

October 2011

2011 Emerging Architectural Firm Award

The AIA Connecticut Design Committee announces the results of its 2011 Emerging Architectural Firm Award program. Jurors for the program were Peg Chambers, AIA, MJ Chambers Architect; Joseph Ferrucci, AIA; Craig Newick, AIA; and Leonard (Trip) Wyeth, AIA.

The 2011 Emerging Architectural Firm Award is a biennial peer recognition award highlighting AIA Connecticut members who are gaining recognition through a body of built work and are committed to design excellence. This year's award was given to **AMANDA MARTOCCHIO ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN, LLC**, New Canaan. The firm will be recognized at the December 5, 2011 Awards Reception.

The jury agreed that Amanda Martocchio Architecture + Design, LLC strives to create innovative work that is responsive to a project's unique context and produces work that is noteworthy in its clarity of form and rigorous detailing, expressed with a varying palette of materials. The firm embraces the principles of "Houses that Work"™ and is committed to staying on current with contemporary thinking in building science.

Jury comments: *the work is well done and incredibly well thought out. Massing and proportion are perfect, with dead-on detailing. The body of work is consistent, coherent and well-conceived.*



Michael Moran Photography

AIA Connecticut Annual Conference A Two Day Event October 4 and October 26

- ◆ Don't miss this opportunity to earn up to 11.5 credits of continuing education.
- ◆ Enjoy Waterbury's beautiful architecture by Thomas Lamb and Cass Gilbert .
- ◆ Attend informative programs addressing a broad cross section of topics.
- ◆ Network with sponsors and colleagues.

Calendar of Events

October 2011

October 4

AIA Connecticut Annual Conference
Day One: A Day of Design
The Palace Theater
100 East Main Street
Waterbury
8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

October 12

Small Firms Roundtable
Selective Coatings for Energy Efficient Windows
Sponsored by Ring's End and A.W. Hastings/
Marvin Windows and Doors
AIA Connecticut
4 :00 pm.

October 14, 15

AIA New England Conference
Hosted by AIA Western Massachusetts
Details TBA.

October 18

Small Firms Roundtable
Brosco Field Trip
Hatfield, Massachusetts
12 noon to 8:30 pm.

October 19

A.R.E. Review
Structural Systems, Part II—Lateral Forces
Presented by Whitney McNulty
AIA Connecticut
5:30 pm.

October 20

Construction Waste Program
Sponsored by AIA COTE
AIA Connecticut
1:00 to 3:00 pm.

October 26

AIA Connecticut Annual Conference
Day Two: A Day to Build Skills
AIA Connecticut
370 James Street
New Haven
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

October 28

Lunch and Learn
BKM Steelcase
AIA Connecticut
12:30 pm.

People's Choice Awards Winners



The favorite EDUCATIONAL project.

Mary M. Hooker Environmental Sciences Magnet School,
Hartford, CT

Photography: Mary Hooker School
BL Companies, Meriden, CT



The favorite COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL project.

Indian Valley YMCA, Ellington, CT

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Moser Pilon Nelson, Architects, LLC, Wethersfield, CT

Hartford Program Receives 6-Year Accreditation

The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) Board of Directors voted in July to give the Master of Architecture professional degree program at the University of Hartford a full 6-year accreditation term (the longest term possible).

The term was retroactively effective January 2011. According to the NAAB visiting team report: "The location of the program in Hartford, Connecticut, provides much needed leadership to the regional community for solid architectural and planning decision-making. Over time, this community will benefit from the ideas generated by student projects, and as a result of visiting lectures and faculty scholarship."

More information about the Hartford architecture program can be found on its website at: www.hartford.edu/architecture

Become an IDP Coordinator

By Mike Ayles, AIA

Volunteers are needed for the Intern Development Program. An IDP Auxiliary Coordinator should be a licensed U.S. architect or an NCARB Record holder who has completed or currently participates in IDP. However, any individual interested in assisting interns pursuing licensure as an architect will be considered. Auxiliary Coordinators are self-appointed individuals who serve the role of assisting interns in the NCARB application process, acting as the information resource for the required components of licensure for interns, and providing the information necessary for the transition from internship to licensure within the context of a state's regulatory requirements, reciprocity, and NCARB certification.

NCARB supports IDP Auxiliary Coordinators by providing an invitation to attend the annual IDP Coordinators Conference; NCARB and AIA National training materials; staff support from NCARB and AIA for assistance with understanding IDP requirements, processes, and opportunities; and access to the IDP Coordinator web-based information sharing site.

For more information about becoming an Auxiliary Coordinator for your firm, go to <http://www.ncarb.org/en/Experience-Through-Internships/IDP-Coordinators.aspx> or contact me by e-mail at mayles@antinozzi.com or phone (203) 377-1300.



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Albis Architects LLC, Hamden, CT



AIA Connecticut welcomes your member news and articles for submission. Please email your information to Louise Weaver at lweaver@aiact.org. Contact us at 203-865-2195 if you have any questions.

Save the Date: November 14 - AIA Connecticut Annual Meeting

Member News

SEAN O’KANE, AIA ARCHITECT P.C. of Ridgefield was recently recognized as a finalist in the two architecture categories for ‘At Home’ Magazine’s 2011 A-List Awards. Both projects feature custom homes in Darien.

