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May 6, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
San Francisco War Memorial Green Room
401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco
www.aiasf.org/awards

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[Marin Living: Home Tours](#)

May 15, 2010

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

www.aiasf.org/hometours

AIA San Francisco's popular Home Tours program expands to Marin, where a select number of private, modern residences will be open to the public for one day only. The tour program, which has taken place for the last seven years every September in San Francisco, is the first of its kind in the Bay Area to promote a wide variety of architectural styles, neighborhoods, and residences all from the architect's point of view. Projects are showcased with the designer(s) via an open house format, and tour participants have the opportunity to see some of Marin's latest residential projects from the inside out, meet design teams, explore housing trends, and discover design solutions that inspire unique Bay Area living. For a sneak peek, check out some of the [current press](#).

Also, don't miss this chance to win a [set of limited edition Heath Ceramics Summer Serving bowls](#)! The selected winner also receives a personal tour for two of Heath Ceramic's tile process - from concept to production - with owner and creative director, Cathy Bailey. Purchase tickets at <http://2010marinhometours.eventbrite.com>.

Proceeds from the raffle to benefit the Center for Architecture + Design.

We also have a few volunteer spots still available. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

[Call for Entries: Small Firms, Great Projects](#)

www.aiasf.org/sfgp

Entry Deadline: June 3, 1:00 pm

Register at <http://sfgp.eventbrite.com>

Small Firms, Great Projects provides a venue for smaller firms to showcase their best work to potential clients. The diversity of work represented is outstanding and demonstrates the strength of Bay Area architecture and design. Combining robust marketing and guaranteed publication, your firms' work will be seen by thousands of people seeking design services.

Eligible firms receive:

- Exposure to over 20,000 people throughout 2010 with distribution during the Architecture and the City Festival, San Francisco Living: Home Tours Weekend, and other AIA San Francisco events.
- Online coverage through [California Home + Design's website](#) and the Small Firms, Great Projects website (www.aiaf.org/sfgp).
- Inclusion in an exhibition at AIA San Francisco held in 2011.
- 25 copies of the Small Firms, Great Projects Magazine per firm.

AROUND THE CHAPTER

See our [calendar](#) for detailed information on our May events, or call 415.362.7397. All events take place at AIA San Francisco, 130 Sutter Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, and are free, unless otherwise noted.

Please note AIA San Francisco will be closed May 7, May 17, and May 31.

[Career Strategy Roundtable: Results Every Time You Talk - Differentiation for the AEC Professional](#)

May 3, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

[Wooden Window Workshop Tour & Happy Hour \(1 HSW\)](#)

May 5, 5:00 pm

Wooden Window, Inc., 849 29th Street, Oakland

[Panel Discussion: Regulations for compliance with Senate Bill 1953 related to SB 499 \(1.5 HSWs\)](#)

May 5, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

[AIA San Francisco Design Awards Gala](#)

May 6, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center
Green Room, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

[Seize the Opportunity - Autodesk 2011 Solutions for BIM](#)

May 10, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

[Seize the Opportunity - Autodesk 2011 for Construction & Civil Engineering](#)

May 10, 12:15 - 3:30 pm

[High and mid-rise family housing in San Francisco \(1.5 LUs\)](#)

May 11, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Broadway Family Apartments, 810 Battery Street, San Francisco

[Net Zero Energy: Design vs. Reality \(1.5 SDs\)](#)

May 11, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

[Trail Planning for California Communities](#)

May 13, 6:30 pm

[Marin Living: Home Tours](#)

May 15, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sausalito and Mill Valley

[Career Strategy Roundtable: Informal peer-to-peer discussion](#)

May 17, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

[What We See: Advancing the Observations of Jane Jacobs](#)

May 18, 6:30 pm

[TOUR: Wyman Avenue Residences \(1 HSW\)](#)

May 19, 5:00 pm

GALLERY

Vertical Gardens

On View February 18 - ~~April 30, 2010~~ (Extended through May 14, 2010)

The past decade has seen an overwhelming emergence of green roofs and vertical gardens, designed to combat the lack of flora in the city. Buildings around the world—from the Musée du Quai Branly in Paris, to the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco—have embraced green walls or roofs for their economical, environmental, and aesthetic values. Vertical farms and gardens are also being envisioned as new ways to feed local and organic foods to city dwellers. Largely based on the principles of hydroponics, vertical gardens are mostly self-sustaining because they capture large amounts of natural sunlight and water, and use wind as an energy source. In a country where cities are suffocated by high rises, cement and industrial materials, where can green space exist? As this exhibition demonstrates, one possible answer is “up.”

