

Monthly Meeting | ●●●●●●●●●●

March 17, 2010 | Wed. 11:45

This month's luncheon will again be held in the Montgomery Room (located on the first floor) at **The Montgomery Country Club**.

All attendees will have an opportunity to be awarded a \$50 gift card to **Wintzell's Oyster House**.

Speaker | ●●●●●●●●●●



With all of the rain that we have been having over the last couple of months, I am sure that all of the **roofs** that we design and specify have been on your minds. What is the best way to detail? How can we ensure that what we have the most current best practices in place for the projects that we are working on? These are some of the questions that we can talk about with our speaker this month. **J. T. Walker** with **GAF Roofing** in Birmingham will be presenting a CEU presentation on roofing. He has been in the Roofing industry since the early 90s. **David Lee** with **Roof Asset Management** will also be on hand to field any questions that you may have.

Sponsor | ●●●●●●●●●●

The January meeting is being sponsored by **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 and materials testing, quality control services and quality assurance services, including IBC Special Inspections. CTL has been a faithful supporter of the Chapter's luncheons for many years and we appreciate their continued involvement.

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Chapter Message | ●●●●●●●●●●

*Citizen Architect: Samuel Mockbee and the Spirit of the Rural Studio* is a documentary film on the late architect Samuel Mockbee and the radical educational design/build program known as the Rural Studio.

Hale County, AL is home to some of the most destitute and impoverished communities in the United States of America. It is also home to **Samuel Mockbee** and **Auburn University's Rural Studio**, the most prolific and inspirational design-build outreach programs ever established. *Citizen Architect* chronicles the late Sam Mockbee, artist, architect, teacher, community organizer and caregiver to poverty-stricken Hale County residents.

Filmmaker **Sam Wainwright Douglas** directed *Citizen Architect*, a 60-minute film for PBS that explores Mockbee's effort to infect architecture's future practitioners with the knowledge and passion to improve their community's quality of life. Chronicling the philosophy and heart behind the Rural Studio, the documentary is guided by passionate, frank and never-before-seen interviews with Mockbee himself.

*Citizen Architect* supplements Mockbee's words with perspective from architectural heavyweights and artists who share praise and criticism of the Rural Studio, including Peter Eisenman, Michael Rotondi, Cameron Sinclair, Hank Louis, and Steve Badanes of Jersey Devil.

The film follows up with Music Man, Sanders, his students and other Rural Studio graduates to see how the program has affected their lives. *Citizen Architect* captures the ripple effect that the Rural Studio continues to have throughout the profession. Above all else, this film offers a dialogue about what it means to be both a successful professional and a responsible member of society—ultimately arguing that the latter is essential to the former.

The AIA was among providers of support for the making of the film. The National PBS broadcast of *Citizen Architect* will take place this summer. Film screenings are starting this month and continuing throughout the country over the spring and summer months. Please check [www.citizenarchitectfilm.com](http://www.citizenarchitectfilm.com) for specific air dates and additional information.

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THE MONTGOMERY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

## February Meeting Recap | ●●●●●



(Left) President Stephen King and Past President Freddie Lynn, and (Right) Mark Wagasky of Applied Software

February's meeting had an intimate atmosphere as we broke from tradition and had our luncheon in the 'Montgomery Room' of the Montgomery Country Club. With **53** in attendance, Chapter President **Stephen King** opened the meeting by welcoming members, affiliates, sponsors, and guests. Stephen then recognized our most recent past president, **Freddie Lynn**, for his years of service to the Chapter and presented him with the Chapter's Appreciation Certificate.

President King announced the Montgomery Chapter contributed \$250 to the Alabama Architectural Foundation in memory of **Mr. William Pearson**. **Don Brown** gave a Grassroots update, and described the opportunities for ArchiPAC to make a difference in the upcoming elections. **Gary Greenshields** provided an update on the state legislature schedule, and a reminder of the Build Alabama Day event on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Intern Director **Amy Bell** provided an update for interns and the upcoming ARE Structure Study opportunity.

Chapter Secretary **Mark Lee** then introduced our luncheon sponsor, **Capital Brick**, who was represented by **Charlie Hill**. Later in the luncheon Charlie concluded the meeting by drawing for a \$50 SaZa's gift card, which was awarded to **Jennifer Norris**. Chapter President-Elect **Platt Boyd** presented the speaker, **Pete Zyskowski** of **Applied Software**, who spoke on the benefits of BIM Implementation within the design firm, as he presented and debunked common myths and misconceptions about BIM. Joining Pete from Applied Software were **Mark Wagasky** and **Fiona Pratt**.

