# Monthly Meeting

### January 20, 2010 | Wed. 11:30 a.m.

The luncheon this month will be held at **The Montgomery Country Club** in the Colonial Room.

This is the Chapter's annual Past-Presidents luncheon where we the members express our gratitude to those who have given their time and effort serving on the Chapter's Executive Committee. This year's Committee members would like to offer a special invitation to all past presidents to join us. This year's meeting will begin at 11:30 with an open bar and a few minutes for everyone to socialize with a few past presidents prior to lunch being served at noon.

Our January luncheon has also been the time that the Chapter's business for the new year is conducted. The Chapter's new President, **Stephen King**, will open the meeting and conduct the business at hand including the introduction of the 2010 Executive Committee, the presentation of Chapter's financial budget for the new year, and a discussion of the upcoming events and goals of the Chapter. We encourage everyone to be present and to offer their thoughts and goals for our Chapter. The Committee is here to serve you - the Chapter members.

#### Sponsor

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### President's Message | • • • •

Greetings fellow AIA members. This year, the Chapter Executive Committee has decided to try something different with the column that has traditionally been set aside for the President's Message. Stephen will provide a note or message as needed, however the majority of this space will be used to seed and grow new content for the newsletter. As in the past, this space may still contain editorial commentary, rambling phrases of a digressive nature, or self absorbed musings. However, instead of those being generated from a single source, we are proposing an "open mike" format where this column is driven by content provided by you, the members.

In addition, we would ask you to not limit your submissions to literary and editorial formats, but also consider favorite quotes, top ten lists, sketches, drawings, photographs, and other inspirational content that can be digitized and printed in the newsletter to share with all Chapter Members. The idea, for us, is to find out what resonates with our membership, and to foster and reflect that in the newsletter. For instance, if we begin to receive a steady dose of editorial submissions, we may consider adding a permanent editorial section. Or perhaps a sketch of the month is to become a regular feature.

I suppose to get things started, this month executive committee members will offer a few items from our old sketchbooks and photo boxes:



Windsor Ruins - Bruinsburg, MS

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U.S. Capitol Building - Washington D.C.

...Well—and so our friend the sociologist met his friend the Shinto priest at a lawn party in the precincts of an extensive Japanese garden, where paths, leading down among the rocks, turned to reveal unforeseen landscapes, gravel lawns, craggy lakes, stone lanterns, trees curiously formed, and pagodas. And our friend the sociologist said to his friend the Shinto priest, "You know, I've now been to a number of these Shinto shrines and I've seen quite a few rites, and I've read about it, thought about it; but you know, I don't get the ideology. I don't get your theology."

And that Japanese gentleman, polite, as though respecting the foreign scholar's profound question, paused a while as though in thought. Then he looked, smiling, at his friend. "We do not have ideology," he said. "We do not have theology. We dance."

-Joseph Campbell



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Villa Rotunda - Vicenza, Italy

### December Meeting Recap | • • • • • •

The December's meeting was the Second Annual **Design Awards Gala** at the Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center. From the projects submitted by our chapter members the following four projects were recognized for awards (see December 2009 newsletter for pictures of each winning project):

#### HONOR AWARD

Fred Shuttlesworth Dining Hall Alabama State University

Barganier Davis Sims Architects Associated in association with Wm. Barry Robinson, Architect

#### MERIT AWARD

Lusche Residence Peter Lusche and Kitty Boyer

Hinson + Dagg Architects

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Public Safety Building Addition & Renovation Alabama Building Renovation & Finance Authority

Seay, Seay & Litchfield, P.C.

#### MEMBER'S CHOICE AWARD

Wind Creek Spa and Cooking School Creek Indian Enterprises

**Brown Chambless Architects** 

Congratulations to all award winners, and a special thanks to **Alagasco** for sponsoring the Second Annual Design Awards Gala. The Committee would also like to express their gratitude to all event attendees who made it a great success.

Today is not too early for members to begin considering projects for submittal in this upcoming year's Third Annual Design Awards. In doing so, you are not only gaining personal and firm commendation, but you are directly contributing to the growth of this event, and thereby elevating the recognition and appreciation of architecture and design in our community and region.

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Victorians - San Francisco

### We Need Your Contributions

Please consider submitting material for use in developing the member driven column. As noted above, we are looking for **written submissions** on any topic deemed interesting, whether informative or editorial in nature. In addition, consider submitting interesting **napkin sketches**, **drawings**, **photographs** or other inspirational material. Open up those dusty journals, flip through those old sketchbooks, dig through those boxes of snapshots, and scan a few of your favorites. Email all content to <u>secretary@aiamontgomery.org</u>. Please provide any author/photographer credit and any other information as necessary.

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The Alabama Council of the American Institute of Architects Design Awards Gala is scheduled for Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 at Work Play in Birmingham, Alabama. For additional information contact the Council at 334.264.3037 or visit www.aiaalabama.org.

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The **Tuskegee University Department of Architecture** is offering a workshop open to architects, professionals and students of architecture. Oliver Pennetier of Symphysis Inc. will conduct **Environmental Analysis using Ecotect**, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-4 pm in Lecture Room 104 at the Wilcox 'A' Building, on the Campus of Tuskegee University. Seating is limited, so please RSVP at 334.727.8329.

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The Auburn University Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) will be hosting its annual Internship fair at the Auburn University Student Center in Auburn, Alabama on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2010. Auburn students majoring in architecture, interior architecture, landscape architecture, community planning, industrial design, and graphic design will be available for interviews. For more information, and to register and review online resumes, visit www.cadc.auburn.edu/aias/internship.

## Upcoming Events | • • • • • • • • •

January 20

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

February 3

**Environmental Analysis using Ecotect** Wilcox 'A' Building – Lecture Room 104 Tuskegee University, AL

February 3-4

Auburn AIAS Annual Internship Fair Auburn University Student Center Auburn, AL

February 3 - 6

**Grassroots 2010** Washington D.C.

February 11

Alabama Council AIA Awards Gala Work Play Birmingham, AL

February 17

Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon The Montgomery Country Club Montgomery, AL

March 17

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The Montgomery Country Club Montgomery, AL