Hosts:
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Thanks for a successful series and we’ll see you back in 2017!
Canstruction Award Winners Revealed!

19,692 pounds of food and $36,503.99 in funds were donated to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) just before Thanksgiving!

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We applaud your generosity, creativity and hard work!!!

The day after our build-out, the structures were judged by our esteemed jury and the winning entries will move on to the International Canstruction Competition. Thank you to the jury for their thoughtful deliberations:

Karen Conkey, AIA – 2017 AIA Northern Virginia Chapter President and Principal at Conkey | architects
Bob Curtin – Office of the Airport Manager, Reagan National Airport
Scott Fleming, AIA – Principal at Rust | Orling Architecture
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- Leah Bogdan Lewis, with MTFA Architecture, for Graphic Design
- Jim Boswell and John Burns, FAIA for donating their photography services
- Our build-out volunteers: Damarie Velazquez with Modern Door & Equipment Sales, Jim Boswell, Tom Boswell, John Boswell, Dawn Mancini, Dominic Mancini and John Burns.
- All chapter members who voted for the People’s Choice Award.
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- Our Canstruction Committee chairs Lisa Lettieri, AIA & Jay Scruggs, AIA
- And Special Thanks to our Canstruction partners – Koube Ngaaje, Joy Myers and staff and volunteers at the Arlington Food Assistance Center

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Little – Honorable Mention
Lend a Hand... Give a Can!
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Be a Lifesaver, Help End Hunger
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AIA Northern Virginia at the Torpedo Factory

by Joseph B. McCoy, AIA
Chair, Architecture Week

The Torpedo Factory Art Center (TFAC), in Alexandria, began a new program offering this spring called The New Project Studio. Housed in a ground floor room on the main hall, the studio offers a short-term space to test new program ideas, spotlight underrepresented voices and enhance community engagement.

Projects are featured for a one month period and will rotate on a regular basis. Specific stated goals for featured programs are to:

• Support new creative collaborations with neighboring organizations and partners
• Strengthen the connection between our resident artists and the greater creative community
• Provide opportunities for new audiences to engage with our building and artists
• Inspire the next generation of artists, innovators, arts supporters, and diverse voices

Building on the success of Architecture Week activities earlier this year, the TFAC reached out to AIA Northern Virginia with an invitation to highlight architecture and design in The New Project Studio. To increase the collaborative effort, our chapter engaged the Washington Alexandria Architecture Center (WAAC) students and faculty to develop exhibit materials and special activities that would occur through the month. The resulting plan was to exhibit in-progress student work, showcase the design and education process by holding mid-term critiques in the studio and engage children and families through architecture and design-related activities.

The exhibit materials changed every few days based on the student work being presented and were roughly organized by the disciplines of Landscape Architecture, Architecture, Urban Design and Design-build. Activities for children and families were organized for the special TFAC-wide events, Art Safari and Second Thursday, and also offered on weekends. Drawing activities allowing people to design a chair or re-image the Torpedo Factory façade were offered next to a “Scrap City,” where people constructed their own unique structures from scrap materials and then set them in a city grid depiction of the Alexandria waterfront.

The exhibit closed with a special screening of short films produced by WAAC students along with the documentary “Archiculture.”

Hiring or Looking for a Job?
The AIA Northern Virginia’s Online Job Board can help.

Chapter members can easily post job opportunities free of charge. And those looking for a job should regularly check the postings. Just visit the job board to get started:

www.aianova.org/jobs.php

The Chapter also maintains a digital resume library. If you wish to include your resume, please send a PDF to aianova@aianova.org

If you are hiring and would like to request the resumes we have in our library, just let us know at nd we’ll email you the resumes we have for the level of experience you need.

Another source for both employers and job-seekers is the National AIA Career Center:
careercenter.aia.org
AIA Women in Architecture Spa Night

For the fourth year, in recognition of breast cancer awareness month, Women in Architecture and Circe of Alexandria hosted the annual Charity Spa Night on October 24th. The evening was spent networking and indulging in the many mini spa treatments scattered throughout the salon. Circe of Alexandria opened both floors of the salon and donated the services for the evening. Approximately $1,500 was raised to benefit the National Breast Center. The Center’s goal is to increase survivorship within our region. The organization offers survivorship programs, physician programs and an Early Detection Alliance.

In Studio with HGA Architects and Engineers

Women in Architecture hosted an In Studio with d’Andre Willis, AIA on September 14. d’Andre, a principal in HGA’s Mid-Atlantic office in Alexandria, focuses on projects for the arts, higher education and community and brings a unique perspective to work in this region.

