

January 2012



Awards Program at Westport Unitarian Church

AIA Connecticut honored the recipients of the various 2011 Chapter Awards programs at its annual awards reception in December. The awards recognized included Design, Emerging Architects, Alice Washburn, People's Choice and Public Service. The church,

designed by Victor Lundy, served as the perfect backdrop for this special event. The attendees enjoyed the stunning architecture while mingling with colleagues.

Congratulations to all the honorees.



Jack Franzen, FAIA, whose firm, J.P. Franzen and Associates Architects of Southport, renovated the church in 2008, spoke about the church's structural innovations, as well as the siting of the both the church and the memorial garden so that the structure appears to be an integral part of the

surrounding woods.

Calendar of Events

January 2012

Travelling Exhibit

January

Wallingford Public Library

January 12

Sustainable Structural Systems
Presented by Jim DeStefano, AIA, P.E.
AIA Connecticut
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Snow date, January 18

January 24

NCARB and You: IDP, ARE and Certification
Presented by Michael Smith, NCARB
Sponsored by the EAC
Yale University School of Architecture
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

January 25

New ADA Regulations and Updated Design Criteria: What You Need to Know
Presented by Peter Stratton
Sponsored by the BP&R Committee
AIA Connecticut
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Snow date, January 31

January 25

Social Media for Architects
Small Firms Roundtable
Joint program with
Professional Practice and the EAC
AIA Connecticut
4:30 pm

Member News

Congratulations to **ALAN LAGOCKI, AIA** for having been chosen by the AIA Connecticut staff as the 2011 Volunteer of the Year. This annual honor is bestowed upon a member who has exhibited exceptional devotion and service to the chapter. Alan's involvement and commitment are very much appreciated and we are delighted to recognize his dedication.

Congratulations to **FREDERICK F. WAJCS, P.E.**, who has accepted the position of Vice Chair of the State of Connecticut Codes and Standards Committee. AIA Connecticut thanks him for his on-going dedication to public safety.

THE S/L/A/M COLLABORATIVE, of Glastonbury, a certified member of the Planetree Visionary Design Network, has been recognized as a leader in the design of patient-centered and healing healthcare environments. During Planetree's 2011 Annual Conference, SLAM exhibited and presented a case study *Transformation of Patient, Visitor and Staff Experience at Danbury Hospital through the Physical Environment* that described the transformational process (both physical and culturally) of a project that will add over 300,000 square feet of new construction to Danbury Hospital's existing campus. Additionally, SLAM also joined Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisko, New York, in their receipt of *Planetree's Large Project Spirit Award* for the design of The Mary & David Boies Emergency Department which recently opened in March 2011. Founded in 1978, Planetree has been at the forefront of the effort to personalize, humanize and demystify the healthcare system for more than three decades.

WILLIAM SILVER, AIA, principal at **SILVER / PETRUCELLI + ASSOCIATES** of Hamden announces that the firm has been selected to design the renovation and addition to Central High School in Bridgeport, the firm's largest school project to date. Also, the new Branford Fire Department headquarters designed by the firm has won rebate approval under Connecticut's Geothermal Incentive Program issued by the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA).

College of Fellows Dinner

By **HAROLD ROTH, FAIA**

Members of the AIA College of Fellows in Connecticut met for their annual dinner meeting at the Quinnipiac Club in New Haven on October 29, 2011. The traditional wood-paneled library, designed by Douglas Orr, FAIA, has served the event well for the past twenty years.

Following the reception and dinner with toasts celebrating the investiture of the newest Connecticut Fellow, Jon Pickard, FAIA, the after-dinner speaker was the art historian, Nicholas Fox Weber. Introduced by Harold Roth, FAIA, 2001 Chancellor of the College of Fellows, Nick Weber is a native of Connecticut and also maintains residence in Paris. The founding Director of the Josef Albers and Anni Albers Foundation, he oversees exhibitions of the extensive Albers art collection around the world. His latest book, the biography of LeCorbusier, was the focus of his talk, describing aspects of Corb's career not generally known, though his completed buildings are icons of modern architecture.

