

February 15, 2008 | Friday 8:30 – 4:00

**American Streamlined Design – The World of Tomorrow Symposium** at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts will take the place of our February monthly luncheon.

The symposium is organized by the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts in collaboration with the College of Architecture, Design and Construction, Auburn University and your Montgomery Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. We are also proud to be a sponsor of this terrific symposium and encourage everyone to attend. The cost is \$45 for AIA members and offers 3 hours of HSW Continuing Education credit for which AIA members may register for at the symposium. The schedule for the symposium, a list of speakers and the ability to register online is available at [www.mmfa.org](http://www.mmfa.org).

The symposium will also provide you with the opportunity to view the Museum’s American Streamlined Design: The World of Tomorrow exhibition. An exhibition of 186 objects focusing on the 1930s and 40s when streamlined design developed, and also presents streamlined designs of today.

We are especially glad to announce that **Airstream** will display their new “**Design Within Reach**” travel trailer for viewing by symposium attendees. The Airstream was designed by **Christopher C. Deam** who will be speaking at the symposium.

President’s Message | ●●●

It has been a busy start to the new year and I’m glad to say that your Board Members are working hard to make this year a successful one for our Chapter. Stephen King and I attended the State AIA quarterly meeting and obtained reports on the Alabama Council agenda this year. Our Chapter will be working closely with the other Chapters on a statewide membership drive. There are approximately 300 registered Alabama architects in Alabama that are not members of the AIA. In our local Chapter the last report we received indicated that only 58% of the total architects in our region are AIA members. Increasing this membership will require an individual effort from all of us. Over the next few months we will be intensifying our efforts to contact those non-AIA members and would hope that you could provide your personal attention to those you may know.

On a side note, I’m currently working on the written history of our Chapter and hope to be able to include my findings in a future newsletter. If you have any information, documents or pictures please don’t hesitate to contact me.

In the meantime, look forward to seeing everyone at the American Streamlined Symposium.

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Doug McNab, AIA  
President

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NEWSLETTER

THE MONTGOMERY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

## January Meeting Recap ●●●●●

The January meeting, sponsored by **Capital Brick Company** of Montgomery, was our annual past-president luncheon and Chapter business meeting. The Board was pleased to publicly acknowledge those past-presidents whom attended.

As part of the Chapter business, **George Edmondson** was confirmed as the Chapter's new Treasurer with the remaining board members elevated to their new positions. The Chapter's new President **Doug McNab** presented the chapter's budget for 2008 that was subsequently accepted. **Don Brown** presented the new Architectural Foundation book "Community in Alabama", discussed the Architectural Board proposal to the Legislature regarding updating the Registration Law and provided an update on Grassroots. **Gary Greenshield** provided an update on his efforts on the Alabama Building Commission fee structure with the new fee proposal being presented at the State AIA quarterly meeting for discussion.

Planned events proposed by the Chapter Board for 2008 included American Streamline Symposium in collaboration with the Museum of Fine Arts, Draw Montgomery in collaboration with the Armory Learning Art Center and the Chapter's first annual Award Banquet. Also under development is a web site for the Montgomery Chapter that the board hopes to reveal at the March Luncheon. The board also is looking into the development of an Intern Marketing Event for 2009. **Freddie Lynn** is organizing this event which will provide firms in our Chapter an opportunity to introduce themselves to graduating college students ready to enter the work force. If you are interested in providing input and / or assisting in organizing this event please contact **Freddie Lynn**.

## Announcements | ●●●●●●●●●●

We are pleased to announce a new affiliate to the Montgomery Chapter, **Paul Hansell** of **Marvin Windows by Dale Inc.**; Alabama distributor for Marvin Windows & Doors. Paul is a sales representative located in the Auburn/Opelika showroom. Dale's main showroom and distribution center is located in Birmingham with other showrooms located in Huntsville and Tuscaloosa. You can contact Paul at 334-309-4513 or see him at our monthly luncheons.



The Montgomery Tree Committee is hosting a reception for **Piet Oudolf** on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at the Loeb Reception Center located in Old Alabama Town. Reception admission is \$10.00 and will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Piet Oudolf is an internationally acclaimed landscape designer from the Netherlands who has been profiled as one of the world's ten foremost contemporary landscape designers. Oudolf works includes the Lurie Garden at Millennium Park in Chicago for which he won an international competition, and the redesign of a park at the Battery in New York, where he replanted The Gardens of Remembrance which is dedicated to the victims of 9/11. He became the founder of the New Wave movement, which takes inspiration from nature but employs artistic skills in planting schemes.

Piet Oudolf will be in Montgomery to select the best design in a landscape design competition for the Cypress Creek inlet located on the Montgomery Riverwalk adjacent to the amphitheater. The competition was coordinated by the Montgomery Tree Committee and the City of Montgomery for students in Landscape Design at Auburn University.

For more information you can call 334.271.4822 or visit Montgomery Tree Committee web site at [www.montgomerytrees.org](http://www.montgomerytrees.org).



We are updating the Montgomery Chapter AIA Membership roster and need your help. If you know of any colleagues that are not receiving the newsletter, please have them contact Stephen King at sking@brownchambless.com so that they may be included in future e-mailings.



Congratulations to **The Auburn Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students** on reaching its highest membership in its history with 220 members and continuing to be the largest chapter in the nation.



In an effort to make the Elevation a better communication tool, we encourage firms and members to submit news that they feel important or noteworthy. This could include such honors as receiving notable commissions, being presented an award, winning a design competition or the hiring of a new staff member.



The 11<sup>th</sup> annual **Draw Montgomery Art Competition** is currently being organized for 2008. The competition is a juried art exhibition open to all students of the river region that are enrolled in the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. If you are interested in providing input and / or a helping hand please contact **George Edmondson** at 262-3868.

## Upcoming Events | ●●●●●●●●

February 11 -12

**Auburn University AIAS Internship Fair**  
Auburn University Hotel & Conference Center, Auburn, AL

February 15

**American Streamlined Design Symposium**  
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts  
Montgomery, AL

February 20 - 23

**AIA Grassroots Conference**  
The Grand Hyatt  
Washington, D.C.

March 26

**Piet Oudolf Reception**  
Loeb Reception Center – Old Alabama Town  
Montgomery, AL

May 15 - 17

**National AIA Convention**  
Boston, MA

June 19 - 22

**Alabama Council Annual Convention**  
The Battle House  
Mobile, AL