

## AIA MIDDLE PA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

### MIDDLE CHAPTER'S ANNUAL PICNIC HAS CHANGE OF VENUE *The Blairmont Club Hosts AIA*

The location of the annual AIA Middle Pennsylvania Chapter's picnic changed for 2011, but the enjoyment remained the same. The Blairmont Country Club was the site of this year's event. About 45 members and guests were in attendance to have a chance to talk and enjoy the beautiful surroundings in a relaxed atmosphere.

Following a delicious dinner, Dave Macharola, President of the Middle Chapter, welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the chapter's activities during the past year. The chapter was very fortunate once again this year to welcome as guests Richard



Richard DeYoung, past President AIA PA discusses legislation and its effects on architects

DeYoung who discussed the issues involving legislative actions in the Pennsylvania Assembly. Mr. Bob Keaton briefly went over the government issues that he deals with on behalf of Pennsylvania AIA. Caroline Boyce, Executive Director of AIA Pennsylvania, also enlightened the group about the various actions and concerns that are being followed by the state organization to promote and guard the interests of AIA members. Mr. Fred Fernsler who has served on the state board from the Middle Chapter for many years is stepping down and thanked the membership for their support. Tom Columbus gave an update on the status of the 2011 AIA Middle PA Chapter's symposium taking place on

October 20, 2011, at the Pasquerilla Conference Center in Johnstown, PA. Finally, Bill Bates, President AIA Pennsylvania, discussed what he has been working on as president during the past year.

The evening was a great success with everyone having a very enjoyable time. See everyone again next year!!



Bill Bates, President AIA PA addresses group



Bob Keaton, of AIA PA discusses state government issues

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Deadline for articles and information for the next newsletter is:

**August 26, 2011**

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## Lectures, Events and Exhibitions Stuckeman School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture

### ***Check out these upcoming PENN STATE Lectures***

Friday, September 23, 2011 at 12:00 Noon

**Ron Henderson ASLA**

Landscape Architecture Department Head & Chair of Design Integration  
Stuckeman Jury Space

Part of the *Faculty Fridays* lecture series:

Ron's lecture is entitled, *Well Conceived, Poorly Built: New Landscape Architecture in China*

Wednesday September 28, 2011 at 6:00 PM

**Peggy Deamer** <http://www.peggydeamer.com/>

Yale School of Architecture

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Part of the *Who Owns Design?* lecture theme

Wednesday, October 05, 2011 at 12:00 Noon

**Jon Cagan** <http://www.cmu.edu/me/people/jonathan-cagan.html>

George Tallman and Florence Barrett Ladd Professor, Dept. Mech. Engr.,  
Carnegie-Melon University

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Part of the *Who Owns Design?* lecture theme

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 12:00 Noon

**Dick Buchanan** <http://design.case.edu/who/>

Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University

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Part of the *Who Owns Design?* lecture theme

Wednesday October 19, 2011 at 6:00 PM

**Sharon Haar** <http://www.arch.uic.edu/faculty/haar.php>

School of Architecture, University of Illinois at Chicago

Stuckeman Jury Space

Part of the *Who Owns Design?* lecture theme

Professor Haar will also discuss her latest book, *City As Campus: Situating Urban Pedagogy*

Friday, Oct. 21, 4 pm:

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**Tim Palmer**, River Conservationist and Landscape Architecture alumnus

Geography Coffee Hour,

(1971 Co-sponsored with Department of Geography)

Monday October 24, 2011 at 6:00 PM

**Tim Pearce** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xEhbQuhlFU0>

Documentary Film Maker

Stuckeman Jury Space

Mr. Pearce will discuss his film *From the Steppes to the City*

This lecture is being held in conjunction with a performance by AnDa

Union at Eisenhower, and a screening of Mr. Pearce's film on October 23.

## 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

### **OFFICE SPACE**

It is interesting to hear my colleagues discuss their particular office space problems and pet peeves that we all may have. Issues like the upstairs people, the basement people, it is always too hot or too cold, not enough restrooms, conference rooms always in use, dumpy looking, etc., etc. Sometimes we forget an office is a lot more than a place to house people in order to work on projects. Consider how much of our life is spent in this space. We all know there are umpteen studies and statistical data proving a comfortable office affects the bottom line. It fosters teamwork and is pleasant to potential clients. The office can exist as being much more than necessary overhead. You may want to consider possibilities when discussing interior office space with some of our vendors at the upcoming Symposium next month. They will be happy to make worthwhile suggestions for your office space.

# **2011 Symposium**

**Trends and Innovations** – *Strategies for 2012 and Beyond* — **See List of Seminars. Page 5**

Thursday, October 20, 2011

Frank J. Pasquerilla Conference Center  
Historic Downtown Johnstown

*With an optional cocktail reception and dinner immediately following at the award-winning City View Restaurant, atop Johnstown's famed Incline Plane.*

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## **Register Online for the 2011 Symposium!**

Now there's a faster, easier way to register for this year's Symposium. Just visit our web site ([www.aiamiddlepa.org](http://www.aiamiddlepa.org)) and follow the Symposium links to register online. Use your Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express and register in just a few clicks.

Payments are administered through PayPal but you don't need a PayPal account to register.