It was an excellent presentation, with approximately 20 people attending, including a few engineers from HGA. d’Andre explained some of her career path, from being an architect in Chicago to a principal in Washington, DC, and showed some of her higher education projects.

The catered food and drink were wonderful and plentiful. There was a good question and answer period after her presentation, and d’Andre stayed around to talk with folks and answer more specific questions.

Thank you d’Andre and HGA. It was a great event!

Referral List System on www.aianova.org

In the interest of keeping our referral lists as current as possible, we have moved from downloadable PDFs to a sortable web-based interface. This allows us to make changes much more quickly and has the added benefit of allowing users to link directly to firms’ websites from aianova.org. You can visit the database of firms here: http://aianova.org/referral.php

The firm data and practice area selections were taken from responses to the latest directory survey. If you didn’t fill one out, or would like to update your information, please send an email to: referrals@aianova.org.

Our listings can contain the following fields for each firm: Firm Name, Address, Website, Contact Name, Contact Email, Phone Number, Number of Personnel and up to five practice areas. If you feel your listing is incomplete, just send us an email with your updates, and we will post them as soon as possible.
On the Boards

Brambleton Office Building and Library
HGA Architects and Engineers
Brambleton, Virginia

The Brambleton community plans to construct a landmark civic building at its Town Center. Taking design cues from regional historic stone mills and brick commercial industrial architecture, the project embraces a contemporary vision of the future in this mixed use Office Building and Public Library.

Brambleton, an award-winning master-planned community, is located in Loudoun County, just 1.3 miles northwest of Dulles International Airport. Its Town Center serves as the nexus for commercial, recreation and community activity.

As a commitment to Loudoun County and its urban plan, Brambleton is building a new four-story, 87,000 GSF mixed use project, bringing much needed amenity and business capacity. Its placement completes an important urban block in this growing Town Center.

The library will occupy the lower two stories at 40,000 SF. It shares a common lobby with a Coffee Shop where library patrons, office employees and locals can mingle. In addition to traditional stacks, the library includes a makers’ space, children, teen and adult program areas.

Floors three and four are planned for efficient easily configured office space and provide access to roof terraces with commanding views of the Shenandoah mountain range.

The building mass responds directly to urban setbacks, site axis, view sightlines and vehicular/pedestrian circulation systems. Several outdoor experiences have been created that culminate at the southwest corner building entry and plaza.

The exterior design exhibits and highlights the interior functions. Two-story millstone boxes with punched openings speak to the permanent foundation of the library program, while four-story red brown brick with black iron metalwork allude to a flexible commercial industrial space. A playful two-story glass wall composition fronts the plaza highlighting the coffee shop and library teen space. The glass wall slips behind the black iron entry trellis rising with the stone mill monolith framing the marquee entry.
AIA Northern Virginia Awards Three Scholarships to Local Architecture Students

The chapter offers an annual scholarship program to help students pursue their architectural education. Funds to support this program are provided by AIA Northern Virginia, with additional funds contributed by the American Institute of Architects.

Organized by the chapter’s Schools Connections Committee, 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 and acts as an advertisement for architecture as a whole.

The submissions were reviewed anonymously by a jury comprised of:
- Braden L Field, AIA, MTFA Architecture, Chair of our Young Architects Forum
- Meagan W. Jancy, AIA, MTFA Architecture, Chapter President
- Edward D. Weaver, AIA, AECOM, Chapter Director
- Morgan Danner, Associate AIA, NAVFAC Washington, Coordinator of our Scholarship Program

The scholarships were presented on November 28 at Virginia Tech’s Washington Alexandria Architecture Center’s (WAAC) final student meeting of the semester by Morgan Danner, Associate AIA and Matt Alexander, AIA, Coordinators of our Scholarship Program. In addition to the cash awards, the winning students will receive a customized phone case featuring their winning design.

**3rd Place – $500 Scholarship to Volodymyr Babii**
Master of Urban Design at WAAC

**2nd Place – $1,000 Scholarship to Alyssa Tope**
Master of Architecture at WAAC

**1st Place – $1,500 Scholarship to Marium Rahman**
Master of Architecture at WAAC

-*Winners Alyssa Tope and Volodymyr Babii*
Join The Tour!
2017 Arlington Home & Garden Tour

Here’s a unique opportunity to share your residential architectural projects with the general public. We are looking for local architects with newly-designed homes or renovations in modern, classic and historical styles to be a part of the the 4th annual Arlington Home and Garden Tour on June 3, 2017.

