

Monthly Meeting | ●●●●●●●●●●

May 19, 2010 | Wed. 11:45

This month's luncheon will be held in the **Ballroom at The Montgomery Country Club.**

All attendees will have an opportunity to be awarded a **\$50 gift card to Ala Thai.**

Sponsor | ●●●●●●●●●●

Our sponsor for the May Luncheon is **Woolard Brothers Incorporated.** Woolard Brothers is a Montgomery based subcontractor specializing in plastering, stucco, metal lathing, EIFS, metal studs, drywall, acoustical ceilings, sprayed fireproofing, GFRC and GFRG since 1932. The Chapter appreciates their continued support and sponsorship over the years. For more information, visit www.woolardbrothers.com

Speaker | ●●●●●●●●●●

GREEN BY DESIGN: Energy Tax Benefits for Architects

Did you know architects, engineering firms and other specialty contractors are eligible for a Federal tax benefit of up to \$1.80 per square foot for the design of energy-efficient public buildings placed into service after January 1, 2006?

Michael F. D'Onofrio, Managing Director at **Engineered Tax Services, Inc.**, will present how architects can take full advantage of the incentives being currently offered, which can result in positive effects such as increased cash flow through direct allocation of the federal tax benefit for the design of energy efficient systems in new or existing public buildings owned by a federal, state or local government...**each 100,000 sf could equal \$180,000 in benefits.** Also, increased satisfaction and loyalty from commercial building owner clients who are eligible for the same tax benefit could result. And finally, you can garner a competitive advantage in the marketplace: architects with the knowledge of these tax benefits are able to bid on public building projects much more competitively, and as we see an increase in public building production to stimulate the economy, this can be a significant tool in successfully winning bids.

Please join us for this stimulating topic.

Chapter Message | ●●●●●●●●

Our Chapter is blessed with a wealth of notable buildings and distinguished architects in its region, and the **Alabama Architectural Foundation** provides us with a great opportunity to bestow them with public recognition through the Alabama's Distinguished Architect Award and the Alabama's Distinguished Building Award.

The **Alabama's Distinguished Architect Award** is established and administered by AAF to bring recognition to individual architects whose exemplary career achievements and outstanding service to society and the profession elevates them to a posture of distinction among their peers.

Eligibility: Any architect, alive or deceased, who the board believes qualified, who practiced or practices Architecture in the State of Alabama over a significant period of their architectural career or who has significant ties to the State of Alabama through education or achievement, is eligible to receive Alabama's Distinguished Architect Award.

Submissions: Those wishing to nominate a candidate shall submit the following: 1) Nomination letter outlining candidate's credentials and distinctive achievements. 2) Brief biography of nominee, including education, honors, publications, offices, presentations and career achievements as they relate to this Award.

The **Alabama's Distinguished Building Award** is established and administered by the AAF to bring recognition to individual public buildings that exemplify the use of sound architectural design to develop a lasting image of timeless quality within the community they are located, serving as catalyst for growth and advancement of an area and the profession of architecture.

Building Eligibility: Any existing building, regardless of age, constructed and currently owned by a public entity in the State of Alabama is eligible for nomination.

Submissions: Those wishing to nominate a building shall submit the following: 1) Building Name and Brief Description of Function/History. 2) Building Location and Date of Construction. 3) Supporting Photographs (five interior, five exterior).

Submissions shall be provided to the Chapter's Board of Directors by **July 20, 2010.** The Board shall review and submit one nomination for each category to AAF. Winner will be announced at annual Alabama Council AIA Awards Banquet and Gala.

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ELEVATIONS

NEWSLETTER

THE MONTGOMERY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



Robert Weiss of sponsor Weiss Flooring and speaker John Cravey of Shaw Contract Group

April's meeting and luncheon was held in the Ballroom of the Montgomery Country Club. With 45 in attendance, Chapter President **Stephen King** opened the meeting by welcoming members, affiliates, sponsors, and guests.

Chapter Treasurer **Stacy Norman** spoke on the **2010 Draw Montgomery Competition and Reception**.

Cameron Acheson presented the progress on the **Rural Studio's LionsParkPlay** project with slides and models. Cameron was joined by fellow 5th Year thesis students **Bill Batey, Courtney Mathias and Jamie Sartory**. Chapter President **Stephen King** presented a \$500 check on behalf of the Chapter to the Rural Studio in support of the project.

Chapter Secretary **Mark Lee** then introduced our luncheon sponsor, **Weiss Flooring Inc.**, who was represented by **Robert Weiss, David Mills, Adam Weiss and David Wyatt**. Robert introduced our speaker, **John Cravey**, Regional Vice President of **Shaw Contract Group**, who spoke of sustainability and recyclability of floor coverings in the industry. Robert Weiss concluded the meeting by drawing for a \$50 Chappy's Deli gift card, which was awarded to **Betty Plaster**.

With all April business concluded, we were adjourned by the President.

