



# Bits & Pieces

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The Mission of the Southwest Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is:

***"To advance the profession of architecture for the purpose of improving our practices and our communities."***

## President's Letter

**BZ Zenczak**



I hope everyone has been having an enjoyable summer. This year Labor Day occurs as early on the calendar as is possible. We could look at it as having the maximum number of Christmas shopping days!

The approaching of Labor Day also means the AIA SWW Annual Golf Tournament is upon us. This year it is scheduled for Friday, September 5, 2008 at the Classic Golf Course in Spanaway. This is a great event, and my personal favorite, where we can network with architects, allied members, consultants, and vendors in a relaxed and fun venue. If you would like to join us, please contact the Tournament Committee or Cheryl Zoltak at the AIA SWW office.

The Annual Olympia Meeting/Dinner will be held Thursday, September 18 at the Olympia Red Lion. There will be a brief tour of the new science building at South Puget Sound Community College led by the building architects from Miller/Hull Partnership.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 4 ARE –Construction Documents& Services
- Sept 5 13<sup>th</sup> Annual AIA SWW Golf Tournament
- Sept 9 Tour – Clarus Eye Center in Lacey
- Sept 18 LNL – Cultured Stone
- Sept 18 AIA SWW Board Meeting
- Sept 18 Olympia Meeting
- Sept 30 Seminar – Bid Day
- Oct 2 ARE – Pre Design
- Oct 7-10 NW & Pacific Region Conf - Honolulu

*For more information, please contact the AIA SWW Chapter Office at 253.627.4006*





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AIA Southwest Washington Continuing Education 2008 Series Continue **your** education

Don't miss the upcoming tour of the Clarus Eye Centre in Lacey Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. It is a past AIA SWW Merit Award winner. RSVP now to Cheryl!

We are still on the lookout for buildings to tour in 2009. If you would like one of your projects to be included, send an email to [mike.slater@mcgranahan.com](mailto:mike.slater@mcgranahan.com) with the details. ❖



### Lunch & Learn Series: Achieving Success with Manufactured Stone Veneer September 18, 2008 12:00pm-1:00pm

AIA SW Chapter Office  
1201 Pacific Avenue, Suite C4  
Tacoma, Washington 98402

#### 1.0 HSW Learning Units

Free for AIA Members, \$10 for non AIA (lunch included)  
Limited seating

Provider

#### Owens Corning Masonry Products

Cultured Stone®...We are the world's leading manufacturer of manufactured stone veneer, introducing innovative products for over 45 years. We are the most used, most preferred, and most recognized brand in the industry.

The intent of this one hour presentation is to give you a better understanding of MSV. But more importantly, to convey the quality, value, and design flexibility that Cultured Stone® offers. In addition, we will discuss Sustainability and LEED certification.

RSVP by Sept. 16th to Cheryl Zoltak, [aia@aiasww.org](mailto:aia@aiasww.org), 253.627.4006



## 2008 AIA SWW Continuing Education

Schedule of Events: Sept, Oct, Nov.

### Lunch & Learn Series – 1 CEU

Sept 18 Cultured Stone  
Oct 16 Trespa  
Nov. 20 Technical Glass Products

### Continuing Education Seminars – 1.5 CEU

Sept 30 Being Bid Friendly

### Building Tours – 1 CEU

Sept 9 Clarus Eye Center  
TBD UWT Assembly Hall



### INTEGRATED DESIGN PROCESS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE IDP AND DESIGN SYNERGIES – Cascadia USGBC

An Introduction to the IDP is a half-day workshop that has been designed for people who will be participants in the IDP and want to improve their skills and ability to understand, effectively participate in and contribute to this process. It will also assist project team members to make the case for IDP to their clients and colleagues.

DESIGN SYNERGIES is a one-hour seminar that will address how integrated design synthesizes climate, use, loads and systems to deliver a more comfortable, productive and energy-efficient environment, while meeting project requirements and budget. This seminar will be offered in Oregon and Washington in partnership with BetterBricks.

