

President's Farewell Message |

A few years ago Past-President Ray Williams asked, rather told me, that I was going to be the next Montgomery AIA Chapter Treasurer and I wasn't sure if that was really a position that I wanted to take. I didn't think I could find the time to accommodate the duties that would be required of the various positions of the Board, but Ray reassured me that it wouldn't take much of my time and I would enjoy the experience. I then tried to use the excuse that I didn't like to speak in front of a crowd, but Ray, once again, reassured me there was nothing to it. Ray then mentioned that since it was already January of a new year and they had no other suckers, I mean volunteers, I had no option but to accept the position. I did so reluctantly, but feeling honored that they had asked me, all be it that I was a last resort.

Now that my term is over I have to admit I owe Ray and the board of that time, many thanks for putting me in the position of not being able to say "no". The experience has been nothing short of awesome! I've visited Washington D.C. twice for Grassroots and have had the pleasure of attending the National Convention in Boston. Those trips provided me the opportunity to see what AIA really does for its members and the opportunity to meet and befriend many architects from around the state and the country. Ray was somewhat correct in saying it doesn't take much of your time. I say "somewhat" because you get out of the experience what you are willing to put in. The more effort and time you are willing to devote to your position, the greater the reward is.

This past year has been a busy year for the board. In addition to the typical duties of an AIA Chapter officer your board worked on

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several other projects for the Chapter. In February the symposium on "Stream Lined Design", was held at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. In April the Montgomery Chapters' web page, www.aiamontgomery.org, was launched. In May the annual Draw Montgomery Art Competition was held at the Armory. In August we had the half day of continuing education seminars at the Montgomery Country Club and last week the Inaugural Design Awards Gala was held at the Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center. I need to thank my fellow board members Freddie Lynn, Stephen King and George Edmondson, for their many hours of hard work to organize these events. They put forth a lot of time and effort which is very much appreciated.

For those of you that were not able to submit a project or were not able to attend the Inaugural Design Awards Gala, you really missed out on a special event and I would whole heartedly encourage you to participate in next years Design Awards. I think if you ask anyone who attended they would tell you that they will definitely submit and/or attend next year.

This year we had 12 strong design submittals. The jurors for this year were Jury Chairman Michael Gamble of G+G Architects in Atlanta, Amanda Orr of G+G Architects and Charles Rudolph, associate professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology. From the projects submitted by our Chapter members the following five projects were recognized for awards.

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THE MONTGOMERY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Honor Award



“United States Court House in Montgomery”
Barganier Davis Sims Architects

Merit Award

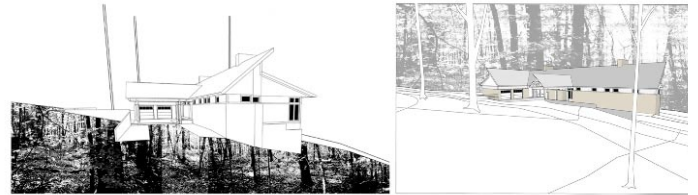
Member’s Choice Award



Merit Award



“Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center” - Goodwyn Mills Cawood, L.L.C.



“The House on Turtle Creek”
Hinson + Dagg Architects

Honorable Mention



“Southern Poverty Law Center Office Building”
Goodwyn Mills Cawood, L.L.C

Honorable Mention



“The Barganier Residence”
Barganier Davis Sims Architects

Many thanks go to the firms that submitted and to the members and affiliates who attended the Gala. I also would like to thank ALAGASCO for sponsoring the Design Awards, all sponsors who sponsored the events through the year and to Amye King of Poppy Seed Design for the wonderful graphics used for the web page and Design Awards.

In closing I want encourage those of you who have not been a Montgomery Chapter Officer to become one. I can assure you that you will enjoy the experience. Lastly, I thank you for allowing me the opportunity for serving our chapter and thank Ray Williams for not allowing me the opportunity to say "no." I would have missed out on many fond memories.

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Douglas McNab, AIA
President

November Meeting Recap | ●●●●●

November monthly luncheon was held at the Montgomery Country Club and sponsored by **Jenkins Brick** of Montgomery.

The meeting was opened by the Chapter's President-Elect, **Freddie Lynn**, with guests introduced and welcomed. Announcements followed with Freddie reminding all members of the Chapter's Award Gala on Thursday, December 11th, encouraging everyone to attend this inaugural event. Afterwards, Freddie proudly welcomed our sponsor for the luncheon, **Buddy Hibbard** of Jenkins Brick Company.

Freddie also introduced the guest speaker, **Kristy Ruff** of **Graniti-Fiandre** whom provided a 1-hour CEU seminar on ventilated exterior tile wall system. After the presentation, a drawing was held for two Alabama vs Auburn football tickets provided by Alabama Gas Company. Congratulations to the winner, **Roger Jobe**. The meeting was adjourned by the President-elect.

Total Attendance: 32

President **Douglas McNab** 271-3015 • President Elect **Freddie Lynn** 271-3200 • Secretary **Stephen King** 834-8340
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Condolences | ●●●●●●●●●●

The Montgomery Chapter AIA would like to offer its sincere condolences to the family of **Mike Watson** for the passing of his wife, Debra Ballant Watson, on November 28, 2008. A nurturing mother to her son, a caring wife to her husband and a friend to all who knew her. Our thoughts are with the family during this holiday season.

Announcements | ●●●●●●●●●●

The Alabama Council of the American Institute of Architects Design Awards Gala is scheduled for Thursday, January 29th 2009 at B & A Warehouse in Birmingham, Alabama. For additional information contact the Council at 334.264.3037 or visit aiaalabama.org.

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At the start of the upcoming new year, the Chapter Board Members will look into upgrading the Chapter's web site with additional features that will benefit its members. We would like to hear from our members any suggestions and requests that you may have. One suggestion that we are looking into is the development of a page that would provide a listing of all upcoming CEU seminars that are available in our area. Also we hoping to program the web site to send an automatic reminder to all members when the monthly newsletter has been loaded on the web site and available for viewing. If you have additional recommendations, please submit them to any of the board members during the month of January.

The Chapter Board will be reviewing the development of Committees for the 2009 year to assist in the Chapter's goals for the year. Committees currently under review are as follows:

- Draw Montgomery Art Competition
- 2009 Design Award Gala
- New Membership
- University Relations
- Benefit Golf Tournament

Please consider participating in a committee to insure the growth of our Chapter. If you know of an event for 2009 or a possible committee that you would like to see developed by our Chapter please contact any of the board members.



My term of Chapter Secretary and newsletter editor will be coming to an end in a few weeks and the duties handed over to our 2009 secretary George Edmondson. I hope everyone has enjoyed the revised format and the ability to view it on the web site at anytime. We have tried to develop the newsletter into a more useful communication tool for the members this year and were hoping that everyone would take advantage of this opportunity to communicate news items to their fellow members. Unfortunately, we really did not receive any announcements or news items from our members. With the start of 2009, please remember that the Elevation is for all to use not only in receiving information but also in providing information to our fellow members. Thanks and see you next year as the President-Elect. Stephen King.

Upcoming Events | ●●●●●●●●●●

December 11

The Montgomery Chapter AIA Design Awards Gala
Renaissance Montgomery Hotel
Montgomery, AL

January 21

Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon Annual Past-Presidents Luncheon
The Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, AL

January 29

Alabama Council AIA Awards Gala
B & A Warehouse
Birmingham, AL

February 18

Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon
TBA

March 18

Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon
TBA

April 15

Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon
TBA

May

Draw Montgomery Award Ceremony
Armory Learning Arts Center
Montgomery, AL

May 20

Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon
TBA