With all February business accomplished, we were adjourned by the President.



Charlie Hill, of sponsor Capital Brick, addresses our membership at the February luncheon

## Condolences | ●●●●●

The Montgomery Chapter AIA offers condolences to the family and friends of **Mr. John Hulon Bryant, FAIA**. Many locally came to know John during his tenure at Auburn University, from 1970-1976, where he taught as a Regents Professor of Architecture. He was awarded the Fullbright Research Scholarship, and later was Head of the School of Architecture at Oklahoma State University, followed by serving as Professor of Design Studio and Non-Western and Japanese Architecture.

## Announcements | ●●●●●

### AIA GALA INVITATION RECEIVES AWARD

With over 60,000 entries annually, the **ADDY® Awards** are the world's largest and arguably toughest advertising competition. The local chapter, AAF-Montgomery, held its annual award ceremony on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Capital City Club where the **2009 AIA Gala Invitation** received a Silver ADDY® Award. The invitation was designed by **Amye King** of **Poppy Seed Design** in Montgomery, AL.

Additional awards involving Chapter Members included Gold ADDY® Awards to **Cunningham Group** for their work on the Brochure and the Building Photo Series for **Brown Chambless Architects**. **LWT Communications** received Gold ADDY® Awards for the Letterhead package and Nashville Branch Launch Invitation for **Goodwyn Mills & Cawood**. The website design for **Andy Smith Architecture** earned **Wei Wang** of Auburn University a Silver ADDY® Award. Congratulations to the designers and clients.



Preparations for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual **Draw Montgomery Art Competition** are underway for 2010. 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. This year the competition has been expanded to offer participation to Auburn area schools also. Packets have been sent out to schools, and the judging is scheduled to occur April 29<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Awards Ceremony to be held May 11<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, or to get involved, please contact **Stacy Norman**, Treasurer at 334.887.7010.



The **Alabama Council AIA** has asked that we remind our members that those who have either not paid 2010 dues, or signed up for dues waivers or dues payment plans by **March 31, 2010**, will be dropped from membership. Please contact [aia@gmsal.com](mailto:aia@gmsal.com), or call 334.264.3037 with any questions.

## We (Still) Need Who Needs Your Contributions

We have received a grand total of **ZERO** member contributions towards this column. Please consider ~~submitting material for use in developing the member driven column.~~ **getting professional help for your personal struggle with apathy and laziness.** Otherwise, the lack of membership submissions can only be attributed to a lack of talent by a bunch of uncreative posers. But seriously, ~~As stated previously,~~ 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 [secretary@aiamontgomery.org](mailto:secretary@aiamontgomery.org) . Please provide proper author/photographer credit with all submittals. **Snide remarks to the editor will also receive consideration for publishing.**



*Opportunistic Architecture: The Works of LTL Architects and Highlights of Alabama Architecture* are showing from **March 12 – May 9, 2010**, Wednesday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm and Sunday, noon – 5pm, with extended hours occurring the second Friday of each month. Admission is free.

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**New Members Attend AIA 2010 National Convention for Free!** All first-time architect, associate, and international associate members who join, and lapsed members who rejoin the AIA (eligibility requirements apply), are invited to attend the 2010 national convention free of charge. This is a valuable opportunity to spend time with your colleagues and peers and experience the full benefit of your membership at the leading design and construction industry event. For more info.: <http://www.aiaconvention.com/AIA2010/public/Content.aspx?ID=83&sortMenu=107001>



The **AIA Trust** is offering a new webinar which explains its offerings of free benefits for starter firms, which include free insurance, free waivers, free publications, and more. This eight minute webinar is available at the following link: [http://www.theaiatrust.com/members/members\\_webinars.php](http://www.theaiatrust.com/members/members_webinars.php)

## Upcoming Events | ●●●●●●●●●●

March 17

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

April 21

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The Montgomery Country Club  
Montgomery, AL

April 29

**Draw Montgomery Judging**  
Anita P. Folmar Youth Art Gallery  
1018 Madison Avenue  
Montgomery, AL

May 11

**Draw Montgomery Awards Ceremony**  
Anita P. Folmar Youth Art Gallery  
1018 Madison Avenue  
Montgomery, AL

May 19

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

June 10 – 12

**AIA National Convention**  
Miami Beach Convention Center  
Miami, FL

July 30 – August 1

**AIA Alabama Annual Convention**  
The Grand Hotel  
Point Clear, AL