

## Monthly Meeting | ●●●●●●●●●●

**August 19, 2009 | Wednesday 11:00**

Our August luncheon will be held at **The Montgomery Country Club** in the Colonial Room.

## Speaker and Sponsor | ●●●●●

Our August luncheon is the Chapter's second annual "CEU-for-Lunch" event organized by Elite Meeting Concepts. This year's event will provide our members with lunch, 4 HSW CEU seminars, and some of the latest product information; all for free. The seminars scheduled are as follows:

Roof Insulation for Sustainable Buildings  
courtesy of DOW

Design & Spec of Metal Composite Panels  
by ALPOLIC

Thermoplastic Roofing Material & Systems  
by Durolast

Metal Re-roofing, Reflectivity &  
Recyclability  
by Fabral / MCA

In conjunction with the seminars, numerous vendors will have booths set up exhibiting some of the latest building products for your viewing along with the product reps available to address any questions and / or provide additional information. Registration begins at 10:30 am; Exhibits open at 11:00 am and lunch is served at 11:50 am. After a brief Chapter business meeting the first seminar will begin at 12:00.

Seating is limited so RSVP ASAP at [howard@elitemeetingconcepts.com](mailto:howard@elitemeetingconcepts.com).

Hope to see everyone there!

## President's Message | ●●●●●

Due to me being somewhere on a mountain, we have a special guest columnist, our Intern Director **Amy Bell**, who will provide a recap of her visit to the Alabama AIA convention.

Wow! Who knew getting stuck in traffic would allow someone to get so much accomplished? It's Friday afternoon and I've been stuck on I-85 for an hour and a half!! What a perfect opportunity to multitask and reflect back to the wonderful time I had in Asheville, North Carolina, for the AIA State Convention.

At first I thought that going to North Carolina for the Alabama Convention was a bit challenging in these economic times, not to mention that I thought it a bit strange that we wouldn't have showcased one of our great cities in Alabama for the Convention. Well, it didn't take long after arriving to Asheville to understand why designers were led to this majestic place to further our camaraderie and design inspiration.

Once called the "Paris of the South", and now referred to as "The Arts and Crafts Capitol of the United States", Asheville is a mountaintop oasis comprised of such a wonderful variety of buildings. Asheville has everything from glass and steel structures to bungalows to limestone castles. One of the best buildings by far would have to be the Grove Park Inn, my hotel and Convention location. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this hotel you must Google it and make your reservation!

The line up of speakers and events for the State Convention were jam packed

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while considerably still allowing time for the typical “tourist” activities. (I’m sad to write that the world renowned Spa at the Grove Park was not experienced by this tourist; I suppose there is always next time.) Speakers for the Convention ranged from architects to historians, to LEED professionals, to inspirational speakers. Of the latter many exceptional quotes were necessary to pay forward. Some of which are: “When we stretch our imaginations we open wide the lens in which we see.” “Nothing in the world can take place or persistence.” “Teamwork- it’s about everyone contributing to the challenges we face.” “Take a look at what is and imagine what can be.”

The highlight of the weekend was the Past President’s Reception and Dinner. And for those young professionals attending a State Convention in the future don’t be fooled by the agenda’s statement of “casual” dress. Nothing about this night was casual. This evening was most eventful because I was surrounded by other State Intern Directors and Auburn AIAS officers. The night started off with a wonderful silent auction and concluded with a bonafied live auction. Of course big-ticket items such as the autographed Jeff Gordon jacket and vacation packages were saved for the live auction. I’m not sure if it was the sugar in the tea or the inspiration from the earlier lecture series, but what conspired at the “young professional table” was priceless. Just as the last vacation package was being auctioned with “going once ... going twice” there was a loud burst from the audience when they realized that the “young professionals” had pooled our resources together in order to throw a bid up just in the nick of time. After the laughter subsided the bid was back on, and we found ourselves in a bidding war. Sadly we decided we couldn’t pool more resources together, but we are proud to report that we raised the vacation’s bid price for the Alabama Architectural Foundation. What a great memory!

Thank you to all those who contributed to a wonderful weekend!

Amy Bell  
AIA Montgomery Intern-Director

## July Meeting Recap | ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

The Chapter’s July Luncheon was held at the Montgomery Country Club and sponsored by **Christian Testing Laboratories** of Montgomery.

The meeting was called to order by the Chapter’s President-Elect, **Stephen King** with all in attendance welcomed and those attending as guests introduced. Several announcements, including two pertaining to the 2009 Design Award Gala and the chapter’s first Contractor Recognition Award were made to the members. **Richard Meinert** provided an overview of the success of this year’s Golf Benefit Tournament and a personal thanks to the Montgomery Chapter for their partnership in the event and hopeful future participation. **George Edmondson**, Chapter Secretary introduced the sponsor, **Kevin Blake**, of Christian Testing Laboratories.

**Platt Boyd**, Chapter Treasurer, introduced the guest speaker **Pete Land**, an international management consultant, trainer, and published author. Mr. Land spoke enthusiastically on the topic of effective communications as a key to business success. At the luncheon conclusion, a \$50 gift certificate was drawn for The Montgomery Brewing Company. Congratulations goes to Dwight Turnipseed as the winner of the gift certificate.