COREY NARDONE, AIA of Silver / Petrucelli + Associates of Hamden has earned his architectural license and has been promoted to Project Architect at the firm.

SILVER / PETRUCELLI + ASSOCIATES was recognized by the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers with the 2011 Water Resources/Environmental ACE Award for their work on the Kleen Energy Systems Water Supply System project in Middletown. The firm incorporated aesthetic considerations and concerns in its design of the housing for an intake pump system that sits close to the Connecticut River. They also designed the water supply systems, pumps and booster stations that deliver 10 million gallons of water per day from the Connecticut River to this 620 megawatt power generating facility that can serve over a half-million homes.

MARK P. FINLAY ARCHITECTS, AIA of Southport was recently named the winner in the 2011 A-List Awards for the best Traditional Architecture over 7000 square-feet for a home in Darien. Moffly Media holds the A-List Awards through its ‘athome’ magazine to celebrate the best in interior design, architecture and landscape design in Fairfield County. The home and Mark P. Finlay Architects will be featured in the November issue of ‘athome’ magazine along with all the A-List winners.

Correction

TOM TAVELLA, FASLA has been voted 2012 president-elect of ASLA National, not ASLA Connecticut Chapter as reported in the September *Bulletin*.

In Memoriam

ABRAHAM ROTHENBERG, AIA of Westport, died recently at the age of 80. A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic and Princeton University with degrees in architecture, in the early 1960’s he worked for Curtis and Davis Architects in New York City, where his major projects included the award-winning Worcester Public Library and the James Forrestal Building in Washington, which today houses the Department of Energy. In the late 60’s he worked for Pomerance Breines Architects where he designed the John F. Kennedy Center for Research in Mental Retardation in the Bronx, and the NYU College of Dentistry. He established his own firm in Westport in the 70’s, where his major projects included the Museum of Modern Art Bookstore II in Manhattan, the Spector Playground in Central Park, the Sofia Building on the Upper West Side, the Memphis/Evans Tower on the Upper East Side, the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library in Long Island, additions to the Greens Farms Congregational Church, Nichols Church in Trumbull, the Westport Arts Center, and numerous private houses and office buildings in Fairfield County and Westchester.

Rothenberg was active in Westport civic life as member of the Sunrise Rotary Club, where he helped to fund the Transitions Foundation for the Disabled in Guatemala. In 2001 he invited a group of Russian architects to visit their colleagues in Connecticut through the Center for Citizens Initiative.

He is survived by Barbara Rothenberg, his wife of fifty years, and his sons Daniel Rothenberg and David Rothenberg; daughter-in-law Jaanika Peerna, and grandson Jaan Umru Rothenberg.

President’s Column

By Whit Iglehart, AIA

The current recession has been a particularly deep and painful one for the design and construction industries. We have already suffered layoffs throughout the field that have left more than 30% of Connecticut architects out of work. Many more, while continuing to work, have faced greatly reduced work and, as a result, greatly reduced income. Over the past few months there has been clear evidence of a slow recovery taking hold in the region, with both public and private clients beginning to move forward with long-delayed projects. Barring another economic stumble back into a ‘double-dip’ recession, we hope this slow recovery will continue into 2012.

But the unease and uncertainty about the future have made firms extremely wary about jumping back into large-scale rehiring of staff. Architecture has always been a profession that depends on the psychological confidence of clients and the health of the economy at large – now more than ever. Many firms are keeping their current lean staff levels, or are hiring additional staff on a temporary consultant basis, until they see with some confidence a clear indication that the workload will continue in the longer term.

While weathering this current downturn has been a great challenge, a much bigger fear is the potential impact on our profession in the long term. As we have seen in earlier recessions, we will emerge from this one sooner or later, but who will be there when we need them? We have lost entire generations of architects and architecture students during these periods and I fear we may again. Many students in architecture programs, or considering the profession, are choosing instead to go in other directions that they think will offer greater opportunities for employment and advancement. These could include film-making, game design, advertising and 3-D graphics among others.

It behooves us as a profession to make an extra effort to encourage students and young designers to stay in Architecture. ‘Canstruction’ and ‘Box-City’ programs are a great first step in introducing elementary and middle-school students to architecture. They deserve our continued support on all levels, through volunteer work and sponsorships. At the high school level, programs such as the Ace Mentoring program allow students, together with professionals, to actively engage in the design process and experience the satisfaction it can bring. For college students, there are many academic internship programs that place students in offices for a semester as a part of their academic curriculum.

So let us all make a special effort to seek out, support, and encourage the next generation of architects and designers in any way we can, through volunteering with mentoring programs or sponsoring of internships in our offices. It will make all the difference in the world for them – and for all of us.

In Memory of Abraham Rothenberg

By Paul Reslink, AIA

It was my privilege to have worked with Abraham Rothenberg at his offices in Manhattan and in Connecticut, and to have served with him on the Town of Westport, Architectural Review Board. His architectural design was creative, relevant, intelligent and personal, and his buildings and homes are clean, contemporary and elegant. Abe was an exacting mentor, a friend, an involved member of both his local and global communities, and a very fine architect. I am saddened by his passing. My condolences to his family, his colleagues, and to his very many friends.



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