It will be held Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Tacoma Convention Center, 1500 Broadway. [For more information and to register](#) ❖



### Design for Livability

September 25-27

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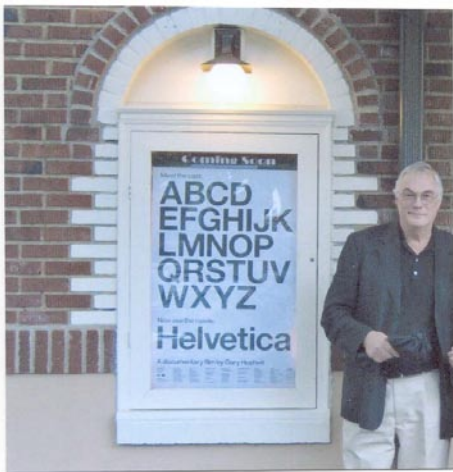
How do we change the American Dream from a society that chooses poorly-planned, sprawling development to one that prefers vibrant, walkable well designed neighborhoods? AIA Seattle, Cascade Land Conservancy and Allied Arts invite design professionals, developers, policy makers and the public to explore design innovations to enhance our quality of life and respect the very assets that make this region special. With keynotes Carol Coletta, CEOs for Cities and David Dixon, FAIA. [Register.](#)



*Helvetica*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AIASWW Night at the Movies**  
By Gene Grulich, AIA

It was a dark and gloomy evening when the members of AIASWW gathered for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AIA Night at the Movies. The typical summer's night of wind and rain did not deter the architects and allied members from their lesson on design with the film "Helvetica". This documentary on design earned attendees learning units.

John Vlahovich (pictured below) from Vlahovich Design provided background for the development and use of the Helvetica font in graphic design and its universal acceptance by designers throughout the design world. Vlahovich also illustrated the common principles of design shared by all of us. The evening was further enhanced by the support of Gold Allied Member SSA Acoustics with their hosting of the refreshments.



Mt. Rainier Chapter CSI's **September 4th** Chapter Dinner Meeting. We will be meeting at **LaQuinta Inn & Suites** in Tacoma. This month's program will be "**Global Green Sustainable Planning**", presented by **Joel Loveland** from **Integrated Design Lab Puget Sound**.

Project Display:

**Burien Town Project** - A mixed use 5 story condo complex with parking and retail space - **Charles Muldoon** and **Don Lloyd** of **Rushforth Construction**.

Please note that you can now register and/or pay for your dinner (by credit card through PayPal) by going to our website at [www.csimtrainier.org/events.html](http://www.csimtrainier.org/events.html) ❖

**AIA SWW Auction Volunteers Needed!**

This year we are having our biennial Auction and if you would like to volunteer please let BZ Zenczak, 2008 President, [studio@zpaai.com](mailto:studio@zpaai.com) or Randy Cook, 2008 President Elect [randy@tcfarchitecture.com](mailto:randy@tcfarchitecture.com) know. If you have volunteered in the past your experience would be welcome. Our Auction raises funds for our scholarship program. ❖



**The AIA Housing and Custom Residential Knowledge Community and the American Institute of Architects are pleased to announce that the AIA Housing Awards have gone green!**

The AIA Housing and Custom Residential Knowledge Community established this awards program to emphasize the importance of good housing as a necessity of life, a sanctuary for the human spirit and a valuable national resource. The categories are (1) One and Two Family Custom Residences, (2) One and Two Family Production Homes, (3) Multifamily Housing, and (4) Special Housing.

**Submissions**

The submission deadline is December 12, 2008. All payments will be made online and a link to the submission site will be posted once it is activated. Please check back for details [here](#) or contact the Honors & Awards department at [honorsawards@aia.org](mailto:honorsawards@aia.org). ❖



Lighting Design Lab Class

Seattle: Tuesday October 14 • 10:00 am - 3 pm  
Earn 4 HSW

**10- Noon: New Lighting Products in 2008—\$30.** Each year, the lighting industry introduces many new products in areas as diverse as lamps, luminaires, controls and software.

**Noon - 1 pm.** Box lunch is included and LDL answers your project lighting questions in a Q&A session.

**1 - 3 pm: Energy Effective Exterior Lighting —\$30.** Exterior lighting can contribute to the overall safety and security of persons and property. Quality exterior lighting can also create a dynamic nighttime environment, while minimizing both light trespass and light pollution. [Go to Class Registrations](#) ❖



**2008 AIA Northwest & Pacific Region Conference  
Registration is OPEN!**

**Register Today!** Aloha to our mainland & international visitors! Registration is now OPEN for the 2008 AIA Northwest & Pacific Regional Conference to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii from October 7-10, 2008.

