

Monthly Meeting | ●●●●●●●●

July 15, 2009 | Wednesday 11:45 AM

The Chapter's monthly luncheon will be held at the **Montgomery Country Club** in the Colonial Room.

Speaker and Sponsor | ●●●●●

Our guest speaker for the July luncheon is **Pete Land**, an international management consultant, trainer, and published author. He has conducted workshops on a wide variety of leadership and management topics for more than 100,000 participants on four continents in the past 27 years. Pete has assisted numerous companies in developing their presentation skills and will share what he has learned over the years with us. His topic for the luncheon is "Effective Communications: One Key to Business Success."

Our sponsor for the luncheon is **Christian Testing Laboratories, Inc.** of Montgomery. CTL provides geotechnical services to a variety of clients including private owners, architects, engineers, contractors and municipalities. Their level of services includes subsurface investigations, geotechnical reports, foundation/pavement recommendations, site earthwork construction monitoring /testing, concrete and asphalt mix design, quality control services and quality assurance services. CTL has been a faithful supporter of the Chapter's luncheons for many years.

Immediately following the presentation a drawing will be held for a \$50.00 gift certificate to the Montgomery Brewing Company. We hope to see everyone there.

President's Message | ●●●●

If you are reading this it means that I have managed to meet our editor's strict deadline requirements for publishing this newsletter. You may not be aware that your Montgomery AIA is a very large organization consisting of hundreds of well paid staff members each trained in specific duties that contribute to our efficient operation. One miscue from anyone could have such a ripple effect that it could literally shut everything down for months. Either that or Stephen just felt sorry for me and decided to include my message anyway.

So, assuming that I did make the deadline and assuming that you are reading this, I will be somewhere in the wilderness of New Mexico as you read it. I am going "off the grid". I had always thought that turn of phrase was just some sort of techno geeky slang but am starting to appreciate it more every day. Our world and profession is moving at such fast pace now that it is scary. Call me old fashioned, but I actually like to drive without responding to email or text at the same time. This drives some of my co-workers nuts when I am on a three hour trip. I often get asked why I even have a Blackberry. But back to the story...

I will be helping to lead a group of Boy Scout's on a 65 mile trek through the lower Rockies in Cimarron, New Mexico. No phone, no internet, no email, no oxygen. Everything we need to survive will be on our backs. I just hope it's not too heavy. I won't tell you too much about it now because I will probably need material for some future newsletter, but it is sure to be an

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ELEVATIONS

NEWSLETTER

THE MONTGOMERY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

adventure. Your AIA is still working hard to provide great programs and events for our chapter. We recently completed a series of planning meetings where we discussed several events and initiatives for this year.

Some of the items we discussed are:

Christmas Award Gala – This year's event promises to be bigger and better than last year. Save December 10, 2009 on your calendars. Last year was the first time we had ever attempted an award gala and it was a huge success. It was also hugely expensive. We will be pursuing several sponsorship opportunities in order to make the event more sustainable. If we don't, then by the time George or Platt is president, we will have to have the event at a bowling alley and everyone will have to bring your own shoes.

Create-a-thon – LWT, a local marketing and graphic design firm has selected the Montgomery AIA as the recipient of a 24 hour design marathon where they will help to improve our image and message. Based on their past work this should be a great benefit to the chapter.

Intern Development – We have concluded a series of meetings which were focused on how we can sell the areas which make up the Montgomery Chapter as viable places to start a career, do good design work and have a great quality of life. Amy Bell is helping to lead this effort and we will have more information coming soon.

I hope everyone is having a great summer and I will see you all in August.



2009 Draw Montgomery Honorable Mention

June Meeting Recap | ●●●●●●●●●●

The Chapter's June Luncheon coincided with this year's Auburn University College of Architecture Design and Construction Golf Benefit; an annual event whose proceeds will benefit various scholarships and programs for the College. Events were organized for the full day at the Robert Trent Jones Capitol Hill golf course.

The day began with three CEU HSW seminars provided by the Chapter during the morning. The seminars focused on LEED projects and green building and were well attended by architects and general contractors. Following the seminars the Chapter's monthly luncheon was held at the club house south porch where a custom barbeque cookout was served. The luncheon was open to all attending the events of the day including fellow engineers, contractors, architects and consultants. **Stephen King**, President-Elect opened the meeting welcoming all in attendance. **Gary Greenshield** was recognized and provided an announcement regarding the upcoming Alabama Council AIA Convention. Afterwards, **Richard Meinert**, Golf Benefit Chairman, spoke to those in attendance expressing everyone's appreciation for the numerous sponsors of the events and recognizing those individuals that provided their time and effort to make the event a success. The sponsor for lunch was **Jenkins Brick** of Montgomery. A special thanks to them for their continuous support of the Chapter and their goals.

Our guest speaker for lunch was **Greg Williams**, Head Coach of Auburn's Equestrian Team whom was introduced by Richard. Coach Williams provided a short but spirited speech regarding what it means to be a member of the Auburn family.