It’s an exciting chance to share your vision and artistry with a local audience while also helping to raise funds for The Love Quilt Project, a non-profit charity assisting children affected by the AIDS epidemic in South Africa.

Architects are asked to give a short talk on the day of the tour about the project and how architecture affects the way we live. You will receive a full page ad in the tour program and local advertising in social media and magazines. The only requirement is that the homes should be in North Arlington, North McLean or Falls Church areas.

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AIA's Monthly Economic Indicators are updated on the first Friday of each month. They were last updated December 2, 2016. This information can help you make better business decisions and plan for the future by comparing economic trends within the industry.  
http://new.aia.org/pages/3441-economic-indicators

The AIA Small Firm Exchange Scan delivers knowledge to small firm practitioners and design professionals to strengthen their practice and career. SFx advocates for small firms, promotes Small Firm leadership and professional development and practice. Find the latest issue here:  
https://network.aia.org/smallfirmexchange/home/scan/161025

Interested in serving on a 2018 AIA National Jury? Contact the AIA with name and background information at honorsawards@aia.org

The COTE (Committee on the Environment) Top Ten Awards competition is now open with submissions due January 18, 2017:  

Call for Entries: Emerging Professionals Exhibit – “Citizen Design” is the 2017 theme of this annual exhibit of architecture, design and art. Entries will be showcased on AIA.org and at AIA headquarters. Emerging professionals are encouraged to contribute their submissions. The deadline is January 9, 2017:  
https://www.aia.org/awards/7326-emerging-professionals-exhibit

2017 Diversity Recognition Program – This submission deadline has been extended until January 11, 2017. The AIA Diversity Recognition Program recognizes architects, components and others for exemplary commitment and contributions to diversifying the profession of architecture:  
www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=ZCRMFTFY

2017 AIA SPP Pop-Up Competition is open, with the theme Reflection. The winning entry will be presented at AIA Convention 2017, Orlando. Submissions due February 10:  
http://new.aia.org/pages/21886-aia-spp-small-project-design-competition-201

AIA Contract Documents launched a new website on November 21. It is designed to provide a better user experience that includes easy-to-use search and filter functionality, integration of document reference material and a more streamlined purchase process:  
www.aiacontracts.org

AIA Contract Documents desktop software will be sunsetted on December 31, 2017 and no longer supported. Customers will be asked to renew their license on the online service, ACD5. For details visit  
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The AIA Message Book is your guide for how to effectively talk about architecture with clients and the public. After months of research, surveys and message testing from both the public and architects, the AIA Message Book is now available online.  
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Applications for the 2017 AIA/AF Scholarships – both the Diversity Advancement Scholarship and Payette Sho-Ping Chin Memorial Academic Scholarship – are available to students pursuing a degree in architecture. Applications are due January 25. View eligibility requirements here:  
www.architectsfoundation.org/education

Purchase the Design for Aging Review 13th Edition, a comprehensive review of architectural design trends in aged-care facilities, of interest to all design professionals working in this building type:  
https://store.aia.org/products/design-for-aging-review-25th-anniversary

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Free Webinars for Navigating Your Risks – The AIA Trust has developed a wide variety of risk management and practice resources, including webinars, free to AIA members. These resources include articles and white papers on new and evolving risks, guides for starting a firm and webinars about how to practice successfully:  
www.theaiatrust.com/practice-resources-and-benefits

The deadline for Florida licensed architects to meet their CE requirements is December 31, 2016. Architects will need to earn 24 hours of CE credit (22 hours in HSW and 2 hours in the Florida Building Code Advanced course) to maintain their Florida license. To help meet these requirements, AIA Florida has developed courses that can be taken online or in DVD/Workbook format:  
www.aiafla.org/courses/Register-Online-Course_100.cfm

BRIK: Call for research – BRIK is seeking research content for the Building Research Information Knowledgebase. What published research, such as reports, case studies and conference proceedings, would you like to include in the collection? BRIK covers all facets of the built environment.  
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FYI

LeMay Erickson Wilcox recently marked the firm’s 30th anniversary with a party on December 8. They shared the celebration with their many colleagues, clients and friends.

KTGY Architecture + Planning is celebrating its 25th anniversary in business, by highlighting 25 Acts of Gratitude, including Habitat for Humanity build days and the firm’s Making a Difference Program supporting employees’ commitments to feeding the homeless at Thanksgiving time, building parks on vacant lots and educating girls in need. Several team members volunteer with the ACE mentor program, inspiring high school students to pursue careers in the AEC field. In India, KTGY’s Pune office supports an orphanage and school for girls, assisting in making higher education possible for some.