**Check it out and register today!**

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## **“Early Bird” Registration Ends 9/26**

*Discounts for Companies Sending 3+ Reps*

AIA members and non-members can take advantage of “early bird” registration rates through **Monday, September 26**. Through 9/26, members can register for \$175; non-members can secure their seats for \$200. After that, registration fees are \$200 and \$225, respectively.

Member and non-member companies sending three or more representatives can also take advantage of a 10% discount per person.

**Check your mail for our registration brochure or visit [www.aiamiddlepa.org](http://www.aiamiddlepa.org) to register online today.**

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## **Passport Program Returns to Symposium**

This year, Symposium guests will receive an exhibitor passport that will make them eligible to win great prizes throughout the day. Here's a list of confirmed exhibitors to date, with new exhibitors signing on each week.

HF Lenz  
Quality Stone Veneer  
GAF  
Centria  
Guardian Glass

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## **SYMPOSIUM** *(Continued from Page 4)*

Green Collar Consultants  
CJL Engineering  
Fierst Distributing  
Fishman Flooring Solutions  
Keller Engineering  
Converse Consultants  
Penn State University  
Boise Cascade Engineered Wood  
Architectural Clay Products  
Supply Source  
Comfort Supply  
Sherwin Williams



PACA  
Architectural Resources  
Avail Business Systems  
Pella Windows

If you know a company that would be interested in exhibiting, please forward the contact information to Anne McGrath at [annefmcgrath@verizon.net](mailto:annefmcgrath@verizon.net).

***A special thanks to HF Lenz, whose sponsorship is helping to support the 2011 Symposium.***

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### **Dynamic Seminars Focus on Industry Trends, Innovations**

- **Effective management strategies to weather the economic storm**  
*Mario Zacharjasz, AIA, PZS Architects and President, Puente Construction Enterprises*
- **Regulatory and code trends, including 2012 changes to ADA regs**  
*Irv Spoonhour, Master Code Professional*
- **Construction innovations and their relationship to the architectural and design industry**  
*Wade Baumgartner and John Thomas, Greater PA Regional Council of Carpenters*
- **International Green Building Code updates**  
*Maureen Guttman, former Executive Director, Governor's Green Government Council, with a special introduction by Carole Aichele, PA Secretary of State*
- **Special cocktail reception and dinner presentation highlighting the urban greening of Eat 'n Park**  
*William Bates, VP, Real Estate, Eat 'n Park and President, AIA-PA*



## Affiliate Corner

### ***Did You Have a Grout Day?***

Tile humor ... it's only funny to those of us immersed in the business. But it's no joke that the grout you choose can have a significant impact on the finished tile installation.

If you could specify a grout that was consistent in color every time, never needed sealing and was crack-resistant, would you?

Bostik TruColor urethane grout is that grout. It has all of the attributes of an epoxy grout without the drawbacks typically associated with epoxy grout.

Bostik TruColor pre-mixed grout is a patented, but not proprietary, water based, urethane grout offering the ultimate in color accuracy, stain protection and crack resistance for commercial and residential tile installations. This breakthrough formulation installs up to 50% faster than traditional grouts, and never needs to be sealed. Its perfect balance of flexibility and toughness enables it to exhibit unmatched performance and crack resistance. TruColor exceeds the grout-relevant portion of the ANSI 118.3 epoxy standard (modified ANSI A 118.3-UG)

Installers like working with it because it's premixed, dust free and ready to use. What's left after the installation can be stored and reused.

TruColor contributes to USGBC LEED credits: MR4.1&4.2 (recycled content) and EQ 4.1 (low emitting material).

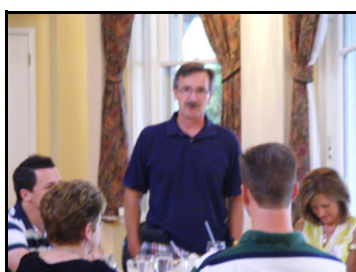
Don't let the smallest part of the project keep you from having a grout day!

*Jim Tasillo has been in the tile and flooring business for over 30 years and is General Manager of Fierst Distributing Company in Pittsburgh. Fierst Distributing Company is focused on distributing tile, hardwood, rubber flooring and installation systems from manufacturers located within 500 miles of Pittsburgh. For more info, contact Jim at [jim@fierstdistributing.com](mailto:jim@fierstdistributing.com).*

### ***More Photos From Annual Picnic***



Caroline E. Boyce  
Executive Director  
AIA Pennsylvania



Dave Macharola, President  
AIA Middle PA Chapter

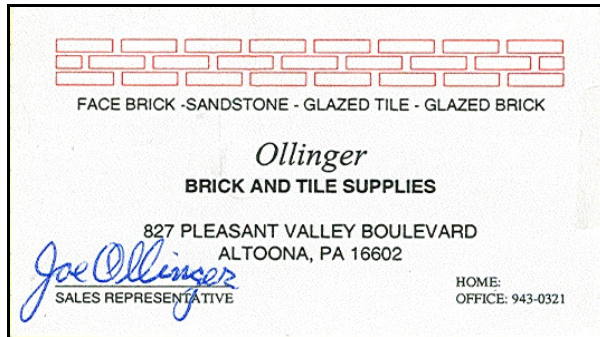


Dave Reasinger, left, and  
Giff Albright, right, enjoy con-  
versation before dinner



Members and guests enjoy  
evenings festivities

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