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 Steve Dumez, FAIA, University, 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 Ouarters for oysters, beer 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 31st 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 into the presentation's insight areas of 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.

Welcome | • • • • • •

The Chapter welcomes MBA Structural Engineers, Inc. as our latest affiliate member. MBA has been in the business of structural engineering since 1928 while successfully completing more than 12,500 projects. Based in Birmingham, Tripp Lindsey, P.E. is the Principal of their Montgomery office. Mr. Lindsey has been employed with MBA since 1999 and is experienced in the design of cast-in-place concrete, post tensioned concrete, precast concrete, structural steel and masonry. MBA Structural Engineers provides complete structural design services for structures of all types and sizes. Their clientele include architects, contractors, engineers, private owners, governments and industry.

We welcome them as an affiliate and appreciate their sponsorship of our September luncheon.



September lunch sponsor Tripp Lindsey, P.E.

Announcements | • • • • •

AIA Montgomery's Second Annual Design Award Gala is Thursday, December 10th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery. Invitations will be mailed to all members the week of Thanksgiving. Please RSVP by the 8th of December to sking@brownchambless.com or by phone to Stephen King at 334.834.8340.

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Montgomery 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 have a welldeserved nomination please submit in writing the person's name, company, and reason for nomination to the Chapter President Freddie Lynn at President@aiamontgomery.org. Please submit prior to November 1, 2009. Chapter members will be asked to vote from the list of nominees during our November luncheon. The award will be presented to the winner during the 2009 Design Award Gala.

The Auburn University Outreach Program Office in conjunction with the Alabama Chapter of USGBC will offer a LEED Green Associates Exam Prep Class on October 20, 2009 from 8 am to 5 pm in the Auburn Chamber of Commerce conference room. Beth Manguso Brodbeck, a highly qualified LEED AP and AIA Associate from Piedmont Green Building Solutions, Inc. will teach the class in preparation for the new LEED Green Associate Exam. The fee of \$345 includes the class workbook, practice tests, and lunch. Register online at www.auburn.edu/LEED.

You are cordially invited to a Lunch-and-Learn on the topic: Integration & Application of Solar Energy to Building Designs in Alabama presented by Dr. Henry Brandhorst, Jr., Director Space Research Institute. The event, sponsored by MAX Credit Union and Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc., will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2009 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at 129 Coosa Street, Montgomery, Alabama. The lunch and learn will provide accreditations of 1.5 hours of AIA Learning Units. Limited seating available therefore please R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, October 27 by email at rburkett@myMAX.com.



April's Rural Studio Tour - Student Housing

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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

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.