Vertical Gardens features over two dozen projects, both imaginary and real by an international array of artists and architectural practitioners, including local studios Rael San Fratello Architects, Min Day, Boor Bridges Architecture, GLS Landscape | Architecture, environmental designer Lisa Lee Benjamin, and local nursery Flora Grubb Gardens. Additional pieces by Abruzzo Bodziak Architects; ATOPIA with The Harrison Studio; Bob Bingham and Claire Hoch; Patrick Blanc; Bohn & Viljoen Architects; Dickson Despommier, Eric Ellingsen, SOA Architects, Blake Kurasek; Evo Design with Mica Gross and Rogers Design Group; Todd Haiman; Haus-Rucker-Inc.; Edmundo Ortega and Dianne Rohrer (Co-Founders, Mundo Verde Ortega); Claude Boullévraye de Passillé; Oda Projeksi; Naomi Reis; Roomservices (Evren Uzer and Otto Von Busch); and SITE (Denise MC Lee, Sara Stracey and James Wines). Extensive photographic documentation of existing buildings containing vertical farms, gardens or green roofs by Hundertwasser; Renzo Piano with Chong Partners and Stantec; Emilio Ambasz & Associates; Humpert Wolnitzek; Chad Oppenheim Architecture and Design; Musson Cattell Mackey Partnership, Downs/Archambault & Partners, LMN Architects; Scandinavian Green Roof Institute; Conservation Design Forum of Chicago and Atelier Dreieitl of Germany; Enrique Browne and Borja Huidobro with Ricardo Judson and Rodrigo Iturriaga; and others.

Check out the latest reviews from the media:

[AIA San Francisco: For Architects, By Architects](#) (JetBlue San Francisco)

[Vertical Gardens Exhibit Takes Root Downtown](#) (7x7)

[Here's the Plan](#) (Daily Candy)

[Green walls are the new green roof.](#) (Curbed SF)

[AIA San Francisco Hosts Vertical Gardens Exhibition](#) (Contract Magazine)

[AIA San Francisco Chapter Hosts Vertical Gardens Exhibition](#) (California Construction)

["Vertical Gardens": Up a Wall](#) (SF Weekly)

[AIA San Francisco's Vertical Gardens Exhibition](#) (The Dirt)

OPPORTUNITIES

- [ACE Mentor San Francisco Bay Area](#) is proud to announce registration is open for the Seventh Annual Scholarship Luncheon. The event will take place on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 from 11am to 1:30pm at The City Club, 155 Sansome Street, 10th Floor, San Francisco. Show support for ACE Mentor San Francisco Bay Area by attending this event or pledging a sponsorship. Proceeds from the event go towards the scholarship fund, benefitting high school seniors intending to pursue careers in architecture, construction and engineering. Contact Andrea Lowe at 510-986-1100 or alowe@a2ventures.com for registration or sponsorship information.

Design Competitions/RFPs

For information on competitions/RFPs visit our website at www.aiasf.org/Job_Resources/CompetitionsRFPs.htm.

IN THE NEWS

- Northern California based shelter magazine **California Home + Design** launches www.chdresource.com, an interactive directory of design services, vendors and retail shops to help California homeowners.
- Congratulations to **Chad Overway** on receiving the Octavius Morgan Distinguished Service Award! Presented by the California Architects Board, the award is bestowed upon those who have significantly contributed to the Board's mission of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public through their volunteerism over a period of time.
- **Forell/Elsesser Engineers, Inc.** is proud to announce promotions: David Englund to Principal, Russell Berkowitz and Steve Marusich to Senior Associate, and Christopher Petteys andCarolynn Smith to Associate.
- Congratulations to the recipients of the AIA/COTE Top Ten Green Projects including local members **Aidlin Darling Design** for 355 11th Street, **Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects** for Homer Science & Student Life Center, and **WRNS Studio LLP** for Watsonville Water Resource Center.

