



Fall Design Fête Honorees

The Fall Design Fête is a great party but it is also the time where we honor those who have done great service to the Chapter, the profession and the City. Just four awards are presented at the Fête:

The 2017 Emerging Architect Award will be presented to Leah Ijjas, AIA.

This award honors exceptional leadership early in a career. Leah is an architect at Gensler and has played a very active role in the Chapter's Emerging Architects Committee (EAC). She showed early promise in 2011 at the University of Maryland when she led the team that won first place in the US Energy Department's Solar Decathlon. Since graduating she has been an active participant in EAC, including chairing the committee this year. She is a graduate of the Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program and participated in the AIA's Leadership Institute.

The 2017 John 'Wieb' Wiebenson Award for Architecture in the Public Interest will be presented to Joanna Schmickel, AIA.

Joanna Schmickel is a principal at cox graae + spack architects providing leadership for projects encompassing interior design

services as well as planning and design for education facilities. She is being given this award for her volunteer activities with the Foundation's programs for kids including Architecture in the Schools and a popular class in stage set design. Most recently, she founded the Design Like a Girl Mentor program that matches young women with female AEC practitioners. Design Like a Girl starts its second year long program in September.

The Glenn Brown Award for Improving the quality of life in DC and raising awareness of its benefits to society will be presented to Elinor Bacon.

Elinor brought her 30 years of experience in housing, real estate development, and community development in the public and private sectors to DC's Wharf project. In addition, she has served as deputy assistant secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, as president and CEO of the National Capital Revitalization Corporation, a public real estate development corporation established by the Washington, DC, Council, with the mission to spur economic development throughout the District, primarily in neighborhoods of need. She founded her real estate and consulting firm in 2002 and has participated in many projects bringing great design and investment to Washington including

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ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Tommy Wells Speaks

AIA | DC held its annual business meeting on Wednesday, September 13th. A robust turnout was buoyed by an energizing speech from Tommy Wells, Director of DC's Department of Energy and the Environment. Construction in the District has flourished since many plots of federal land were recently released for development. Thanks to AIA | DC members, DC buildings are expending much less energy and the juice they require is coming from an increasingly renewable mix of sources.

The annual business meeting also included reports from the Board. The Chapter is in a much improved financial situation from the same time in 2016 and its advocacy efforts have produced some good results: a joint conference with the DC Office of Planning and improved communication with DCRA.

Executive Committee Report

Over the past decade, the Chapter has worked hard to address the challenges we all face as professionals. AIA | DC provides great education and member opportunities engaging with the public through the District Architecture Center. All of this takes significant resources to sustain.

We've been diligent about reducing expenses, but for us to continue to provide the level of service our members expect while laying a firm foundation for the future, the AIA | DC Board has concluded that overall revenue needs to increase. After careful consideration, the Board has decided to increase member dues, effective in the 2018 renewal cycle.

DC member dues will increase to \$440, for a total of \$711. Even with this increase, our dues will remain significantly lower than the rates for similar-sized chapters across the country and in our region.

In raising the dues, we also offer

the following:

- All members will be able to participate in professional education programs for free for three months beginning in January 2018.
- The Chapter will continue to provide a \$100 discount to architects who work for the government.
- There will be no further increases in local dues for at least three years.
- There will be no increase in local Associate dues. To ease the shift from Associate dues to full-member dues, a graduated dues program will transition to full-member dues over three years.

The Chapter deeply appreciates your continued support as members. We look forward to working together to provide relevant programming, services, and training that will help advance the profile and dialogue of architecture and design.

2018 AIA|DC Board of Directors election results

Congratulations to the newly elected AIA | DC Board of Directors. They will begin their terms in January 2018.

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First Congregational Church of Christ and The Yards. Elinor was chosen for this honor for her ability to bring investment and local jobs to the communities in which these projects are done.

The highest award the Chapter can bestow is the Centennial award which this year goes to Hal Davis, FAIA.

Harold "Hal" E. Davis, Jr., FAIA, has made an indelible mark on the city of Washington, DC, and particularly on the National Mall. A practicing architect in the Washington region for more than 40 years, he was a partner of Tobey & Davis, which joined SmithGroupJJR in 1999. He is now Senior Vice President and Cultural Studio Leader Emeritus of SmithGroupJJR. Hal was made a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 2007 in recognition of his contributions to the architectural profession. He has been on the board of the Washington Architectural Foundation and currently serves as a Director-at-Large on the AIA | DC Board. Hal has led Architectural

Engineering teams for the two newest museums to grace the National Mall, the National Museum of the American Indian and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. He has overseen planning and restoration on two of the Mall's oldest edifices, the Smithsonian Institution Building (the "Castle") and the Arts and Industries Building, and worked with the Architect of the Capitol to design the National Garden and Environmental Learning Center at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Millions of visitors tour these sites every year, directly benefiting from Hal's work for our country's national museums. His nomination letter captures his contribution very succinctly:

The Centennial Award makes reference to qualities of prosperity, unselfish effort, and contribution of time and talent "so that we all might benefit". For me, that's Hal's calling card.

