



2012 Marin Living: Home Tours **Saturday, May 12, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

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Left: Conrad Katz Residence | Swatt | Miers Architects | Cesar Rubio
Center: San Rafael Residence | Ohashi Design Studio | John Sutton Photography
Right: Mill Valley Residence | YamaMar Design | Bruce Damonte

Come out and enjoy the beautiful weather this Saturday (May 12) at AIASF's 3rd annual Marin Living: Home Tours! [Purchase tickets today](#) to get an inside look at five distinctive modern Marin residences in Sausalito, Mill Valley and San Rafael. Visitors will also have the opportunity to meet design teams and learn more about the process and innovative design solutions involved in building each home.

Online ticket sales will end at **2:00 pm on Friday, May 11**. Limited tickets will be available for purchase at the Home Tours Headquarters located at Heath Ceramics, 400 Gate 5 Road, Sausalito 9:00 am - 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 12.

Call for Entries: **2012 Small Firms, Great Projects**



Open to architecture, landscape architecture and interior architecture firms with 19 or fewer employees, Small Firms, Great Projects provides a venue for small firms to showcase their best work in a magazine publication, online and companion exhibition.

Benefits include exposure to more than 20,000 people throughout 2012/2013 with distribution during the Architecture and the City Festival, San Francisco Living: Home Tours Weekend, and other AIA San Francisco events; inclusion in the Architecture and the City festival opening night exhibition at the San Francisco Design Center; and 10 complimentary copies of the *Small Firms, Great Projects* publication per firm.

Deadline: June 14, 2012 at 1:00 pm | [Click here for more information.](#)

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Attending the AIA Convention in Washington D.C.? It is a busy time for attendees; however, there are a few items we want to draw your attention to as members from California. Several AIA components in California are sponsoring resolutions which need your support and advocacy. Join us for the California Caucus to get up to speed on all the issues.

California Caucus

Thursday, May 17, 7:00 - 8:00 am
Renaissance Hotel, Renaissance West A, 999 9th Street
[Click here to register](#)

AIA Candidate Speeches

Thursday, May 17, 10:00 – 10:50 am, Ballroom

California Caucus with Candidates

Thursday, May 17, 11:15 am – 12:30 pm, Room 201

Delegate Accreditation + Voting for Officers

Thursday, May 17, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, AIA Town Hall - Booth 138
Friday, May 18, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm AIA Town Hall - Booth 138

[Click here for more information.](#) If you would like to be a delegate, please contact [Stacy Williams](#).

Around the Chapter

Visit our online calendar at www.aia.org/events/calendar for a complete listing of upcoming events, or call 415.362.7397. **Please note AIA San Francisco will be closed May 14 + 28.**

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[Connect with Technology: Convention Workshop \(7.5 LU\)](#)

May 16, 2012 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

[Dealing with Difficult Client Insurance Requirements \(1 LU\)](#)

May 17, 2012 9:00 - 10:00 am

[The Art of Visualization in the BIM Environment](#)

May 17, 2012 12:00 - 2:00 pm

[California Supplemental Exam Review](#)

May 18-19, 2012 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

[Service Learning in Design and Planning: Educating at the Boundaries](#)

May 22, 2012 6:00 - 8:30 pm

[What is Urban Agriculture?](#)

May 22, 2012 6:30 - 9:00 pm

[Career Strategies Resume Clinic](#)

May 24, 2012 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Beyond the Chapter



[In conversation with Allison Arieff, SPUR: Paul Goldberger](#)

May 22, 2012 8:00 pm

Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street, San Francisco

Standard: JCCSF Members \$17 | Public \$20 | Student \$10

Premium: JCCSF Members \$22 | Public \$25

[Click here to register](#)

Whether discussing the Guggenheim in Bilbao or the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site, The New Yorker Architecture Critic and Pulitzer prize-winner Paul Goldberger's keen observations and sharp wit make him one of the most insightful and passionate architectural voices of our time. Joining us on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge, he shares his insights on creating iconic civic structures in a wide-ranging discussion of what's hot in the architecture world.

Co-presented by AIA San Francisco and SPUR.

Opportunities

Call for Entries: 29th Annual Preservation Design Awards A full description of the categories and list of requirements is available in the entry application packet online at www.californiapreservation.org.

The spring 2012 issue of *California Architects*, the newsletter of the California Architects Board, is now available online. [Read it here](#).

Small Business Fee Waivers for May 2012

Under legislation sponsored by Supervisor Carmen Chu and in partnership with the Department of Building Inspection, Planning Department, Office of Economic & Workforce Development, and Office of Small Business, small business merchants (100 or less employees) would receive a fee waiver for permits issued in May for (1) awning replacements and (2) pedestrian level lighting. [Click here to learn more](#).

In the Gallery

[Upcoming Exhibition: 2012 Design Award Winners](#) | Opening May 24



AIA San Francisco's Design Awards program celebrates the best in architecture and urban design in the Bay Area. Recognizing achievement in a broad range of architectural work by members and nonmembers, the program serves to inform the public of the breadth and value of architectural practice.

Visit www.aia.org/awards for images and information about each winning project.

In the News

Steven J. Riojas, AIA, LEED AP, has been promoted to Director of the Science + Technology program for HDR Architecture, Inc. A senior vice president with the firm, Riojas has devoted his 32-year career to the design of facilities that foster the advancement of science and technology for academic institutions, public and private corporate clients, and numerous federal agencies.

HKS Architects' renovation of 50 United Nations Plaza (UNP), a 350,000-square-foot federal building in San Francisco, will be one of the first GSA historical restorations anticipated to achieve LEED Platinum Certification. The building is currently undergoing its first major upgrade since it was constructed in 1936. The estimated completion date is mid-2013.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Suzanne Monaco** of 450 Architects. Monaco, who earned her M.Arch from Tulane University and was pursuing licensure in AIA's ARE Pact program, was an "impassioned, conscious and at times whimsical designer," according to the firm's website.

Perkins + Will has named **Peter Busby** Managing Director of its San Francisco office. Busby, who previously led the firm's Vancouver office, is a leader in sustainable design and was one of the founders of the Canada Green Building Council.

Gensler recently announced the winners of its fourth annual **Gensler Diversity Scholarship**, recognizing emerging talent in African-American college students enrolled in accredited architecture programs. First prize went to **Chisom Ezekwo** of the University of Southern California. Second prize was awarded to **Damian Bolden**, an architecture student at Auburn University. Both winners will receive an academic scholarship as well as an internship with Gensler. [Read more here.](#)

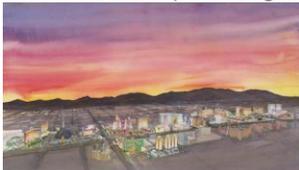
Feature this Month

[Political Hardball](#)

Metropolis magazine recently published [an article](#) on the House Appropriations Committee's approval of the 2013 Energy and Water appropriations bill that included an amendment prohibiting the use of appropriated funds to implement Section 433 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 ([read the article in full](#)). Among other things, Section 433 mandates a fossil fuel-free future for federal buildings. Architecture 2030 has weighed in on the issue with "Fossil Fuel Fairy Tale," which you can read [here](#).

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