AIA MPC Welcomes HalenHardy as Symposium Sponsor
Will Unveil New Product at Symposium

Our many thanks to HalenHardy, who will be sponsoring Janel Everly’s (GBH-Pgh) presentation at the Symposium. HalenHardy, LLC was founded in January 2013 to specialize in providing services to protect workers and their families from dangerous airborne respirable dust generated during various industrial activities. In August, HalenHardy introduced the MASHH Mobile Air Shower, which protects workers and their families from dangerous respirable dusts by removing the dust from workers clothes. In October they will now be unveiling MASHH to our our Central Pennsylvania architectural and design community. For more information, please visit www.mashh.com.
Message from the President
Tom Columbus, Jr., AIA, LEED AP

It is refreshing to see the AIA is doggedly continuing to reach out to members with regards to the “Repositioning of the AIA”. Our organization’s leadership is very serious about “a real and meaningful change for our organization to remain relevant to members and the profession of architecture.” The three areas focused on are: AIA leadership structure, institutional framework, and operational focus.

Keep in mind, this activity is for the betterment of our profession. Architects and architecture are at a threshold that demands increased awareness of our place in society and how we present ourselves to the world.

We must continue to stay in tune with the way the public perceives us, and why they feel we are needed in the matrix of society. I have had the pleasure of seeing how we individually make a difference in society while continuing to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Simple and subtle items from moving a wall or shortening it to allow for more sunlight to stream in or changing a door swing for “better design” to major items such as the massing of structures in a streetscape to allow for better public circulation or allowance of plantings, weigh in on our contribution to society.

We must be doing something right, despite media predictions of a dire future. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects an architectural employment growth of 23.1% between 2010 and 2020! This means just about out of every four architectural personnel, another person will be added.

The repositioning takes into account this growth and will attempt to accommodate our young professionals. Now is your chance to weigh in. Please go to the AIA website and note the Town Hall meetings or the many other avenues for you to add your thoughts.

Switching gears, please check out our upcoming building tour at the Mount on 09/26/13. A flyer is included in this Newsletter. Also, more information is included on our upcoming Symposium. So far, our vendor count to date has surpassed our count at this time two years ago. Don’t miss this great opportunity to gain product knowledge and continuing education requirements!

Until next time,
Tom
Lifetime Achievement: James Wines

The National Design Awards program celebrates design as a vital humanistic tool in shaping the world, and seeks to increase national awareness of design by educating the public and promoting excellence, innovation, and lasting achievement.

James Wines is founder and president of SITE, a New York-based architectural studio chartered in 1970. Through his multidisciplinary practice, Wines develops site-specific structures that engage information about the environment, including buildings, public spaces, environmental art, landscapes, master plans, interiors, video productions, graphics, and product designs. This emphasis on context has attracted international attention since 1970 and has influenced the design of environmentally oriented buildings, interiors, gardens, and public spaces. He has designed over 150 projects for private and municipal clients in eleven countries. Wines is a Professor of Architecture at Pennsylvania State University and author of several books including De-Architecture and Green Architecture. Twenty-two monographs have been published on his drawings and built works. He continues to research environmental issues in architecture and write and lecture on this subject internationally.
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Visit www.aiamiddlepa.org for exhibitor and sponsor info!
HSW Credits Confirmed for Symposium Presentations

Momentum is building for the 2013 symposium, scheduled for Thursday, October 24 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona. We’ve confirmed HSW credits for three of our five presentations; additional credit confirmation is pending for the remaining two presentations:

Walt Schneider, Centre Region Code Administration – 1 HSW credit
Janel Everly, Green Building Alliance – Pittsburgh – 1 HSW credit
Karen Arnold and Scott Doyle, PA Historical and Museum Commission Bureau for Historic Preservation
Walt Fowler, Chatham University
Anthony Potter, Powell Trachtman Logan Carrle & Lombardo – 1 HSW credit (optional dinner presentation)

Our presenters will provide timely and relevant continuing education on key issues, including:

- Common coding mistakes
- Green building innovations
- State and federal historic preservation tax incentives
- “Off the grid” sustainable systems design
- Risk management updates

Check the chapter web site and your in-box for more information and updates throughout the coming months.

For more information, please contact Anne McGrath, event coordinator, at annefmcgrath@verizon.net or 814-539-1317.

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Check Your Inbox for the Latest Symposium Updates

This year, we’re promoting the Symposium through Constant Contact email, including online registrations. Check your spam setting to ensure you’re receiving all of the latest information. If your filter cannot be adjusted to receive Constant Contact emails, please contact Anne McGrath, event coordinator, at annefmcgrath@verizon.net or 814-539-1317, to provide an alternative email or preferred form of communication. Thank you!

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Early Bird Registration Ends 9/24!

No Increase in Symposium Fees in 2013

Don’t miss the early bird deadline. Early registration closes on September 24. Guests can register online or download the paper registration and mail it in. Visit the chapter website at www.aiamiddlepa.org for registration directions and hard copy materials. Registration fees remain the same as 2011 as noted below:

Member (Register by 9/24) …………………… $175
Member (After 9/24) ………………………… $200
Non-Member (Register by 9/24) ………… $200
Non-Member (After 9/24) …………………... $225

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More Exhibitors Sign On for Symposium

Here’s an updated list of who has already signed on to join us, with new exhibitors highlighted for easy reference!

- Hanel Storage Systems – Mark Schuette and John Corson, mschuette@hanel.us
- Centria - Ben Marnik, bmarnik@centria.com
- Sherwin-Williams Company – Jim Geist, jim.l.geist@sherwin.com
- Smith-Schaefer – Randy Kania, rkania@smith-schaefer.com
- ELA Group – Matt Harlow and Jackie Auman, jaauman@elagroup.com
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- Fierst Distributing – Jim Tasillo, jim@fierstdistributing.com
- Keller Engineers – Randy Diviney, rdiviney@keller-engineers.com
- Supply Source – Karen Temple, karent@supplysourceinc.com
- Comfort Supply – Brendan Heckler, bheckler@comfortsupplypgh.com

Please be sure to thank these representatives the next time you see them. Look for more information on participating vendors in the weeks and months to come!

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Please note that in an effort to keep Symposium costs as low as possible, printed registration materials will not be produced or mailed out. However, guests can register directly through the chapter website via PayPal or download a paper registration form and mail it to:

Anne McGrath  
Event Coordinator  
409 Luzerne Street  
Johnstown, PA 15905

See you in October!
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Jim Tasillo is a practitioner of Design Driven Distribution and has been in the tile business for over 30 years. For more information contact Jim at jim@fierstdistributing.com or contact Bob Duffy at bbonnie64@verizon.net.

News from Our Affiliates
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Thursday, September 26th @ 4:30pm

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