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The Monthly Newsletter of the  AIA San Francisco

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#### CALL FOR ENTRIES: AIA SAN FRANCISCO 2012 DESIGN AWARDS



Entry Deadline: February 16, 2012 at 1:00 pm | Preregister at <http://designawards2012.eventbrite.com>

#### 2012 AWARD CATEGORIES

Excellence in Architecture | Excellence in Interior Architecture | Energy + Sustainability | Historic Preservation | Unbuilt Design | Special Achievement | [Click here for more information](#)

*Please note: In response to feedback from AIA SF members, the Constructed Realities Design Awards program initiated in 2011 will occur biennially, alternating with Small Firms, Great Projects.*

#### WELCOME

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As we reflect on the actions and initiatives the AIASF Board undertook in 2011, we are reminded that, as architects, we can effect change in our community by being a voice for our chapter and a representative of our members.

Under the leadership of Michael Bade, the 2011 AIASF Board addressed local and state regulatory changes related to a broad range of issues including bird safe buildings, potential historic districts, CEQA reform, redevelopment, the San Francisco Housing Element, the Northeast

Waterfront Plan, and Articles 10 and 11 of the San Francisco Planning Code. As a board, we responded to proposed initiatives with discussion, position letters and personal testimony, making sure that the local architecture community was represented in the decision-making process.

In 2012, San Francisco welcomes a new Mayor, we will see improvements to our waterfront resources through the run up to the Americas Cup, and it's likely that we will continue to discuss CEQA reform and debate the relevance of historic resources and districts in our city. We will also continue to struggle with issues we have both created and inherited related to climate change, job loss, and the diminishing number of architects entering the profession.

As 2012 President, I look forward to seeing the AIA continue its collaborative work with SPUR, San Francisco Architectural Heritage and the City of San Francisco. I look forward to working with the talented AIASF Board as we engage in the issues that are important to us. And finally, I look forward to participation on the part of AIA members throughout the chapter, which will provide a strong foundation for board and staff actions.

Guided by an effective and committed Executive Director and supported by an energetic and engaged staff, AIA San Francisco is poised to have another year of effective advocacy and education.

We hope you will join us.

Carolyn Kiernat, AIA  
2012 AIA San Francisco President

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## New Year's Resolutions

New year, new outlook, new energy. Connect with AIA San Francisco to explore Bay Area design, give your practice greater visibility, and take advantage of continuing education opportunities, tours, lectures and much more.

- **Showcase your work** | Our [2012 Design Awards call for entries](#) and [Marin Living: Home Tours call for submissions](#) is underway. Visit [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org) for more information.
- **Stay connected** | Subscribe to our weekly or monthly emails to find out about upcoming workshops, course offerings and other events at [www.aia.org/Publications](http://www.aia.org/Publications), or connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).
- **Get involved** | Participate in one of AIA San Francisco's [many committees](#), which address a wide variety of design, advocacy, and practice issues.
- **Connect with others** | Visit AIA's [Resources page](#) to post and research employment opportunities on our job board or upload your résumé.
- **Promote architecture** | Our numerous professional development opportunities, public forums, tours, lectures and exhibitions provide

excellent [sponsorship opportunities](#) for those wishing to reach professionals in or related to the architectural industry.

- **Voice your opinion** | Have ideas for interesting programs or feedback on the past year? Complete AIA SF's [2011 Annual Survey](#) and you'll be entered to win a \$100 Visa Gift Card.

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## Changes to Continuing Education Requirements

On December 9, the AIA Board of Directors voted to modify the AIA's calendar year continuing education requirement. Per year, AIA members will be required to complete [12 hours of health, safety, and welfare \(HSW\) education](#), an increase from the previous requirement of 8 HSW. The AIA Board will re-evaluate the sustainable design (SD) requirement in 2012. The new HSW requirement goes into effect in January 2012 and AIA members should fulfill their total 18 hours of continuing education during the calendar year.

Additionally, in calendar year 2012, aligning closer with state licensing boards' practice, [AIA members will no longer be able to self-report HSW courses for credit](#). Members will need to complete HSW credits by taking qualifying courses from registered AIA CES Providers and Providers will need to report HSW courses for members to receive HSW credits. Members can continue to self-report learning unit (LU) credit hours for non-provider courses and programs. In the past, AIA members were able to attend courses outside of the AIA CES Provider network and submit a self-report online to be reviewed for HSW or SD credit. AIA CES is implementing this new HSW and SD credit policy to ensure quality education and establish an educational standard for the courses that AIA members attend.

