

## Monthly Meeting •••••

June 18, 2008 | Wednesday 11:45

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

### Speaker and Sponsor | ••••

Our guest speaker for the June luncheon is **Mike Hamrick** A.I.A. Mike is an architect from Eufaula with over twenty-seven years of architectural experience. A graduate of Auburn University in 1981, Mike will be speaking on "a common architect's view of our local architectural DNA". His material is centered on the Chattahoochee basin and residential influences, but the fabric and influence is true to Southern architecture and most of the U.S.

Our sponsor for the luncheon is **Johnson & Associates**, a civil engineering and land surveying firm that has provided a wide range of expertise for applications to land and water projects for over twenty years. A Huntsville based firm with a branch office located in Montgomery, Johnson & Associates provides engineering consulting, land surveying, construction engineering, project management and design documents.

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2008 Draw Montgomery Art Competition Entry

## President's Message | ••••

Hopefully each of you has received the e-card invitation notifying you of our first annual Design Awards. Your board is excited by the opportunity to provide our membership a local platform to submit projects deemed worthy of representing the embodiment of their firm and practice. Our goal is two fold: Firstly we want to provide all Montgomery Chapter AIA member firms and member architects an opportunity to showcase their work to fellow colleagues and to our community. Secondly, we want this to be a stepping stone for submitting your work to the AIA State Design awards. Our format is identical to the State council and all that will be necessary to submit projects to the state will be the transferring of information from computer to the state provided format.

Our judging panel will consist of Atlanta area architects and will be chaired by Atlanta architect, **Michael Gamble**, partner of G+G Architects. Michael holds degrees in Architecture from Auburn University, Georgia Tech and Harvard University. He has served on the board of directors at Art Papers Magazine and Auburn University School of Architecture & Building Construction.

Start pulling your submittal(s) together now and remember this is not a design competition or a comparison among peers. Each project submitted is judged on its own merit. Let's make our first Design Awards Gala a success, so that each year we can grow this event.

If you haven't received your e-card invitation, visit our web site at <http://aiamontgomery.org/DesignAwards.asp>. We look forward to seeing each member's work.

We would also like to receive suggestions from our members with regards to the nomination of a general

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contractor or sub-contractor for their outstanding work and relationship with the Architectural community. We would recognize this person or company at the Awards Gala. This could be someone such as Stan Hall of Best Glass. If you've ever had a question about glass or storefront systems I'm sure you've spoken with Stan. He's a plethora of information and is always more than glad to help with our questions. This would be an important step in recognizing the quality construction trades of our community and would work to strengthen the relationships between the two professions.

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Douglas McNab, AIA  
President

## May Meeting Recap | ●●●●●●●●

The May monthly luncheon was held at the Montgomery Country Club and sponsored by **Christian Testing Laboratories, Inc.** (CTL).

The meeting was opened by the Chapter President, **Doug McNab**, with guests introduced and welcomed. Afterwards, Doug provided members with an overview of his trip to the National AIA Convention and an announcement of the upcoming State AIA Convention. **Stephen King** welcomed **Kevin Blake** of CTL as the May lunch sponsor whom introduced members of his firm in attendance and then expressed his appreciation to the members of the Chapter. Afterward **Freddie Lynn** introduced the speaker, **Dan Bennett**, dean of the College of Architecture, Design and Construction at Auburn University.

Dean Bennett spoke to the members on a variety of subjects pertaining to the College. He expressed his gratitude to those members that participated in the AU College of Architecture Benefit Golf Tournament which benefits the college 2008 lecture series. Dean Bennett spoke briefly on the keynote speaker at the upcoming State Convention, Frank Harmon, FAIA whom

is being sponsored by the College. In regards to the College of Architecture, Dean Bennett provided insight on the admission process, an update on the Urban and Rural Studio programs, and the college's goal to expand the student's foreign studies. Dean Bennett concluded with a power point presentation of the current works by the Rural Studio.

After a brief question and answer period, Doug adjourned the meeting.

## Announcements | ●●●●●●●●●●

Information regarding entering the 2008 AIA Montgomery Design Awards can now be found on the Chapter's web site located at <http://www.aiamontgomery.org>. under the AIA Montgomery Design Awards. This information includes a description of the awards, entry categories, eligibility and entry requirements. An entry form is also included for printing as needed. Entry forms are due by 5:00 pm Friday, September 5, 2008. If you have any questions please contact **Douglas McNab** at [dmcnab@crcarch.com](mailto:dmcnab@crcarch.com).

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Firms wishing to display their works on the Chapter's web site should email photo images in pdf format to the Chapter's secretary, **Stephen King**. Please limit your submission to three photos and include project name and the city & state the project is located. Please note that starting January 2009 only those projects recognized by the Chapter's Design Award Gala will be displayed.

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The Chapter's August luncheon will provide our members an opportunity to obtain 4 HSW CEU's. The luncheon is being organized with Elite Meeting Concepts and will include four 1-hour presentations that meet AIA HSW accreditation.

Along with these presentations are 16-18 vendor booths that will display some of the latest building products. The presentations will be scheduled to maintain our regular 11:45 – 1:00 luncheon with a 1-hour HSW credit being provided. Afterwards, three additional presentations will be offered. More information will be provided at a later date including an agenda and the topic of each presentation.



The Montgomery Chapter AIA Design Awards are currently being organized for 2008. The Awards Gala is being planned in conjunction with the Chapter's annual Christmas Party in December. Committee members are still needed to assist in developing the program, organizing the event and to provide overall creativity to the gala. If you are interested please contact **Douglas McNab** at [dmcnab@crcarch.com](mailto:dmcnab@crcarch.com).



