

## Monthly Meeting | ●●●●●●●●●●

October 21, 2009 | Wednesday 5:00 pm

Our October meeting will be held at **The Marina Bar & Grill** located at 617 Shady Street.

## Speaker and Sponsor | ●●●●●

No luncheon will be held this month. Instead our annual October Fall Party sponsored by **Southern Sash** will be held at The Marina Bar & Grille on Wednesday, October 21st from 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm. This annual event has always been one of the most highly enjoyed of the year and well attended by our members in the past. The program includes great food, cold beverages, a casual atmosphere and a chance to just relax and enjoy a fall evening. Our gratitude goes to Southern Sash for hosting this event for us.

During the party the Chapter will be presenting the 2009 Mike Barrett Memorial Award to a worthy recipient. This special award was created in 2005 by the Montgomery Chapter of the AIA to recognize annually the outstanding contributions of an individual to the architectural profession. The award was named in memory of William Michael Barrett who worked in the commercial flooring business for McAdams Commercial Flooring and was well known and respected by the Architects in our region. This year's recipient will join the following previous recipients:

**Mike Jenkins, 2008    Fred Woolard, 2007**  
**Peyton Mathis, 2006    Mike Barrett, 2005**

Please join us in expressing our gratitude to the 2009 recipient.

Hope to see everyone there!

## Chapter's Message | ●●●●

We are pleased to announce that the 2009 Award Gala entries have been judged and winners selected. Last week **Doug McNab** and I had the pleasure to deliver the entries to New Orleans and to personally meet with the nationally recognized jury. The jury was chaired by **Kenneth Schwartz, FAIA**, Dean of School of Architecture at Tulane University. Participating with Dean Schwartz was, **Collette Creppell, AIA**, Director of Campus Planning; Tulane University, **Steve Dumez, FAIA**, Design Director for the firm Eskew+Dumez+Ripple, and **Wayne Troyer, AIA**, Principal of Wayne Troyer Architects. Overall the jury themselves have been nationally recognized for their contribution to architectural design and have had extensive experiences with jurying projects. Their insight and experience was very enlightening and hopefully helpful as we as a Chapter continues to develop our award gala.

The jury was held at the office of Eskew+Dumez+Ripple where Doug and I arrived for lunch and a brief overview of the judging process. We then excused ourselves to the French Quarters for oysters, beer and sightseeing until they notified us approximately 90 minutes later that they had completed their task. Upon returning they were very gracious in providing their time to discuss some of the positives and negative aspects of the overall entries this year (without referencing any specific entry) and providing recommendations that may improve award entries. Afterward, Steve Dumez provided us with a tour of his design studio consisting of a

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grand view of downtown New Orleans from the 31<sup>st</sup> floor of their Canal Street office building. Before departing back to Montgomery, Doug and I decided a brief detour was in order for a cold beer and some gumbo.

As of this time the name of the winning projects have not been provided to us by Dean Schwartz. Dean Schwartz is working on compiling the jury comments on all entries and upon completion he will provide the name of the winning projects with the comments. We were told that of the 14 entries, the Jury chose three projects for awards with the awards consisting of 1 – Honor Award, 1 – Award of Merit, and 1 – Honorable Mention. Especially worth noting was that this year's Honor Award was an immediate unanimous choice by the Jury. The other two award winners were selected by deliberation.

Overall, the jury commended the diversity of project types and the range of project sizes entered. They suggested expanding the categories to include interiors and construction detailing. They also felt that some projects consisted of strong images but overall the collection of images did not reveal or support the project's design concept. They have suggested that having the Award entries reviewed by someone unfamiliar with the project can provide insight into areas of the presentation's shortcomings.

The Gala Committee would like to thank everyone that submitted an entry this year. Also remember that the Member Choice Award has yet to be determined by you the Chapter members. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Gala.

Stephen King  
President-Elect AIA Montgomery

## September Meeting Recap | ●●●●●●●●

The Chapter's September Luncheon was held at the Montgomery Country Club and sponsored by **MBA Structural Engineers, Inc.** of Montgomery.

The meeting was opened by the Chapter President, **Freddie Lynn** with all in attendance welcomed; no guests in attendance. A couple of announcements pertaining to the 2009 Design Award Gala and the chapter's first Contractor Recognition Award were made to the members. Afterwards, the luncheon sponsor **Tripp Lindsey, P.E.** of MBA Structural Engineers, Inc. was introduced and spoke briefly on the firm's history and the professional services they offer.

Freddie Lynn introduced the guest speaker **Jim Wilkie**. The lunch program outlined "green" approaches to handling rain water on-site, including capture, storage, and use. Current designs and technologies were discussed for both residential and commercial rainwater harvesting along with case studies with project photos shown. After addressing several questions the Chapter's meeting was adjourned with a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to Shashy's.

Attendance: 23; Guest: 0



September lunch speaker Jim Wilkie.

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A man in a dark suit, white shirt, and a green and white striped tie stands next to a table covered with a green and white cloth. On the table are several brochures and a sign that reads "MBA STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS, INC. MEMBER: AIAA". The background shows a room with large white columns and a wooden chair.

## Announcements | ●●●●●●●●●●

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## Upcoming Events | ●●●●●●●●●●

October 20

**LEED Green Associates Exam Prep Class**  
Auburn Chamber of Commerce  
Auburn, AL

October 21

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Monthly Meeting  
and Annual Fall Party**  
Montgomery, AL

November 3

**Lunch-and-Learn**  
Integration & Application of Solar Energy to  
Building Designs in Alabama by Dr. Henry  
Brandhorst, Jr.  
129 Coosa Street, 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

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