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## AROUND THE CHAPTER

Visit our online [calendar](#) at [www.aia.org/calendar](http://www.aia.org/calendar) for a complete listing of and detailed information about all upcoming events, or call 415.362.7397.

[AAJ January Program: Marin County Emergency Operations Facility \(1 LU\)](#)

January 11, 2012 5:00 - 6:30 pm

[Ryan Associates Presents: High Design Meets High Sustainability Seminar \(1.5 SDs\)](#)

January 12, 2012 12:00 - 1:30 pm

[Prefab Education Workshop with Ryan E. Smith](#)

January 13, 2012 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Please note:** AIA San Francisco will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

[Fall/Winter Book Club: Charlotte Frieze's "Private Paradise: Contemporary American Gardens" Panel Discussion and Book Signing also featuring Marta Fry, ASLA |](#)

Bernard Trainor | Lindy Small, AIA | Andrea Cochran, FASLA (1.5LUs)  
January 17, 2012 6:00 - 8:00 pm

ADPSR-Norcal Presents: European Passive House in the California Context  
January 18, 2012 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Impact 20/20  
January 19, 2012 8:30 - 11:00 am

Fall/Winter Book Club: Sarah Robinson's "Nesting: Body, Dwelling, Mind" Lecture  
and Book Signing (1.5 LUs)  
January 24, 2012 12:00 - 2:00 pm

2011 Mentorship Annual Celebration  
January 25, 2012 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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## BEYOND THE CHAPTER

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**BRAVOS: Groundbreaking Design** is an innovative exhibition that portrays an overview of the new Spanish design scene. It comprises the works of twenty-one of the most talented and successful young Spanish designers, and represents the best product design work of the Spanish Design Boom. Patricia Urquiola, Nacho Carbonell and Jaime Hayon, amongst other designers, will visit San Francisco for a major design exhibition at the Fort Mason Center. The exhibition will run January 5-17, Tuesday - Sunday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Entry is free. Complete information is available at [www.spainculture.us](http://www.spainculture.us) and at [www.fortmason.org](http://www.fortmason.org).

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**GreenPoint Rated New Home**  
**January 31, 2012 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
835 Market Street, San Francisco  
Course Fee: \$200 Build It Green Members | \$250 Nonmembers  
Contact: [Professional Training](#) | <http://www.BuildItGreen.org>

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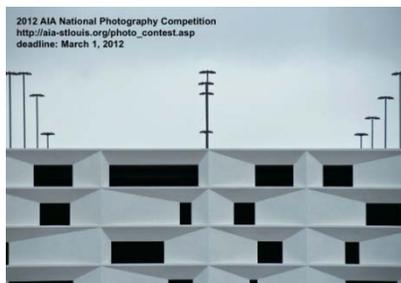
## OPPORTUNITIES

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Thinking about starting your own architecture firm but don't know where to begin? Our guide to **Starting a Firm in San Francisco** can help you get a better grasp of the steps needed to make your vision a reality! AIA San Francisco developed this

"How-To" guide with the support of AIA Trust, and while the particular focus is on our city, we hope the principles are easily adaptable for architects in other communities.

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AIA St. Louis presents the [2012 AIA Photography Competition](#) for actively registered architects, AIA

members and AIAS members. The competition was founded to capture and highlight the multi-talents of the architect. The top fourteen (14) entries will be exhibited at the 2012 AIA National Convention in Washington, D.C. and be included, along with 38 other entries, in the 2014 Engagement Calendar (published by Universe). [Click here for more information and entry details.](#)

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The Central Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, on behalf of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, invites the presentation of written proposals for the purchase or lease and redevelopment of the award-winning and iconic **Stage Center building** in Oklahoma City. This internationally significant piece of architecture was designed by John M. Johansen, a student of Walter Gropius and Frank Lloyd Wright, and is considered one of Johansen's most influential buildings.

All written proposals for the redevelopment, rehabilitation and operation of Stage Center must be received by the AIA Central Oklahoma Chapter, 3535 N. Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73118 **by 4:00 p.m. on February 29, 2012.**

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**Engineers Alliance for the Arts (EAA)**, which facilitates a unique classroom bridge-building program in San Francisco and the East Bay, is looking for volunteer engineers and architects to fill the 32 teaching spots for our 2012 program. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community - particularly to inspire high school youths to potentially pursue engineering or design in college - and also polish your knowledge of bridge design and construction. This teaching opportunity is open to engineers and architects at all levels, whether you are new to the industry, a tenured professional, or retired. You can find more information on the [EAA website](#), as well as through [a video](#) from the 2011 Student Impact Project final event.