The Fall Design Fête, benefitting the Washington Architectural Foundation, will take place on November 17, 2017 at The Anthem at The Wharf. We are deeply honored to be the first special event at The Anthem thanks to PN Hoffman. To attend the Fête please visit <http://bit.ly/FallFete2K17>.

Washington Architectural Foundation Wins Two Grants

This summer, the Washington Architectural Foundation was recognized twice for outstanding educational programs for children.

WAF received a \$1,500 grant from The Architects Foundation and Armstrong World Industries Foundation K-8 Architecture and Design Education competition for Architecture in the Schools, which is now celebrating its 25th year of work sending teams of volunteer architects into Washington metro area public school classrooms.

In August, WAF was one of two winners selected to receive a 2017 Opportunity Fund grant. The \$5,000 grant award is provided by Hanley Wood, publishers of ARCHITECT magazine, and will help support WAF's Design Like A Girl mentoring program. The program pairs girls ages 11-13 with female role models in the design fields.

Architecture in the Schools and Design Like a Girl trained new and returning volunteers in August. Both programs began in September.

We're proud that WAF's programs are being recognized as exemplary on the national level and grateful to all volunteers and donors who made this possible. We're always scouting for additional volunteers and donors who able to invest their time and dollars in making these very important programs possible. WAF programs are outstanding – and that's because we have terrific volunteers and supporters!



Campers helped construct two wooden cubes so that they could understand the relationship between models and full-scale.

DACKids Summer Camp Successful Once Again

Children once again graced the District Architecture with their presence this August for DACKids Summer Camp. Under the leadership of a dozen volunteers young folks attending learned building design approaches that start first with open-ended brainstorming. Once each camper had ideas for their model houses, they started with four solid walls. As the days went on, details were added -- sky lights aplenty — and one model house reached all the way to the DAC ceiling. Naturally, the phenomenally tall roof included an antenna for WiFi. Several kids this year made sure to prioritize internet connectivity in the model homes they built.



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AIA|DC Member Writes in *Washington Post* Praising DC Waterfront Redevelopment

In an interesting reflection on urban waterfront placemaking, Roger K. Lewis, FAIA, says DC's Anacostia River Waterfront is on the rise. In place of blighted brownfields and uninviting sidewalks now rise LEED-certified residential, commercial, retail, and public recreation space.

"Along the Potomac River, only Georgetown's dense, mixed-use Washington Harbor complex directly engages the river, having enjoyed monopoly status since the 1980s as the only destination in Northwest Washington with direct water adjacency. But Washington Harbor now faces competition from Southeast's Capitol Riverfront and Washington Navy Yard area adjacent to the Anacostia River.

Upriver next to the Navy Yard, the 11th Street Bridge Park will span the Anacostia with new, landscaped pedestrian decks linking socioeconomically disparate Wards 6 and 8. Potentially animating both shores of the river, it will provide places to stroll, bike, relax, meet, perform, dine, display arts and crafts, and interact directly with the river below.

But the Wharf in Southwest will transform Washington's waterfront character most dramatically."

Read the rest of Lewis's commentary here at <http://bit.ly/DCWaterfrontArticle>

AIA|DC's Newest Members

Please welcome our new and returning members!

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Washington Post Reviews Postcards Exhibition at DAC

The *Washington Post's* John Kelly: "I think my favorite postcard from the exhibition is one that shows the U.S. Capitol bathed in multicolored stripes of psychedelic light, from Creamsicle orange to patriotic red, white and blue. The caption reads, "Aurora Borealis illumination of United States Capitol, Washington, D.C." ... I did some sleuthing and it turns out that on Nov. 11, 1921 — and on the two following nights — a massive light show was held in Washington. It marked the opening of the world's first disarmament conference, held in our fair city. At 8 p.m. on the 11th, President Warren G. Harding stood on a platform in front of the Pan-American Building and threw a switch that powered illuminations from the Capitol to the Washington Monument, transforming the Mall into "a veritable fairy land." Shafts of light crisscrossed the skies in all directions. The display near the Capitol was meant to approximate the aurora borealis."