The history of the Montgomery Chapter AIA is being compiled for inclusion on the Chapter's website upcoming archive section. If you have any information, documents or pictures please contact the President, **Douglas McNab** at [dmcnab@crcarch.com](mailto:dmcnab@crcarch.com).



Remember to keep us informed of any changes to your email address. The email will still be the Chapter's primary source of contact for unexpected and short notice announcements. Send any changes to the Secretary, **Stephen King** at [sking@brownchambless.com](mailto:sking@brownchambless.com).

Please send event listings, announcements, and acknowledgements for inclusion in the newsletter and web site to Stephen King at [sking@brownchambless.com](mailto:sking@brownchambless.com).

## Upcoming Events | ●●●●●●●●

June 18

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon**  
The Montgomery Country Club  
Montgomery, AL

June 19 - 22

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

July 16

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon**  
The Montgomery Country Club  
Montgomery, AL

August 20

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon**  
Elite Meeting Concepts – 4 HSW CEH  
The Montgomery Country Club  
Montgomery, AL

September 5

**Design Award Entry Form Deadline**  
(visit website for additional information)

September 17

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon**  
The Montgomery Country Club  
Montgomery, AL

September 26

**Design Award Entry Submittal Deadline**  
(visit website for additional information)

December

**The Montgomery Chapter AIA  
Design Awards Gala**  
Montgomery, AL

Newspaper publication – date unknown.

## Coliseum Wins Architects' 'Most Significant' Award

By ED SWIETNICKI

Montgomery architects have chosen the giant, turtle-shaped State Coliseum as the city's most significant structure built during the past 100 years.

It was, as Architect Charles E. Humphries expressed it, a choice between "immensity and hugeness" and "gracefulness, restraint, and harmony with surroundings."

He referred to the fact that the historic State Capitol came in a graceful second behind the Coliseum. The winner received 30 votes and the runner-up 28.

Announcement of the city's 15 top buildings of the century was made Friday night at a dinner meeting of the Montgomery Assn. of Architects at the country club.

Sixty architects were present and gave free rein to their ideas. The voting coincided with the 100th anniversary of the American Institute of Architects. Forty-seven buildings in the city were nominated by a committee headed by the association's vice president, Carl Lancaster Jr.

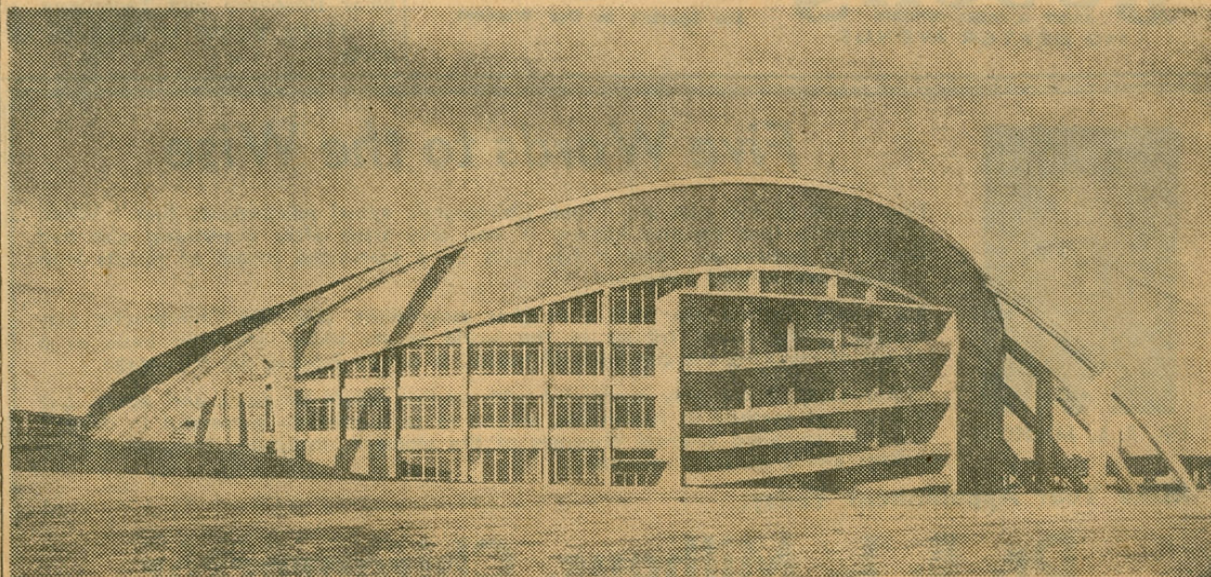
Winners in order behind the

Coliseum and Capitol, with number of votes received and some comments of architects are:

Holy Comforter Church, Goldthwaite street, 24 votes, "an excellent example of wood Gothic style"; Normandale Shopping Center, 23, "scope and size of the property"; Walter Bragg Smith Apartments, 22, "striking design"; Montgomery County Health Center, 20, "clean-cut"; Teague Home, Perry street, 20, "graceful antiquity"; WSFA Television Studios, 20, "severe styling, a simplification of the building's very complex inner workings"; Union Bank branch in Capitol Heights, 19; doctors offices at 750 Washington St., 18; Church of the Ascension, 17; the Semple residence on Monroe street, 16; Robert E. Lee High School, 14; Flowers Hall, Huntingdon College, 14; and Haughton residence, Ann street, 12.

Main speaker at the meeting was Sam Hurst, Atlanta architect who will assume duties this fall as dean of Alabama Polytechnic Institute School of Architecture and Arts.

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STATE COLISEUM CHOSEN CITY'S 'MOST SIGNIFICANT' BUILDING  
'Immensity' Cited By Montgomery Architects In Voting Last Week