

Monthly Meeting •••••

September 17, 2008 | Wed 11:45

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

Speaker and Sponsor | ••••

Our guest speaker for the September luncheon is **Charles Moss, Jr., AIA** whom will be speaking on *Community in Alabama: Architecture for Living Together*. His topic involves raising public awareness of communities as basic building blocks of our society – and of the role that design can play in creating and sustaining healthy communities.

Mr. Moss, a graduate of North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Architecture Degree, is a past president of the Alabama Architectural Foundation and currently the Executive Director. The Alabama Architectural Foundation (AAF) was founded in 1983 for the purpose of informing the public of Architecture and how good design can positively affect and influence our daily lives. He began his architectural practice in Birmingham and had a successful practice as Moss and Associates, Architects, Inc. He retired in January 2000. He is an active member of the Birmingham Downtown Rotary Club and has served on many boards of civic organizations and has held offices for the local chapter and the Alabama Council of the American Architectural Foundation.

Our sponsor for the luncheon is **Woolard Brothers Incorporated**, a Montgomery based subcontractor specializing in plastering, stucco, metal lathing, EIFS, metal studs, drywall, acoustical ceilings, sprayed fireproofing, GFRC and GFRG since 1949.

President's Message | ••••

As I'm sure you are all aware of by now, our profession relies heavily on the construction industry. The quality of a contractor and their sub-contractors can make or break a project and can either make the construction process a reasonably enjoyable time or it can be a nightmare. Yes, I know, contractors also say the same of our profession too. Producing the contract documents is an extremely taxing process and many of us have had sleepless nights and said many prayers hoping that the low bidder is a contractor that will not only provide quality construction but is also one that will work as a team member rather than an adversary.

A couple of years ago I had the opportunity to go to an American Subcontractors Association of Alabama Banquet and was pleasantly surprised when they gave an award to a local firm, **Seay Seay Litchfield Architects**, recognizing their working relationship with the local construction industry and for the quality of work they produced and documented. Many years ago, the Montgomery Chapter of AIA, had an annual award recognizing a general contractor and subcontractor for quality work, craftsmanship and their working relationships with the architectural community. I can think of many general contractors and subcontractors I call upon for their expertise in various fields of work; **Fred Woolard, Stan Hall** with Best Glass, **Pat Mathews, Mike McGough, Peyton** and **Warner Mathis** etc. We all know someone with expertise in the various fields that we call upon for their knowledge because we know the quality of person they are and the quality of work they produce.

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ELEVATIONS

NEWSLETTER

THE MONTGOMERY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

We would like to present at the Design Awards Gala, an award to a local general contractor and subcontractor for their work. We are asking that between now and September's luncheon, next Wednesday, you think of 3 general contractors and 3 subcontractors that you feel meet the previously mentioned standards. We will have ballots on the tables that you can fill in. If you are unable to attend the luncheon please email your nominees to Stephen King. We will tally up the names and determine the recipient.

Douglas McNab, AIA
President

August Meeting Recap | ●●●●●●●●

The August monthly luncheon was organized and sponsored by **Elite Meeting Concepts** and provided our Chapter members an opportunity to receive 5 CEU's by attending five free HSW seminars.

The event, known as "CEU for Lunch", started the morning with members and guests having an opportunity to leisurely visit 12 manufacturer product booths that were set up around the perimeter of the room. This gave everyone some time to talk with manufacturer representatives and gather information about some of the latest building products that are appearing on the market today. At noon the luncheon was formally called to order by **Freddie Lynn**, President Elect, with a personal welcome to all members, non-chapter members and guests. Freddie introduced **Howard Jones** of **Elite Meeting Concepts** who spoke briefly of the seminars that had been scheduled for the day and the product reps that were attending. The day's first seminar began immediately afterward and included a sit down lunch that was served by the Country Club. A short break followed with four additional seminars occurring that afternoon with intermediate breaks between each.

The feedback we have received from those that attended has been very positive. Also, the organizer of the event felt it was a success from their point of view and have already expressed an interest in organizing the "CEU for Lunch" event next year. Based upon the success of this year's event, the Chapter's Board Members feel that the "CEU for Lunch" would provide a significant benefit for our members every year and therefore have tentatively planned on scheduling this as a yearly event for the August Chapter Luncheon. We welcome any additional thoughts from you. Thanks again to all who attended.

Total Attendance: 74
Sponsors: 14

Announcements | ●●●●●●●●●●

Don't Forget !

To everyone that has entered the **2008 AIA Montgomery Design Awards**, submittals and project displays must be received at the office of Brown Chambless Architects, 260 Commerce Street, Suite 200, Montgomery, AL 36104 by 5:00 pm Friday, September 26, 2008. Visit the Chapter web site for additional information.



Montgomery Chapter AIA is accepting nominations for the Chapter's first **Contractor Recognition Award**. The award will be given to a general contractor and subcontractor within the Montgomery Chapter area that has diligently shown excellence in their trade and has over time become a valuable partner in the architectural community. If you have a nomination please submit the person's name and company to **Stephen King** at sking@brownchambless.com. The award will be presented during the 2008 Design Award Gala.



The U.S. Green Building Council will be conducting a **“LEED for New Construction Technical Review Workshop”** on October 9, 2008. The workshop will be held in the Alabama Power Company Auditorium at 244 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, AL. For workshop information including cost and continuing education credits visit Greenbuild365 at www.greenbuild365.org.



The Alabama Council AIA is pleased to offer a seminar on the **2007 Florida Building Code**. The date is Friday, November 14th in Birmingham. Additional information including location and time will be forthcoming in future mailings and emails from the Council.



The Alabama Council AIA is pleased to announce that a **Fall Wrap Up Session** will be held to complete your continuing education for the year. The session is scheduled for Wynlakes Country Club in Montgomery on Friday, September 19th and will include a group lunch. Brochures will be mailed out within the next few weeks.



2008 Draw Montgomery Art Competition Entry

Upcoming Events | ●●●●●●●●●●

September 17

Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon
The Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, AL

September 19

Fall Wrap Up Session
Wynlakes Country Club
Montgomery, AL

September 26

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

October

Montgomery Chapter AIA Fall Party
TBA
Montgomery, AL

November 14

2007 Florida Building Code Seminar
Alabama Council AIA Sponsorship
Birmingham, AL

November 19

Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon
The Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, AL

December

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

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