

Architecture and the City Festival www.aiasf.org/archandcity

The 2010 festival theme **Investigating Urban Metabolisms** takes an in-depth look at hidden and emergent systems that generate form, movement, growth and entropy in the city. Featuring [tours](#), [lectures](#), [films](#), [exhibitions](#), [family programs](#) and more, programs explore how the city is organized via information systems, ecological systems, building systems, transportation systems, surveillance systems, life cycle systems, natural systems, and beyond.

Creating dialogue around this vast tapestry of interconnected parts and identifying how each one makes up part of the whole is one of the main goals the festival hopes to achieve. We invite you to take part in this month's festivities and look at our city anew, appreciating with fresh eyes the urban metabolisms so central to this place we call home.

TAKE A LISTEN: AIA San Francisco and the Center for Architecture + Design, in partnership with KALW, are launching the design series [99% Invisible!](#) First episode features Dennis Paoletti on San Francisco Soundscapes. Regular series can be heard on Friday mornings @ 7:35 am.

To register and for more information on festival programming, visit www.aiasf.org/archandcity. Capacity is limited. Please sign up early to avoid disappointment.

San Francisco Living: Home Tours www.aiasf.org/hometours

The popular weekend showcases modernism at its finest and is the first tour series in the Bay Area to promote residential architectural design from the architect's point of view. The 2010 series features a wide variety of architectural styles, neighborhoods and residences, including state-of-the-art single-family homes, lofts and multi-family residences in SOMA, Nob Hill, the Excelsior and Mission Districts, and Potrero Hill, among others. For more information on the homes, visit www.aiasf.org/hometours.

Don't miss related weekend events starting with the [Architects' Forum](#) on Thursday, [Lunch with the Team of Dwell Editors](#) on Friday and [Talk to an Architect](#) Session at the Home Tours Headquarters both Saturday and Sunday!

SNEAK PEEK: [AIA San Francisco home tour goes public \(San Francisco Chronicle\)](#)
[AIA's San Francisco Living: Home Tours this Weekend \(California Home + Design\)](#)
[Architect Visit: AIA 2010 San Francisco Living Home Tour \(Remodelista\)](#)
[Inspiration: AIA SF Home Tours Sneak Peak \(Handful of Salt\)](#)
[San Francisco's best-designed houses open their doors for a day \(Bay Citizen\)](#)
[AIA San Francisco Living: Home Tours Kick off This Weekend! \(Inhabitat\)](#)

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[2010 SMALL FIRMS, GREAT PROJECTS](#)

The American Institute of Architects, San Francisco Chapter is pleased to partner with the American Society of Landscape Architects, Northern California Chapter and California Home + Design to present this publication, which showcases the innovative and award-winning work of local architecture and design professionals. Whether you are looking for an architect, landscape architect, or simply passionate about architecture and design, *Small Firms, Great Projects* is an invaluable resource. Inside, we introduce you to architecture and design firms experienced in a wide range of work including new residences and remodels, commercial and retail spaces, educational, civic, institutional and religious projects, historic preservation, as well as landscape and interior design.

To obtain a print copy of this publication, visit AIA San Francisco located at 130 Sutter Street, Suite 600, San Francisco or call us at 415.362.7397.



Rediscover the City Architectural History Series

Monday evenings, September 27- November 1
Reception 5:00 pm | Lecture 6:00-8:00 pm
AIA San Francisco, 130 Sutter Street, Suite 600
\$20 AIA SF Members | \$25 Nonmembers
Six-class Series Package: \$100 AIA SF Members | \$125 Nonmembers

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to explore San Francisco's rich architectural history with experts in the field. From the Beaux Arts movement to California modernism, leading scholars and practitioners will explore the individuals and movements that have given shape to San Francisco's iconic built form. This informal, discussion-

based course is designed for adults with busy schedules and inquiring minds. Join us as we uncover the past and rediscover our city.

AROUND THE CHAPTER

Visit our online [calendar](http://www.aia.org/calendar) at www.aia.org/calendar for detailed information on our September events, or call 415.362.7397.