Building Commission Bulletin | ●●●

On April 30, 2010, Governor Bob Riley signed house Bill 459 enacting a requirement for any new contract awarded on or after July 1, 2010 for a new public school to include a Building Commission approved safe space or hallway.

Pursuant to Act 2010-746, the Building Commission has adopted the *ICC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters* (ICC 500-2008) as the minimum building code for tornado shelters.

To read the official issued documents (Memo and Act), visit <http://www.bc.state.al.us/bc-bulletins.htm>, or contact Katherine Lynn, Director, Alabama Building Commission at (334) 242-4082.

Congratulations to the participants and award winners of the **2010 Draw Montgomery Art Competition**, sponsored by the Montgomery Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.:

Sr. High Winners:

1st Place: Hayley Mims, 11th Grade, Saint James, taught by Jim Gunter

2nd Place: Kelly Cunningham, 11th Grade, Saint James, taught by Jim Gunter

3rd Place: Laural Anthony, 10th Grade, BTW Magnet, taught by Emily Thomas

Honorable Mention: Ciera Barke, 12th Grade, LAMP, taught by Sally Chambliss; Celia Carnes, 10th Grade, LAMP, taught by Sally Chambliss; Hyun Sue Kwon, 12th Grade, taught by Jim Gunter

Jr. High Winners:

1st Place: Belle Prosser, 9th Grade, BTW, taught by Rachel Dudley

2nd Place: Maggie Starr, 9th Grade, BTW, taught by Emily Thomas

3rd Place: Taylor Anthony, 8th Grade, Baldwin Arts & Academy Magnet, taught by Kelly Garza

Honorable Mention: Candace von Hoffman, 8th Grade, The Montgomery Academy, taught by Amanda Townsend; Genesis James, 7th Grade, Baldwin Arts & Academy Magnet, taught by Kelly Garza; Minjee Kim, 8th Grade, Baldwin Arts & Academy Magnet, taught by Kelly Garza

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Mark your calendar: On **June 25th** we will descend on the **Robert Trent Jones Capital Hill course in Prattville** for the 20th annual Auburn University College of Architecture, Design, and Construction benefit golf tournament. We will start the day with continuing education classes followed by lunch sponsored by Montgomery Chapter AIA complete with a guest speaker. Then it will be off to the links! The day will finish up with an awards ceremony immediately following the golf. Entry forms will be sent out soon but call Richard Meinert 334-745-0074 or Eddie Eiland 334-269-4080 if you have any questions. **Look forward to seeing you June 25 in Prattville !**

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In the works: Montgomery Chapter AIA is planning a field trip and architectural tour of the soon to be completed **Auburn Arena** on the campus of **Auburn University**, tentatively scheduled for July. Stay tuned for updates!

Submit your upcoming events, announcements, acknowledgements, editorial copy, creative content, or drawings and photographs for publishing in the next newsletter. Email all content to secretary@aiamontgomery.org.

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On May 19, 2010, at 1:00 pm eastern time, AIA is sponsoring a **free** webinar for members on the new healthcare law and what it means to you and your firm. It is our hope to help prepare you as this law takes effect. This is a webex event, so you will need to register and test your system in advance of the event. AIA will make the archive available following the presentation. To get more information visit: www.aia.org/healthcare.

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In the works: Interns and **ARE Candidates**, mark your calendars for Aug 13-15. Alabama AIA and Auburn University have partnered to bring a fabulous **Structures** professor, **David Thaddeus**, to Auburn for a 3-day intense **ARE Structures Workshop**. If you were thinking of taking this portion of the ARE, I would highly recommend using this time to review. Mr. Thaddeus currently teaches at University of North Carolina at Charlotte and travels all over the US teaching this seminar. Further details are to follow...

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Cameron Acheson of Rural Studio explains the concept for the LionsPark Play project using the project model

If you would like to support the **Rural Studio's** ongoing work at the **LionsParkPlay** project, call (334) 624-4483. They will happily accept donations by cash, check or credit card! To stay current on the work progress and see additional project images, visit their website and blog at <http://blogs.cadc.auburn.edu/rural-studio/2009Blogs/lionsparkplay/>

Upcoming Events | ••••••••••

May 14
Alabama Council AIA Second Quarterly Meeting
Tree Top Activity Hall
Ruffner Mountain Nature Center
1214 81st Street South
Birmingham, 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

June 25
Montgomery Chapter AIA – Auburn University CADC Benefit Golf Tournament , Continuing Education Seminars and Luncheon
Robert Trent Jones Capital Hill Course
Prattville, AL

July TBD
Auburn Arena Tour and Luncheon
Auburn University
Auburn, AL

July 29 – August 1
AIA Alabama Annual Convention
The Grand Hotel
Point Clear, AL

August 18
Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon and CEU Seminar Event
The Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, AL



Treasurer Stacy Norman announces the winners at the 2010 Draw Montgomery Art Competition Reception