- State-of-the-art technology in 'Advanced Collaboration Rooms' illustrates latest efforts by **HOK** to bring architectural collaboration to a new level.
- The community mourns the loss of **John Carl Warnecke**, the court architect of the Kennedy administration and the designer of John F. Kennedy's grave site at Arlington National Cemetery.
- John Cary steps down as executive director of **Public Architecture** for founder John Peterson to direct the organization.
- San Francisco Beautiful announces the appointment of **Jim Chappell** as Interim Executive Director.
- **WRNS Studio** announces the newest members to its team - Cathryn Barrett, AIA, LEED AP, Director of Interior Design; Brad Thompson, Marketing Coordinator and John Sherwood, Project Director.
- Caterpillar House by **Feldman Architecture** Awarded LEED Platinum Status

Want to be IN THE NEWS? Email [here](#) for consideration.

FEATURE THIS MONTH

Architects seeing hints of building recovery

Article first appeared on SFGate April 27, 2010

Bay Area architects are sensing a tentative comeback in construction as the mild economic recovery that seems to be under way gives their clients the confidence to expand.

"The feeling in our office, the level of activity and the general character of what is going on feels totally different than it did three or four months ago," said Thomas Gilman, president of DES Architects + Engineers Inc. in Redwood City.

"The trend is definitely up," agreed Juan Diego Perez-Vargas, chairman of KMD Architects in San Francisco.

Bay Area architects say the budding rebound is modest compared with the tremendous loss of confidence and jobs caused by the financial crisis of 2008. But activity is trending in the right direction, says Clark Manus, a partner in San Francisco's Heller Manus Architects.

"Our firm's experience and my professional radar says 2009 was just terrible for everybody, but 2010 has started to show signs of life," he said.

[Click here](#) to read full article.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

AIA Miami Volunteer Opportunities

The 2010 Convention theme, **Design for the New Decade**, will highlight, for architects and for others, how design, knowledge, vision, and leadership are

essential in making a lasting, positive future in creating buildings and cities across the globe.

Join our distinguished keynote speakers, some of our nation's most provocative thought leaders, who will share their knowledge, experience, and wisdom about a variety of topics related to design.

If you are interested in volunteering at the AIA 2010 Convention in Miami, Florida (June 9th - June 12th), visit www.aiamiami.com/2010_conv_volunteer.php or contact Beverly Holton at bholton@aia.org.

AIA San Francisco welcomes the following new members:

Zephyr Albright | Michael Anglisano | James Blomquist | Clemence Clemence | Thomas Faulders | Lisa Gallego | Lillian Good | Karl Joerger | Joseph O'Neill | Mark Rowlands | Bassel Samaha | Bradley Skipton | Kim Sykes | Tuong Vi Tran | joel villalon | Wolfgang Wagener | Karolina Walichiewicz | Victor Warren

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An international engineering and consulting firm, **WALTER P MOORE** has built a reputation for design solutions that help clients turn their ideas into structures that work. The company has been recognized throughout its long history for superb client service, engineering excellence and innovation, and in recent years has been consistently rated as one of the industry's best places to work.

LIGHTFAIR International (LFI), the world's largest annual **architectural and commercial lighting Trade Show and Conference**, continues to grow and will be held May 10-14, 2010 in Las Vegas, featuring 475+ exhibitors and 19,000 expected attendees. The LFI conference will feature 72 courses and seven seminar tracks, totaling 220+ accredited hours.

Don't miss the Daylighting Pavilion, the Global Light+Design Pavilion, the Design Pavilion and the NEW Building Integration Pavilion, supported by the launch of an educational track addressing this pertinent industry topic. The renowned LFI Innovation Awards, taking place on May 12th, will showcase the latest products and designs.

ZweigWhite exists in order to help leaders in the architecture, engineering and environmental consulting industries achieve their business and personal goals. The content is focused on the challenges you face, and the faculty for ZweigWhite's seminars are industry experts with first-hand A/E experience, not the business management generalists that often lead similar programs. ZweigWhite Management Series presents: Project Management & Leadership Skills on May 12 at Hotel Monaco, San Francisco. [Click here](#) for more details.

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