Nick Weber's current research is a definitive biography of Mondrian.

President's Column

By **RICHARD CONNELL, AIA**

I'm beginning 2012 with a renewed sense of optimism. Over the last few months, there have been positive signs of growth effecting our profession in the areas that seem to matter most: increasing numbers of requests for qualifications and proposals as well as projects proceeding ahead. Granted, it varies greatly by project size, type and location but I sense that the architectural design world is slowly beginning to move forward again. While it will take a while for it to gain the necessary momentum, it will eventually mean employment opportunities, projects and more projects. I hope that I'm right and that it will become infectious.

As we begin the New Year, our Chapter's role has never been more relevant or essential. As our Mission states, "AIA Connecticut represents the architectural profession, serving its members by communicating the value of architects, and serving the public by continually working to improve the quality of the built and natural environment". In our current economic setting, the roles of representing and communicating seem to have the most importance to me. Our voice as individual architects and firms is amplified through AIA Connecticut with other architects and firms, and with the allied design and construction professions in a way that truly makes a difference. We continue to prove that there is strength in numbers and we have seen the fruits of this collaboration over the last few years. We continue to look for ways in which to improve our effectiveness and 2012 will certainly present new challenges. Not only do we need to continue to support our profession's economic recovery and look for additional ways in which to further strengthen the architect's role in the project delivery process, but we also have to help ensure the future health of our profession through the encouragement and mentoring of our emerging professionals. AIA Connecticut is well positioned to be very impactful in each of these areas and with your help, we will succeed.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President of AIA Connecticut this year. I'm very appreciative for the commitment of our members and thankful for our exceptional staff and an organization, both locally and nationally, that brings real value in the form of effective governmental advocacy, quality continuing education, strong outreach in the building industry, solid public relations and in some ways above all, opportunities to come together as colleagues. May the New Year find each of you in a better position than last year, bring you a dose of my optimism and allow us to strengthen our collective voice through AIA Connecticut.



**2012 Connecticut
Preservation Awards**
<http://www.cttrust.org/12552>
Deadline: February 24, 2012

Public Interest Design Institute

Yale University School of Architecture is presenting an emerging field of public service in architecture program January 13 – 14 at Yale University. The two-day course will provide knowledge and training on best practices of how design can address the critical issues faced by communities. Unlike volunteer or academic programs this new field provides fee paying jobs to architects who have faced a deep recession. Five national experts will present examples from around the world. The research is funded by the American Institute of Architects 2011 Latrobe Award.

There is a \$100 discount for AIA members. For more information on the Yale University Public Interest Design Institute and to register, go to: <http://www.publicinterestdesign.com/yale-university/>

2012 Changes to Health, Safety, and Welfare Education Requirements

As of January 2012, AIA members will be required to complete 12 hours of health, safety, and welfare (HSW) education, an increase from the previous requirement of 8 HSW. The AIA Board will re-evaluate the sustainable design (SD) requirement in 2012. AIA members should fulfill their total 18 hours of continuing education during the calendar year.

Increasing the HSW requirement per year sets a higher standard for AIA members and will enable them to fulfill state licensing requirements for most states. Additionally, increasing the required number of HSW credits will raise the level and quality of our continuing education and professional development of architects.

Additionally, in calendar year 2012, aligning closer with state licensing boards' practice, AIA members will no longer be able to self-report HSW courses for credit. Members will need to complete HSW credits by taking qualifying courses from registered AIA CES Providers and Providers will need to report HSW courses for members to receive HSW credits. Members can continue to self-report learning unit (LU) credit hours for non-provider courses and programs.

In the past, AIA members were able to attend courses outside of the AIA CES Provider network and submit a self-report online to be reviewed for HSW or SD credit. AIA CES is implementing this new HSW and SD credit policy to ensure quality education and establish an educational standard for the courses that AIA members attend.

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Save the Date: Joint Industry Dinner - February 29



A Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
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Save the Date

AN EVENING WITH
ANDRES DUANY, FAIA AND
ELIZABETH PLATER-ZYBERK, FAIA

LECTURE, RECEPTION & DINNER
MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2012

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DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