Greg Overkamp, AIA recently joined the Stantec education design team as a senior project manager in Reston. Greg has 15 years of experience in design and construction administration of K-12 schools and higher education projects. He also brings a portfolio of successful design projects for healthcare, recreation and public safety clients. At Stantec, his focus will be on the growth and further development of Stantec’s education sector portfolio.

On November 3, the PGAL Alexandria office was transformed into a nine-hole miniature golf course to benefit the Arlington Food Assistance Center. The international architecture, engineering and planning firm is hosting the PGAL Classic Mini Golf Tournament, with proceeds helping to fund PGAL’s participation in the upcoming Construction® charity competition, sponsored by AIA Northern Virginia. Golfers in the second-annual “tournament” will complete the nine-hole course, which features local Alexandria and DC landmarks and is designed and constructed by PGAL employees. “Last year’s mini golf tournament was such a great success that we decided to host an annual event so we can continue partnering with sponsors, colleagues, and friends to address hunger in our community,” says Molly Statler, Director of Business Development at PGAL.

KGD Architecture was recognized for an award at AIA Virginia’s, Visions for Architecture Gala November 4 at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. KGD’s design for 7001 Arlington Road was awarded an Honorable Mention for Excellence in Architecture. Located in Bethesda overlooking the Capital Crescent Trail, 7001 Arlington Road is an urban mixed-use project. This development features a five-story apartment building enveloped by uniquely landscaped courtyards, all set atop an automobile dealership and subsurface garage. The building serves as an important buffer property between urban + suburban Bethesda. The site is flanked by dense commercial properties, so the vision was to create an “urban retreat” for the residents, and provide almost one acre of private open space in the downtown core.

After more than 10 years, MTFA Architecture and Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church have won unanimous approval to proceed with the design for the redevelopment of 8015 Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda. Bush Construction is the development partner and will be building the condominiums. MTFA Architecture led the programming, planning and design working with the church, community, planning staff and developer to get the building design where it had to be to win approval. The buildings will include a new LEED® Silver 53,000 sf, five-story church and community center with a 350-seat auditorium, day care, offices and multi-purposes gymnasium. The adjacent LEED Silver condominium building will be nearly 150,000 sf with a green roof, bio retention gardens and rooftop pool deck.

KTGY Architecture + Planning’s design and architecture have earned top honors in the 2016 Great American Living Awards (GALA) program. The awards, which were presented by the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, the Washington Metropolitan Sales and Marketing Council, and the Maryland Building Industry Association, recognized KTGY’s wide range of capabilities, excellence and innovation in the design of...
attached and detached single-family and multifamily residential communities. KTGY received two Grand Awards for Grand Central at Signal Hill Station and The Frasier, and one Award of Merit for Hartwood at Embrey Mill.

**Hoffmann Architects** earned recognition for excellence in client satisfaction with a 2016 Premier Award from **PSMJ Resources, Inc.** The Premier Award for Client Satisfaction honors “architecture, engineering, and construction firms that rise to the top when it comes to client communication, project delivery performance, and cost-effective solutions.” Premier Award winners are selected based on quality of feedback and quantity of replies. Client comments focused not only on the “professional, prompt, responsive, and highly skilled work” of the firm’s “extremely thorough and competent” design professionals, but also Hoffmann Architects’ ability to “seamlessly merge with other professional firms, such as lawyers, contractors, the owner, and our other consultants, to create one integrated team.”

**Membership Update**

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**Calendar**

**December**

CRAN Holiday Celebration  
December 14 | 7:00p | Washington, DC

Young Architects Forum Holiday Party  
December 14 | 6:30p | Alexandria

**January**

Schools Connections Committee Meeting  
January 4 | 6:00p | Alexandria

Women in Architecture Committee Meeting  
January 4 | 6:00p | Arlington

Architecture in the Schools Exhibit Opening  
January 6 | 6:00p | Alexandria

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

ARE Exam Series: Roundtable Discussion  
January 11 | 6:30p | Arlington

ARE Exam Series: Historic Preservation  
January 18 | 6:30p | Arlington

Architecture Lab Committee Meeting  
January 19 | 6:30p | Alexandria

ARE Exam Series: 4.0 Vignettes Session  
January 21 | 10:00a | Arlington

ARE Exam Series: Green Building  
January 25 | 6:30p | Arlington

ARE Exam Series: CDs – Documents  
January 28 | 10:00a | Arlington

SAVE THE DATE – February 28 – AIA Northern Virginia Open House!
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