Recap

2011 AIA Middle PA Chapter Symposium

Many Thanks to Our Exhibitors!

We'd like to express our sincere thanks to the many vendors who joined us at our October Symposium. They help make the event a reality – we couldn’t do it without them! Please be sure to send along your thanks the next time you see them.

HF Lenz
Watsontown Brick
Quality Stone Veneer
GAF
Centria
CJL Engineering
Fierst Distributing
Fishman Flooring Solutions
Keller Engineering
Supply Source
Comfort Supply
Sherwin Williams
PACA
Architectural Resources
Avail Business Systems
Pella Windows
Reed Associates
Guardian Glass
Green Collar Consultants
Converse Consultants

Phil Cotchen, Avail Business Systems, talks with Conemaugh Health System's Chris Poplawek about the company’s new product during the vendor exhibition. The exhibition featured a record-breaking 33 companies this year, including 12 first-time exhibitors.

Modernfold of PA
Centre Hall Mason Supply
Penn State University
Boise Cascade Engineered Wood
EB Endres, Inc.
Ollinger Brick
Architectural Clay Products
Velux
Curbell Plastics
Daltile
Forbo Floors

A special thanks to HF Lenz, Watsontown Brick and Powell Trachtman whose sponsorship helped to support the 2011 Symposium.

We also thank Reed Associates and Modern Business Systems for joining us as Friends of AIA MPC during the event.
Symposium Attracts Architects and Engineers From Across the Region

More than 30 architects, engineers and related professionals representing nearly 20 firms and businesses from across west central Pennsylvania attended this year’s Symposium. By day’s end, they had earned four continuing education credits, including general learning units, HSW credits and Sustainable Design credits.

Those who attended the reception and dinner added an additional Sustainable Design credit to their log.

Guests were treated to a very well-received vendor exhibition, as well as dynamic seminars that focused on industry trends and innovations. We thank our speakers, who traveled from Pittsburgh, Mechanicburg, Duncansville and Philadelphia to join us:

- **Mario Zacharjasz, AIA**, PZS Architects and President, Puente Construction Services
- **Irv Spoonhour**, Master Code Professional, Approved Code Services
- **Wade Baumgartner and John Thomas**, Greater PA Regional Council of Carpenters
- **Marc Mondor**, AIA, Evolve EA
- **William Bates, AIA**, VP, Real Estate, Eat ‘n Park and President, AIA-PA

Thanks to all who took the time to attend this year’s event. We’ll be sure to keep you posted on plans for 2013!
AIA Associates Corner — 2011 Links

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For the Good of the Order

Comments on the Profession of Architecture by Tom Columbus Jr., AIA, LEED AP

To better align itself with continuing ed nomenclature in our allied fields, and since a number of vendors provide the same continuing ed programs to architects, engineers, technicians, and other manufacturers, the AIA is changing what it calls continuing ed. Effective January 1, 2012, AIA/CES will no longer be using the term “Learning Units” when referencing credits for approved courses. Rather, they will be referring to them as “Continuing Education Hours” (CEHs). Another point is not to confuse CEUs with CEHs! One CEU equals 10 (ten) CEHs. It may sound confusing at first, but as you research continuing ed requirements for registration in other States (quite possibly soon to be in PA) you will find the above change to help in using the credits you obtain not only for your AIA membership requirements, but also for your registration in these other States. To date, no State has been known to reject an AIA approved CEH. To make these AIA approved CEHs even more valuable, certain programs can be used by anyone with LEED AP credentials for continuing ed requirements.
Complimentary Continuing Education Luncheon

November 30, 2011
10:00am—2:30pm

Please join us for a workshop showcasing the following providers:

VELUX America, Inc.; Schluter Systems; Pella Windows & Doors;
and Quality Stone Veneer

As a participant, you will be able to earn up to 4 learning units.

Location: Sheetz Facilities Support Center Conference Room
351 Sheetz Way
Claysburg, PA 16625

Schedule of Events:

10:00 am—11:00 am  VELUX America, Inc.
11:00 am—12:00 pm  Schluter Systems
12:00 pm—12:30 pm  Lunch provided by Sheetz, Inc.
12:30 pm—1:30 pm   Pella Windows & Doors
1:30 pm—2:30 pm    Quality Stone Veneer
2:30 pm            Adjourn

No cost to you!! Earn up to 4 learning units, as well as enjoy a complimentary lunch provided by Sheetz.

To reserve your seat, please contact:
Tyne Palazzi @ 814-947-5366 or tpalazzi@sheetz.com

>> RSVP by November 25th <<

Directions from I-99 South/US-220 South
Take the Sprout/King Exit (Exit #15)
Coming off the Exit, you will bear to the Right onto Appalachian Trwy/Old US-220
Proceed Straight until you come to a Signal Light (approx. 1.1 miles), you will turn Left here onto Quarry Road.
Proceed Straight until you come to another Signal Light (approx. 500 feet)
Proceed Straight; go down a slight hill and across the railroad tracks and follow the road to Entrance D.
Keep going until the road ends at the Warehouse, park around back.
In October, Tom and I had an opportunity to visit Chicago, Illinois. What a magnificent city! To get a better look at this metropolis, we took the Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise. Our tour guide was well versed in all the architectural building styles, history, and how everything fit together. I just wanted to share a few of these photos. Enjoy the Chicago skyline.  
Submitted by Dee Columbus
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