

## AIA MIDDLE PA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

### 2012 AIA National Convention and Design Exposition



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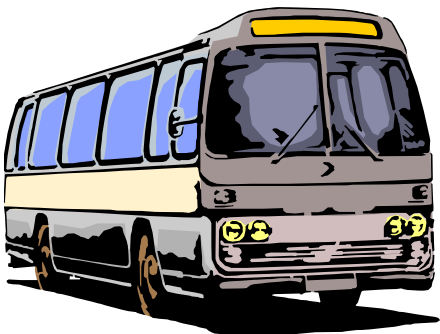
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### BUS TRIP TO THE AIA CONVENTION

As most of you know, the AIA Convention is in Washington, D.C. this year in the month of May. This means the many vendor displays, the seminars, and on-the-spot AIA services being offered are all well within range of driving to for a one-day visit. Along these lines, Charlie Grieb, AIA, has graciously volunteered

to organize this one-day trip for AIA and non-AIA members. He is looking for riders and input, and also any help that anyone wants to offer. Charlie can be reached at his office in Lock Haven at 570-748-9253 or email at [griebaia@kcnet.org](mailto:griebaia@kcnet.org). If you ever wanted to go to the convention, this is your chance to do it without having to pay airline and overnight accommodation costs.



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**April 27, 2012**

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## Message from the President

Dave Macharola, AIA

Dear Members,

With the mild winter weather to soon leave us with spring flowers and longer days ahead, now is the time to become active in the AIA Middle PA chapter. The Chapter has a full agenda of activities including continuing education and joint meetings to prepare and plan for this year. Make a resolution to get involved and participate in the education sessions, joint meetings with AIA, ASHRAE, CSI and the Penn State American Institute of Architecture Students.

The biannual AIA Middle PA symposium this past fall was once again a great success, and our entire chapter wishes to thank Tom Columbus and Anne McGrath for their tireless work on putting the event together. Thank you to all who attended and a special thank you to those who presented as well as the vendors who displayed at the event. Without their support our chapter could not keep moving forward.

Tom Columbus will be attending the Grassroots conference in Washington D.C. the second week of March. Tom will be representing AIA Middle PA Chapter, and he will be charging to Capitol Hill along with many AIA members to inform the Congress of the major issues that plague our economy and our profession of Architecture.

On March 21, 2012 is our annual visit to Penn State University and joint dinner meeting with the AIAS Students. Put this event on your calendar and enjoy their presentation of their trip to Phoenix Arizona.

This year we are fortunate to have the 2012 AIA National Convention in Washington D.C. This is a great opportunity for our membership to have our chapter well represented.

Included in this newsletter is our chapter calendar of events for 2012. Please feel free to attend any of the events and make sure to check your emails for announcements of future events.

Our chapter thrives on your input and assistance. Please drop me or any chapter officer a line if you have a question, concern or comment on any chapter business.

Regards,

Dave

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### *For the Good of the Order*

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

I had the recent pleasure of talking to some colleagues that are in the “Generation X” age bracket (32 to 47 as defined by most publications). It was surprising (to me) to hear some of the varied non-traditional routes taken after architectural schooling. I then had the pleasure to talk to some architectural students along with some of the millennial age bracket people in the field of architecture. This group had even more non-traditional routes of work to talk about. The students seemed to talk more about non-traditional job placement than traditional architectural or engineering practice jobs. I believe there are a number of reasons for this shift now going on: economy and the resultant lack of job opportunities; baby-boomers hanging on to their jobs longer; traditional practice tasks being taken over by non-architectural and engineering firms; and computer technology advances that make the need for a room full of drafters that include intern architects go the path of the passenger pigeon. Shifting to non-traditional jobs equates to less registered architects and engineers. Only time will tell if this will bode well for our building environment.

## **AIA MIDDLE PA CHAPTER**

### **2012 Calendar of Events**

#### **January**

- 1/9 Executive Committee Meeting, SMA Hollidaysburg, PA
  - 1/25 AIA PA Board Meeting, Harrisburg, PA

#### **February**

- 2/3 Michelangelo Sabatino "Outside Looking In" Lecture Series 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Stuckeman Building jury space.

#### **March**

- 3/7 - 3/10 National Grassroots Leadership Conference (Washington, DC)
- 3/12 Executive Committee Meeting, State College, PA
- 3/14 - 6pm: Lecture Series: Mariana Ibenez & Simon Kim, Studio I/K
- 3/15 Factory Mutual Regional Meeting
- 3/16 PSU Stuckeman School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture Career Day
- 3/21 Chapter Dinner Meeting w/ Penn State Architecture Students
- 3/28 - 6pm: Lecture Series: Andrea Zittel, The A-Z Studio
- 3/31 - 6pm: Lecture Series: David Abram (Kick off speaker for the National Conference for the Beginning Design Student)
- TBD Continuing Education Seminar: Child Center/Millennium Building

#### **April**

- 4/3 - 4/4 Architect's Day, Leadership Conference & Board Meeting, Harrisburg, PA
- 4/07 - 6pm Lecture Series: Unchung Na, Nameless Architects
- TBD AIA / ASHRAE Joint Meeting
- TBD Brueggebor's Memorial Competition, Penn College, Williamsport, PA

#### **May**

- 5/7 Executive Committee Meeting, State College, PA
- 5/17 - 5/19 AIA National Convention, Washington, DC

#### **June**

- TBD AIA State Board Meeting, Harrisburg, PA
  - 6/20 AIA PA Board Meeting via Conference Call

#### **July**

- 7/9 Executive Committee Meeting, State College, PA
- 7/13 Chapter Picnic at the Blairmont Country Club, Hollidaysburg, PA

#### **August**

- TBD Continuing Education Seminar - Carpenters Union, Duncansville

#### **September**

- 9/10 Executive Committee Meeting, State College, PA
- TBD Continuing Education Seminar
  - 9/19 AIA PA Board Meeting, Harrisburg, PA

#### **October**

- Joint AIA/CSI Meeting (TBD)

#### **November**

- 11/14 AIA State Board Meeting, Harrisburg, PA
- 11/19 Executive Committee Meeting and Planning Meeting
  - 11/14 AIA PA Board Meeting via Conference Call

#### **December**

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## **Stuckeman School News**

### **Stuckeman School Finalizes Career Day Schedule, Fills Registration**

The H. Campbell and Eleanor R. Stuckeman School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture has announced that the Stuckeman School Career Day is scheduled for March 16, 2012. The registration for this Career Day is full. However, two firms are on the waiting list.

Posters that will show the work of each office will be displayed on the Third Floor of the Stuckeman Building.

For more information on what's happening at the Stuckeman School, go to **[stuckeman.psu.edu/news](http://stuckeman.psu.edu/news)**.

## **What's An Affiliate?**


The AIA-MPC is again welcoming new and renewing 2012 affiliates to its chapter.

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