On behalf of the Honolulu Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, AIA Honolulu, it is our pleasure to welcome you to visit the registration site for *Hawaii 2008: Crossroads of Design & Diversity* - an "unconventional convention" that you don't want to miss. Act today!

[Click here](#) to be directed to AIA Honolulu's 2008 AIA NWP Region website for more information about this exciting conference. Check Schedules, Fees, Program including Optional Activities and Links to reserve your hotel room at our conference hotel at discounted rates.

\*\*\*Email [Bonnie McIntyre](#), AIA Honolulu Membership Coordinator for any assistance or call her at (808) 628-7243 (direct line) \*\*\*. ❖



**Society of Architectural Historians - 2008 Annual Conference**

The annual meeting of the Marion Dean Ross / Pacific Northwest Chapter will be held in Tacoma, Washington, October 2,-4, 2008. Tacoma, once the Pacific Northwest's largest city, showcases a rejuvenated downtown with one of the region's premier collections late nineteenth-century architecture set against Commencement Bay, Puget Sound, and the majestic backdrop of Mt. Rainier. Fifteen organizations will welcome attendees to the conference where scholars will address the theme: **Re-Use, Recycling, and Rebirth: Architecture and Preservation in the Pacific Northwest.** [Find out more...](#) ❖

**Historic Tacoma: Public Policy Update**

**Teardowns:** We have been working since late 2007 to move forward a demolition review ordinance proposal. We'll be presenting to the Economic Development Committee of City Council on Sept. 30th, 3pm, 9th floor Visibility Center, City Hall, seeking a do-pass resolution to go to the full Council. We are asking that a stakeholder group of staff and citizens be established to develop an ordinance proposal and implementation plan. Please attend the meeting to show your support.

**Design Review, Mixed Use Centers and Residential Development Regulations:**

Historic Tacoma is responding to proposed amendments to City's Comprehensive Plan that will impact historic neighborhoods and business districts. We applaud much of what is proposed related to design standards, increased urban density, and the Transfer of Development Rights to preserve open space and historic structures. We are concerned about impact on massing and scale of historic neighborhoods and believe there should be more incentives for developers to rehab the historic structures which contribute so much to the city's built environment.

**Environmental Sustainability:**

We are conducting a deconstruction demonstration project in the MLK area to call attention to opportunities to re-cycle sustainable building materials. We are collaborating with a local property owner and the non-profit Metropolitan Development Council. We have the support of the Cascade Land Conservancy in encouraging City Council to integrate deconstruction and re-use into a comprehensive strategy to address waste issues. For more information on the project, see Todd Matthew's article in the Tacoma Daily Index,

[Salvaging history in Tacoma's razed older buildings](#)



**2008 Excellence in Masonry Design Awards**

The Masonry Institute of Washington is proud to announce that it is accepting projects for the 2008 Excellence in Masonry Design Awards. You may download registration forms and instructions from [www.masonryinstitute.com](http://www.masonryinstitute.com) under "Excellence Awards". **Project Registrations are being accepted until September 21, 2008.** For more information, contact Melony Liebel, 425-828-0433 or [mliebel@masonryinstitute.com](mailto:mliebel@masonryinstitute.com) ❖

**AIA Launches “Greenstep” Videos for Architects to Share with Clients**

12 short programs augment the Institute’s Walk the Walk campaign

The AIA inaugurates the launch of 12 short video episodes for architects to share with clients who want to plan a new building or renovate an existing one using green building principles. Clients can “get in step with AIA Greenstep,” and explore how to conserve water, opt for using renewable energy, optimize eco-friendly daylighting, and holistically plan a building. Greenstep is the new aspect of the AIA’s “Walk the Walk” marketing campaign to help clients and the public learn more about sustainable design elements and how architects are providing energy-efficient solutions to help lower our collective and individual carbon footprints. The video series launched this week on the “Walk the Walk” Web site, and new videos will appear biweekly. Check it out!



[For all AIA document information](#)

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Getting Support from AIA Staff: 202-626-7526  
For answers to your questions about the content or usage of AIA Contract Documents, call the number above Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Eastern time or send an email to [docinfo@aia.org](mailto:docinfo@aia.org). ❖

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