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AIA Seattle welcomes submissions for "**Urban Intervention: The Howard S Wright Design Ideas Competition for Innovation in Public Space.**" Held in partnership with Seattle Center (site of the 1962 World's Fair), it is open to established and emerging design teams, both US and international. Awards in the 2-stage competition include up to \$120,000 to three finalist teams and one winner, as well as numerous non-monetary prizes. Registration deadlines are January 6, 2012 for early registration and January 27, 2012 for regular registration close. More details can be found at [www.thenextfifty.org/urbanintervention](http://www.thenextfifty.org/urbanintervention).

## IN THE GALLERY

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**A Competition for Zero Net Energy Urban Architecture**

Cosponsored by PG&E and AIA San Francisco, ARCHITECTURE AT ZERO was an international open ideas competition with a focus on the specific challenges of creating urban zero net energy (ZNE) buildings. The competition sought creative and feasible approaches to urban ZNE building to broaden the conversation around how a site zero net energy project will be approached now and in the future. Further, it raised the profile of ZNE building among built-environment professionals, students, and the general public in California and beyond. All entries will be displayed at the AIA San Francisco gallery through January 27.

## IN THE NEWS

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Award-winning architects, twin sisters and AIA members **Julie and Leslie Dowling** have come together to launch **Dowling Studios**, a new, custom residential architecture practice. The bicoastal firm is located in San Francisco and Princeton, NJ. You can watch a video about Dowling Studios [here](#).

[aecKnowledge](#) recently announced that President and Founder **Michael Strogoff, FAIA**, received a Presidential Citation from the AIA California Council for his vision in facilitating knowledge sharing and creating opportunities for collaboration within the design and construction community.

**TAYLOR**, a full-service architectural and interior design practice focused exclusively on healthcare, has opened a new office in San Francisco, with **Douglas Childs, AIA, FACHA**, leading the studio team. The office provides a platform that expands and enhances services for TAYLOR's current clients in Northern California and Southern California and creates the opportunity to service new clients. Childs, a board certified healthcare architect and nationally recognized leader in healthcare design, has over 30 years of experience with 22 years dedicated to healthcare architecture.

## FEATURE THIS MONTH

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### John King's five changes that San Francisco can build on in 2012

In a recent article, Chronicle Design Critic John King laid out five changes that would benefit the city in 2012. Ideas ranged from filling the vacant curator of architecture and design post at SFMOMA, to hiring traffic monitors to alleviate the gridlock south of Market Street (caused by detours due to the Central Subway project). [Read the article in its entirety here](#).

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### Nominate a Project for a Wood Design Award Deadline: January 13, 2012

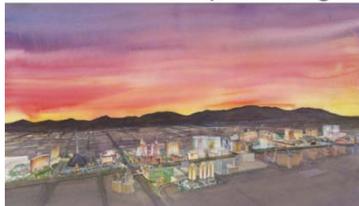
To celebrate innovative uses of wood in non-residential and multi-family buildings, WoodWorks West is seeking nominations for its upcoming Wood Design Awards. Categories include Multi-story/Midrise Wood Design, Institutional Wood Design, Commercial Wood Design, Interior Beauty of Wood, Green Building, Traditional Use of Wood, and Engineering. There's no cost to enter and multiple submissions are encouraged. Awards will be presented at the Wood Solutions Fairs in early 2012.

[WoodWorks](#) offers free one-on-one project support and other resources that can help you design wood buildings more easily and at less cost.

[Download criteria and nomination forms](#)

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learn more about the program - it could help you find your next project!

*Bruce McEvoy of Perkins + Will: "In exchange for providing information, I get the same knowledge of what's going on in the industry, who's working on what."*

What else does RCD offer?

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- **RS Means Products** | [CLICK HERE](#) for discounted RS Means products.
- **Community Involvement** | Have you heard of [CANstruction](#)? Reed Construction Data supported Canstruction in both [Orange County, CA](#), and [Atlanta, GA](#).
- **News in the Construction Marketplace** | The [Expansion Index from Reed Construction Data](#) is a 12 to 18 month "look ahead" at the construction marketplace.

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