Read the review: bit.ly/PostcardsReviewWaPost



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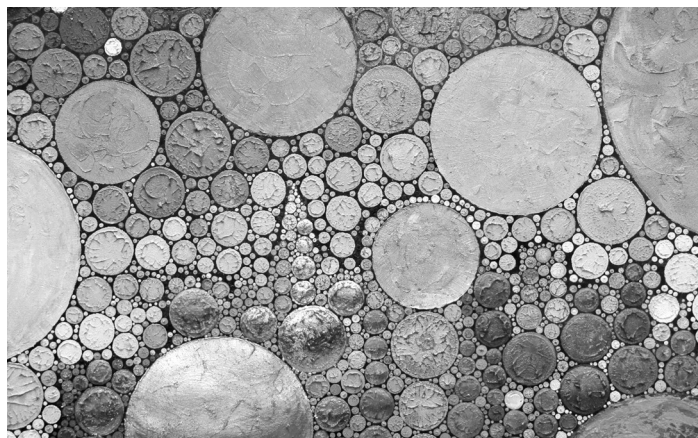
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Bangladesh Bait Ur Rouf Mosque, courtesy Aga Khan Trust for Culture / Rajesh Vora

Design for Diversity: The Aga Khan Award for Architecture
 September 7 - November 3, 2017

The Exhibition highlights 19 works of architecture from the 2014-2016 cycle of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture. Through its efforts, the Award seeks to identify and encourage building concepts that successfully address the needs and aspirations of societies across the world in which Muslims have a significant presence. <http://bit.ly/AgaKhan2017>



Heavenly Jerusalem by Vlad Zabavskiy, courtesy Vlad Zabavskiy

On the Verge of Bizarre: Extraordinary Art
 by Vlad Zabavskiy

September 20 - November 17, 2017

AIA | DC is pleased to present recent works by award-winning, Virginia-based artist Vlad Zabavskiy. As the exhibition title suggests, Zabavskiy's paintings are indeed bizarre and extraordinary. Zabavskiy uses a rich palette of colorful oils, including gold leaf, coupled with crackling and layered effects that produce vivid and compelling images.

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Amy Daw

B

Clarification: The July / August 2017 edition item did not include a complete attribution of a project in Tysons Corner. The design team for the project is **HKS Architects** and **Bonstra | Haresign ARCHITECTS** with **CallisonRTKL**.

C

With 600 Massachusetts Avenue NW complete, **CORE architecture + design (CORE)** commissioned renowned photographer Max MacKenzie to capture remarkable images of the 400K SF LEED Platinum class A office building. View photos at coredc.com.



600 Massachusetts Avenue NW by **CORE architecture + design** (Maxwell MacKenzie).

CAS Riegler also hired **CORE** to deliver high-quality amenity spaces for South Cathedral Mansions, repurposing the cellar as a fitness center and spa, converting a carriage house into a poolside entertaining space, and renovating the lobby. The project is part of a historic renovation to align the property with the expectations of today's luxury residential rental market. Finally, **CORE** is proud to announce that project architect Marisa A. Colligan, just received her architectural licensure. A graduate of The Catholic University of America, Marisa has worked at **CORE** since 2015.

D

Cynthia Chen has been promoted to chief financial officer of **Dewberry**, a privately held professional services company. Chen has 23 years of experience, 13 with Dewberry, and was previously corporate director of accounting and finance. Chen will report to Dewberry's executive chairman, Barry K. Dewberry, and chief executive officer, Donald E. Stone, Jr., and to Dewberry's board of directors.



Cynthia Chen

F

FORMA Design was honored to receive both a Miami Chapter AIA Award of Excellence and a South Florida IIDA Award for Best

Healthcare project 2017 for **SIRANLI Dental**, in Washington, DC. Current projects under construction include Capital Aesthetic + Laser Center in Washington, DC, Winchester Oral Surgery Center in Winchester, VA and Lee+Lee Dental in San Jose, CA.