After lunch, the afternoon golf tournament started for those registered to participate.

Attendance:

Seminars – 45 to 48; Luncheon - 84

Congratulations | ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

Dave Branch, an associate with **Payne & Associates** has recently been hired as the architectural editorial writer for *Masonry Design* magazine. *Masonry Design* magazine is a national trade publication that helps educate and inform architects, engineers, and other construction industry professionals on the importance of the masonry industry in construction business. His column "Endcap" was recently published in the Summer 2009 publication. Prior to moving to Montgomery two years ago Dave wrote a weekly article about architectural design trends or related construction issues for the *Albany Herald*, in Albany, Georgia where he lived and worked.

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The Montgomery Chapter of the AIA has been selected as one of among eight non-profit organizations to receive free creative help from LWT. LWT Communications is a Montgomery-based marketing, media and web development firm that hosts an annual event known as CreateAthon which provides free creative help during a round-the-clock, 24-hour work session. The firm's employees work for 24 straight hours on projects that allow groups with limited marketing budgets to have a professional campaign. Projects can range from Web development to branding to strategic marketing planning to brochure development. Normally, LWT accepts applications early in the year and selects the groups. However this year to celebrate the firm's 50th anniversary they decided to honor its late founder Jay Leavell by selecting non-profit groups that were important to him.

Announcements | ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

The **Alabama Council AIA Convention** is returning to Asheville, North Carolina for 2009. The Convention will be held July 10th – 12th at the historic Grove Park Inn. Education sessions will be offered on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There will be plenty of time to mix and mingle with friends

and supporters during a Friday night reception, Saturday brunch and Saturday's golf tournament. A silent auction on Saturday night will benefit the Alabama Architecture Foundation. For additional information visit the Council's web site.

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Robert F. Henry Tile Company is offering 5 accredited HSW CEU credits for free on September 15th in Montgomery, AL. You can sign-up for all 5 classes or take the individual classes and credits you need. For additional information contact Jennifer Stokes at (334) 269-2518 ext. 102 or jennifers@henrytile.com.

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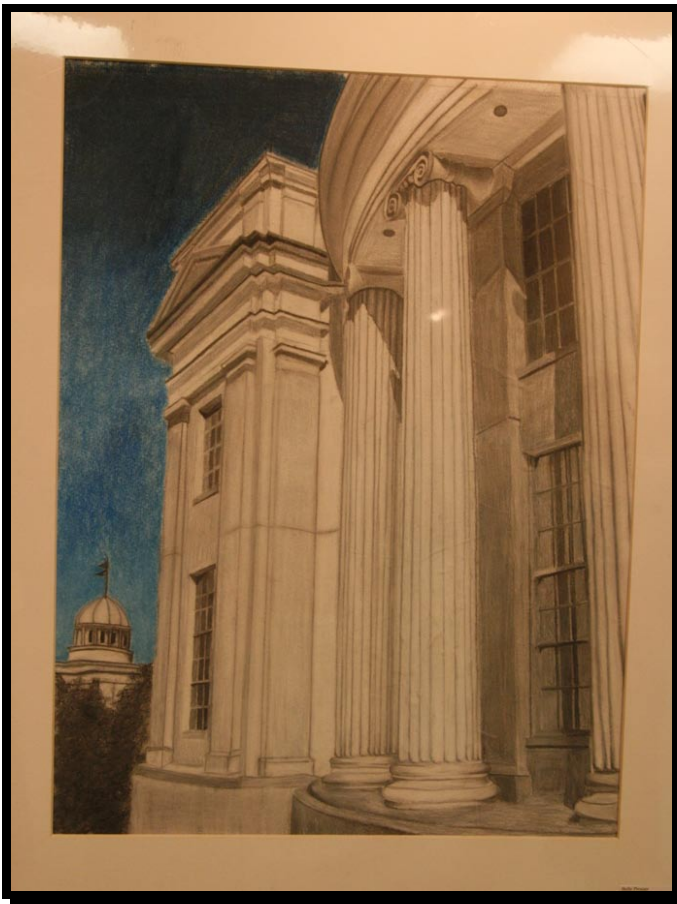
- PAINTING IN PROGRESS -

David Braly Gallery is providing the public a rare opportunity to see a commissioned work in progress. **David Braly** has been commissioned to paint a pair of very large murals for a New York client and has transformed the gallery into a working studio for this work. Lunch time lectures are scheduled from 12:15 to 1:00 pm on Thursday, July 16th and August 13th at 22 Monroe Street. Seating is limited so, bring your lunch, come early, and enjoy!

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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. 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.

The **2009 Design Awards Gala** Committee has begun organizing this year's event and has reserved Thursday, December 10th 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.



2009 Draw Montgomery Submission.

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.

July 10-12

Alabama Council AIA Convention

Grove Park Inn
Asheville, NC

July 15

Montgomery Chapter AIA Monthly Meeting

Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, AL

August 19

Montgomery Chapter AIA Monthly Meeting and 2nd 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