Attendance: 49; Guest: 3



July guest speaker Pete Land (left)

## Congratulations | ●●●●●●●●●●

A special congratulation goes to **Katherine Lynn** for her appointment as the Director of the Alabama Building Commission.

A personal note from our Chapter President –

*I can truly say that you have earned it the old fashioned way by working extremely hard. I know how many thankless nights and weekends you have put in trying to keep up with the unprecedented volume of contracts and pay request which have been generated within the past year and a half. I also know how well you have handled the barrage of calls and questions from owners, architects and contractors wanting to know "where's my stuff??"... including mine. You have done all of this while serving as Chairman of the Wetumpka Planning Board, being a church organist, serving as a Club Scout Den Leader (when you don't even like camping) and being a terrific wife and mother. I am very proud of you!*

Freddie -

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Congratulations to Trey and Jennifer Howell for the birth of a wonderful baby girl. Anne Morgan Howell was born on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 7 lbs -7oz and 21 inches long. Trey Howell is an intern architect at Goodwyn Mills & Cawood and an Associate AIA member. Jennifer, his wife, is doing very well and Trey couldn't be happier. Other than their two dogs, Molly and Beasley, this is their first addition to the Howell family.



Trey, Jennifer and Anne Morgan Howell

## Announcements | ●●●●●●●●●●

**Alabama Council AIA** will host a Fall Seminar for those needing extra hours of education credit. The sessions will take place Friday, September 11, 2009, at Wynlakes Country Club in Montgomery. Six hours will be offered, and the sessions will begin at 9 am and conclude at 4 pm. Light breakfast items and lunch will be included. The cost to register is only \$119 for members. Registration information will be sent out shortly to AIA members.

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**Alabama Concrete Industries Association** is offering a 2 CEU credit seminar on August 20<sup>th</sup> in Birmingham, AL. Johnny Canfield, Technical Director for ACI will be discussing issues that should be addressed during the preconstruction meeting to insure a quality concrete project, and are you meeting your obligations according to ASTM and ACI standards. For additional information and to register, contact Keri Ward at [kward@alconcrete.org](mailto:kward@alconcrete.org).

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**The Alabama Board for Registration of Architects, Auburn University School of Architecture** and **Alabama Council AIA** is presenting an ARE Seminar open to both registered architects and interns. Daylong core competency workshops will cover all topics required for the graphic divisions under NCARB's ARE Guidelines V4.0. The seminar is Saturday, August 29, 2009 at Auburn University M. Miller Gorrie Center. For additional information or to register, contact the Alabama Council office at [aia@gmsal.com](mailto:aia@gmsal.com).

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Montgomery Chapter AIA is accepting nominations for the Chapter's first **Contractor Recognition Award**. The award will be given to a contractor (general or sub) within the Chapter's area that has diligently shown excellence in their trade and over time become a valuable partner in the architectural community. If you know of a




well-deserved nomination please submit in writing the person name, company, and reason for nomination to the President, Freddie Lynn at [President@aiamontgomery.org](mailto:President@aiamontgomery.org). Please submit prior to October 1, 2009 when those nominated will be narrowed down to three by the Design Award Gala Committee and then presented to all Chapter members for final voting. The award will be presented during the 2008 Design Award Gala.

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The **2009 Design Awards Gala** Committee has begun organizing this year's event and has reserved Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel for the Gala. If you have a few thoughts or recommendations for this year's Gala, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members. Members of the Committee are **Freddie Lynn**, Committee Chair, **Stephen King**, **George Edmondson**, **Platt Boyd**, **Amy Bell**, **Doug McNab**, **Raleigh Price** and **Will Stanford**. We are hoping to build upon last year's success and provide an evening that will be memorable.

## Thank You ! | • • • • •

The following is special thanks from Auburn University College of Architecture, Design and Construction for the Chapter's contribution to the Rural Studio and our recent partnership with the Golf Benefit Tournament.



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DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION  
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**You make a difference!**

Your continued contributions and support mean the world to our students.

In the CADAC, we awarded \$-97,571 to 132 students, for an average scholarship of \$1,196.

This means that 14% of the 944 eligible students in our professional programs in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction received some financial award from our generous alumni and friends.

Visit the website  
[www.cadgauburn.edu](http://www.cadgauburn.edu)  
for a complete list of the 2009 recipients.

Please thank your members for the recent Rural Studio gift and partnership with the golf tournament.

Tara Jones

Auburn University is an equal opportunity educational institution.

## Upcoming Events | • • • • •

August 19

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Monthly Meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CEU-for- Lunch**  
Montgomery Country Club  
Montgomery, AL

September 16

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Monthly Meeting**  
Montgomery Country Club  
Montgomery, AL

October

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Monthly Meeting and Annual Fall Party**  
Montgomery, AL

November 18

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Monthly Meeting**  
Montgomery Country Club  
Montgomery, AL

December 10

**The Montgomery Chapter AIA Second Annual Design Award Gala**  
Renaissance Montgomery Hotel  
Montgomery, AL

### Please take Special Note:

Please send event listings, announcements, and acknowledgements for inclusion in the newsletter and/or web site to President-Elect Stephen King at [PresidentElect@aiamontgomery.org](mailto:PresidentElect@aiamontgomery.org).