

## Save the Date: AIA San Francisco's 130th Members Party

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### WELCOME

As the eighth annual Architecture and the City festival winds to a close, all of us at AIA San Francisco want to thank you for making this another successful, lively month of tours, films, lectures and more. We hope you enjoyed this latest rendition of America's largest architectural festival, from our **Opening Night Party** at the San Francisco Design Center to the GOOD Design Closing Event at swissnex San Francisco.

In between, we walked SOMA with the Chronicle's Urban Design Critic, John King, heard about the design and culinary roots of unique restaurants like Bar Agricole, Twenty Five Lusk and Local: Mission Eatery, and spent a gorgeous afternoon on the water learning about the new Bay Bridge. We visited ingeniously-designed residences during the Home Tours weekend, watched films on reconstruction in Haiti, Cuba's national art schools and Rem Koolhaas, and enjoyed the Architecture of Consequence exhibition and companion programming throughout. And so much more! If you have a moment, please take our [festival survey](#) (and, if you attended, our [San Francisco Living: Home Tours survey](#) as well) and let us know what you thought of this year's events, as well as ways of enriching the month in the future. Thank you again for another wonderful September!

*A special thank you to our wonderful sponsors for making this month possible!*

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### Announcing Architecture at Zero: A Competition for Zero Net Energy Urban Architecture

Cosponsored by PG&E and AIA San Francisco, ARCHITECTURE AT ZERO is an international open ideas competition with a focus on the specific challenges of creating urban zero net energy (ZNE) buildings. The competition seeks 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 seeks to raise the profile of ZNE building among built-environment professionals, students, and the general public in California and beyond. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

**Deadline:** All submissions must be received by AIA San Francisco by November 29, 2011 at 1:00 PM.

## AROUND THE CHAPTER

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

[Doing it 'Old School'- Passive and Near-Passive Design Approaches and Building Systems for Load and Demand Reduction \(3 SDs\)](#)

October 07, 2011 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

[Sustainable by Design \(1.5 SDs\)](#)

October 11, 2011 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

[Ideate Revit User Group Presents: Four Methods for Collaborating in Revit](#)

October 12, 2011 11:30 am -12:00 pm: networking + lunch (Lunch provided by Ideate, Inc.); 12:00 - 1:00 pm: presentation

[Zero-Based Building Evaluation \(1.5 SDs\)](#)

October 13, 2011 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

[Implementing BIM into the Practice of Architecture \(1.5 LUs\)](#)

October 13, 2011 3:00 - 5:00 pm

[ADPSR's Building Ecology Lecture Series Presents: Learning from the Netherlands, Part 1](#)

October 18, 2011 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

[The Requirement for Zero Net Energy: Occupant Behavior is Key \(1.5 SDs\)](#)

October 19, 2011 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

[Legal Forms of Doing Business \(1 LU\)](#)

October 20, 2011 12:00 - 1:00 pm

[Ladies \(and Gents\) Who Lunch with Architect Barbie](#)

October 21, 2011 12:00 - 12:30 pm: Networking | 12:30 - 1:30 pm: Presentation

[Seismic Strengthening of Historic Buildings \(2 HSWs\)](#)

October 25, 2011 6:00 - 8:00 pm

[Mission possible: Exporting design services to developing nations- three firms' challenges and rewards of working in Haiti \(2 LU's\)](#)

October 26, 2011 5:30 - 7:30 pm

[AIA SF 2011 Portfolio Review](#)

October 27, 2011 5:00 - 9:00 pm

[IPD Process Innovation: Seattle Children's Bellevue Clinic](#)

October 28, 2011 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

## OPPORTUNITIES

## **Thinking about AIA San Francisco membership? Receive 3 months for free in October!**

For the month of October, all new and reinstating members will receive membership benefits through December 2012- that's 15 months for 12 months of dues. Join now to access members-only tours, discounts on continuing education requirements, AIA San Francisco's Job Board, Résumé Bank, and innumerable networking, advocacy, and professional development opportunities. Members who renew by December 31st will be entered into a drawing for a new iPad 2 and will receive a coupon code for one free CEU through AIA Virtual Convention that can be used by the end of January. Please note that membership pages have been recently updated. If there are any questions, issues or errors, please email [membership] at [aiasf.org] or call 415.874.2629. Thanks!

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## **City Summit Presents: Real Deal Debate October 10, 2011 Registration: 5:30pm | Debate: 6:00pm | Reception 7:30 155 Sansome Street, 11th Floor, San Francisco**

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear eleven of the San Francisco mayoral candidates discuss the issues. Following the debate, enjoy a reception featuring hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Cost: \$35 per person for members of The City Club of San Francisco, \$45 per person for nonmembers. Register at [citysummit1010.eventbrite.com](http://citysummit1010.eventbrite.com).

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## **Meridian Gallery House at 100: Arts Festival and Gala**

The House at 100: Arts Festival and Gala is a two-month long interdisciplinary arts festival celebrating the 100th anniversary of Meridian Center for the Arts' home through film, scholarly discourse, avant-garde dance, theatre and sound. We will explore the architectural, political and critical history of this building, but also reflect on the Meridian Center for the Arts contributions and its relationships to San Francisco's present and future.