HOME TOURS: The Architects' Forum

September 9, 6:30 pm

LECTURE: The Art of Patience

September 9, 7:00 pm

HOME TOURS: Lunch with Dwell Editors

September 10, 12:00 pm

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September 11-12, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

[Perversities of the new Title 24 Energy Code](#)

September 14, 12:00 pm

[TOUR: Pavement to Parks: The Evolution of Public Space](#)

September 14, 3:00 pm

[LECTURE: Caterpillar: Dynamic Solutions to Energy Efficient Residential Design](#)

September 14, 6:00 pm

[Rising Coastlines - What the Building Community Needs to Know](#)

September 14, 6:30 pm

[FILM: Infinite Space: The Architecture of John Lautner](#)

September 15, 6:00 pm

[TOUR: The Port Walk: An Eating Tour](#)

September 16, 3:00 pm

[LECTURE: Parkmerced: An Integrated Urban Ecology](#)

September 16, 6:00 pm

[Open Design Collaboration: Technologies & Strategies for Sharing BIM Model Data](#)

September 16, 6:00 pm

[TOUR: A New Neighborhood in a National Park](#)

September 17, 11:00 am

[FAMILY: All Things Big and Loud](#)

September 18, 11:00 am

[TOUR: Modern Architecture Hill Climb: Bicycle Tour](#)

September 18, 11:00 am

[TOUR: Run the Rise](#)

September 19, 9:00 am

[TOUR: Food Foraging](#)

September 19, 3:00 pm

[TOUR: Alleyways of San Francisco: A Pedestrian Experience](#)

September 21, 3:00 pm

[LECTURE: Tracing Information: An Urban Informatics Workshop](#)

September 21, 6:00 pm

[FILM: A Necessary Ruin and Other Architectural Shorts](#)

September 22, 6:00 pm

[Sustainable Infrastructure: The Guide to Green Engineering and Design](#)

September 22, 6:00 pm

[LECTURE: Historic Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System Presentation](#)

September 23, 6:00 pm

[Therese Poletti: Art Deco San Francisco: The Architecture of Timothy Pflueger](#)

September 23, 6:00 pm

[TOUR: Oceanside Treatment Plant and Master Plan](#)

September 24, 1:00 pm

[FAMILY: iSpy Architecture: Photo Scavenger Hunt](#)

September 25, 11:00 am

[LECTURE: Los Angeles Redcar Colloquium - Rethinking Transportation](#)

September 25, 1:00 pm

[SPECIAL: First Space](#)

September 25, 3:00 pm

[Rediscover the City: Forming the Modern City: Gold Rush, Beaux Arts, PPIE
presented by Gray Brechin](#)

September 27, 6:00 pm

[TOUR: San Francisco Soundscapes](#)

September 28, 3:00 pm

[FILM: Flow](#)

September 29, 6:00 pm

[LECTURE: Good Design Bay Area and Closing Night Event](#)

September 30, 6:00 pm

GALLERY

[Water for a Sustainable City: Hetch Hetchy and San Francisco](#)

New Date! On View September 2 - October 29, 2010

Although surrounded by water on three sides, San Francisco's natural ecosystem offers limited drinking water. Over the last century, visionary engineers and politicians alongside San Francisco voters and conservationists have joined forces to support the creation of one of the most complex water systems in the world, the Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System. Delivering some of the highest quality water on the planet to our seven by seven - mile city and the surrounding Bay Area counties, the Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System also reveals an extraordinary facet of San Francisco's history. The Gold Rush followed by earthquakes, devastating fires, political maneuvering, and the quest for sufficient water, culminated in the passage of the Raker Act in Congress in 1913, which granted rights-of-ways to the City to build one of the most efficient water and power systems in the world.

Water for a Sustainable City: Hetch Hetchy and San Francisco will tell the complicated story of San Francisco's relationship to the Hetch Hetchy Water and

Power System and further examine everything from the typical San Franciscan's water usage, to the city's growing dependence on alternative energy and water. Represented through maps and photographs, the exhibition will showcase how far the typical San Franciscan's water travels-from glacier to watershed to faucet.

For more information and details on related programming visit <http://www.aia.org/exhibitions.htm>.

TAKE A LISTEN: [KQED talks with AIA San Francisco Executive Director Margie O'Driscoll on Hetch Hetchy's remarkable history.](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

- **[Volunteers Needed for 2010 San Francisco Living: Home Tours Weekend and Architecture and the City Festival](#)**
Interact with local architects and designers and learn more about the urban landscape of the Bay Area. Requirements include willingness and ability to interact with the public and attendance at orientation meeting. For more information and to sign up, [click here](#).

Design Competitions/RFPs

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

IN THE NEWS

On hiatus this month. Be back in October...

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

FEATURE THIS MONTH

AIA San Francisco home tour goes public

By Tracey Taylor

Article first appeared on SFGate September 8, 2010

Now in its eighth year, the American Institute of Architects' San Francisco Living home tours program continues to appeal to our voyeuristic instincts, allowing us to explore and admire private homes that not only showcase superior architecture and design, but, just this once, are also open to the (ticket-holding) public.

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