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## **Asian Neighborhood Design Seeks Board Member -Architect Position**

Founded in 1973, Asian Neighborhood Design is a non-profit community development organization that provides services in architecture and planning, employment training, and youth and family service programs designed to encourage self-sufficiency. AND seeks an architect to act as a voting member of the board with full authority and responsibility to develop policies and procedures for the organization; to monitor the organization's financial health, programs and overall performance; and to provide the Executive Director with resources to meet the needs of those the organization serves. For more information and to apply, please contact Esther Marks at [esthermk@pacbell.net](mailto:esthermk@pacbell.net) or 415 665-5417.

## GALLERY

### Architecture of Consequence: San Francisco

On view August 31 - October 21, 2011

AIA San Francisco | Center for Architecture + Design Gallery

130 Sutter Street, Suite 600, San Francisco

The 2011 Architecture and the City festival may be at an end, but this year's theme, **Architecture of Consequence**, lives on in our exhibition space for another three weeks! In an effort to advance critical dialogue with the international architectural community on the transformative power of architecture and progressive design, we are delighted to feature the **Architecture of Consequence: Dutch Designs on the Future** exhibition, a unique collaboration with the Netherlands Architecture Institute (NAI). Initially conceived by the NAI in 2009 and presented in multiple locations around the world, the San Francisco exhibition is the first to add content by including new work from four Bay Area architecture firms. In doing so, we hope to advance this innovative agenda and reveal how architects can practice in new ways that reinvigorate the field and reposition architects at the vanguard of social change. From modest interventions to utopian visions the firms participating in this groundbreaking exhibition express an admirable confidence in our shared future. The result is a unique portfolio of progressive design strategies and demonstrable evidence that architects hold the creative vision needed to reshape our future. This exhibit includes work by the following firms:

Van Bergen Kolpa Architecten | OMA/AMO (Office for Metropolitan Architecture) | ZUS [Zones Urbaines Sensibles] | 2012 Architecten | envelope Architecture+Design | IwamotoScott Architecture | SOM (Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLC) | Fletcher Studio: Landscape Architecture + Urban Design

[Click here](#) for more information on the exhibiton and companion programming.

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## IN THE NEWS

- The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recently approved legislation to make San Francisco buildings "bird safe." The **AIA San Francisco Board of Directors** and **staff** worked with the Planning Department to develop a more balanced approach than was initially proposed. AIA San Francisco members and staff wrote letters, testified and provided technical input throughout the process.
- More than 3.2 million workers in the U.S. travel more than 90 minutes to work each way, according to a recent Wall Street Journal article. But for Tekton Architecture & Artisan Builders President **James Walbridge, AIA**, the journey is even longer. With his family in Lincoln, Nebraska, he flies to San Francisco at least twice a month to get from his home to his SOMA-based office.
- The influential San Francisco architectural firm **Patri Merker Architects** has filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The firm has worked on projects ranging from the redesign of Union Square in San Francisco to the Hills Plaza complex on the Embarcadero.
- **Arup's Acoustic and Lighting design teams** have composed *Sent Forth*, a new multimedia art installation that forms part of the unique SEAT exhibition at Fort Mason Center. Curated by **Topher Delaney** and **Kika Probst** of Seam Studio, the show features unique expressions of seats built by artists, which have been generously loaned to Fort Mason Center for the next year.

- **Anthea Hartig** is leaving the National Trust for Historic Preservation and will become the 17th (and the 4th woman) Executive Director of the California Historical Society.

## FEATURE THIS MONTH

### Architecture of Consequence Exhibition Firms in the News

Fast Co. Design recently reported on van Bergen Kolpa Architecten's efforts to realize an urban park and farm combination on 4,000 acres in Randstad, Holland's largest metropolitan region (consisting of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague, and Utrecht). Oakland's envelope Architecture and Design [recently gained attention](#) for *Proxy*, a temporary construct in San Francisco's Hayes Valley that has already become a neighborhood hub. And San Francisco-based firm IwamotoScott [continued to garner praise](#) for Hydro-Net, a transformative new typology of urban architecture that organizes critical flows of the city. If you'd like to find out more about these projects, the Architecture of Consequence exhibition at AIA San Francisco runs through October 21.

## SPONSORS

**EERI Nonstructural Elements Seminar**  
**October 27, 2011 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
**Parc 55 Wyndham, 55 Cyril Magnin, San Francisco**

Registration is now open at for this new EERI technical seminar on Seismic Design and Performance of Nonstructural Elements. Learn about the performance of nonstructural elements in recent earthquakes, current large-scale experimental research, present code requirements, the updated and newly released FEMA E-74 guide on nonstructural design, and implementation of new requirements for equipment certification. In several recent earthquakes, costs from nonstructural damage exceeded costs due to structural damage because of severe impacts to mechanical, architectural, electrical, and plumbing systems. Only 15-25% of original construction costs are for the structure, and this EERI Technical Seminar puts the spotlight on the other 75-85% of the investment. Register [here](#).

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