SIRANLI Dental by **FORMA Design**

H

HDR has welcomed the following new staff members to its DC Architecture Practice: **David Hofmann, AIA, LEED BD+C** - Senior Project Manager; **Enrique Villa, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C** - Sustainable Design Leader; **Jonathan Oswald, AIA & LEED AP BD+C** - Architect; **Leslie Loudon, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP** - Senior Project Manager; **Eric Hofmann, Assoc. AI, LEED Green Assoc.** - Architectural Project Coordinator; **Michael Deming, AIA, LEED AP BD+C** - Senior Project Architect

Hoffmann Architects, a firm specializing in the rehabilitation of building exteriors, is pleased to announce the acceptance of a joint ownership opportunity by four members of the firm's senior staff: Deborah J. Costantini, AIA; Robert A. Marsoli, Jr., PE; Nicholas J. Moroniti; and Alison B. Hoffmann. **John J. Hoffmann, FAIA**, president of the firm, recognized their contributions to **Hoffmann Architects** with an offer of part ownership in the specialty design and rehabilitation practice he founded 40 years ago.

K

Members of **Keast & Hood's** DC office recently participated in the firm's 11th annual volunteer day at Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse in Annapolis, MD. Volunteers gathered to provide repairs to the National Historic Landmark that has been a part of the Chesapeake Bay since 1875. Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse is the oldest, unmoved, spider-type screwpile lighthouse in the United States.

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Perkins+Will is excited to announce that the DC office has four team members that are now Lean Green Belts: **Tatiana Escobar, AIA, LEED AP BD+C**, **Brian Sykes, AIA, PMP, LEED AP BD+C**, **Steve Seely, AIA, LEED AP BD+C**, and **Amanda Logatto, ASID, CID, EDAC**.

Three of Perkins+Will's projects won awards at the USGBC: National Capital Region Community Leader Award Ceremony. ASID, led by **Ken Wilson, FAIA, FIIDA, ASID, LEED Fellow** won the Innovative Project of the year: Health+Wellness in the Built Environment, Nixon Peabody, also led by **Ken Wilson, FAIA, FIIDA, ASID, LEED Fellow** won the Innovative Project of the year: Interior, and Children's National Bunny Mellon Healing Garden, led by **Diana Horvat, AIA, IIDA, LEED AP** and **Tatiana Escobar, AIA, LEED AP BD+C** won the Innovative Project of the Year: Responsible Design award (submitted by Davis Construction).



Children's National Bunny Mellon Healing Garden by Perkins+Will

Jon Penndorf, FAIA NCARB, LEED AP BD+C and **Amy Thompson, AICP, LEED Neighborhood Development** of Perkins+Will shared their lessons learned from the District of Columbia's Plan to Adapt to a Changing Climate on a webinar for the International Society of

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Sustainability Professionals on Climate Ready DC this past month. This aligns with the firm's mission to keep sustainability at the forefront of our work and help restructure the social, economic, and physical capital necessary to create buildings, cities, and communities that are more resilient and vital than in the past.

Perkins+Will has been contracted for Design Development through Construction Administration for the repositioning of common interior spaces and exterior light/signage for Cooperative Way in Reston, Virginia. The design team is being led by Laura Morris, MCR, IIDA, LEED AP.



Ian McLaughlin, AIA

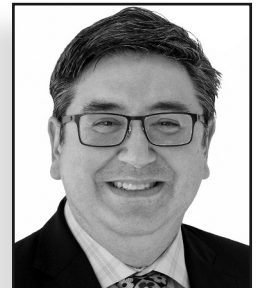


Veronica Guzman

where he served as a job captain on numerous multi-family projects, Ian is a natural fit for the growing multifamily practice group. He is also a LEED accredited professional. Veronica is a recent graduate of Cornell University and is also a new transplant, having relocated to the area from Puerto Rico. Her background in surveying historical buildings and expertise using digital fabrication equipment to build models provides additional depth for the firm.

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Clarification: The July / August 2017 edition of AIA | DC Member News misstated the education of **Michael Zajkowski, AIA, LEED AP, BD+C**. Mr. Zajkowski is an alumnus of the University of Florida and Rice University.





Michael Zajkowski, AIA, LEED AP, BD+C

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Quinn Evans Architects, has announced the promotion of 12 senior staff members in its Washington, D.C., office. Four professionals have been named senior associate: **Colin MacKillop, AIA, LEED AP**; **Katie Irwin, AIA, IIDA, LEED AP**; **James Thompson, AIA, LEED AP**; and **John Whitaker, AIA**. In addition, three professionals have been named associate: **Marisa Allen, AIA, LEED AP**; **Sharif Attia, RA**; and **Ryan McEnroe, AIA, ASLA, LEED AP**, in the Washington, D.C., office. Two professionals have been named architects in the Washington, D.C. office: **Jack Becker, RA**; and **Lucy Moore**. In addition, **Thalia Chrousos, Anne Kopf**, and **Ethan Walker** have been named designers in the office.

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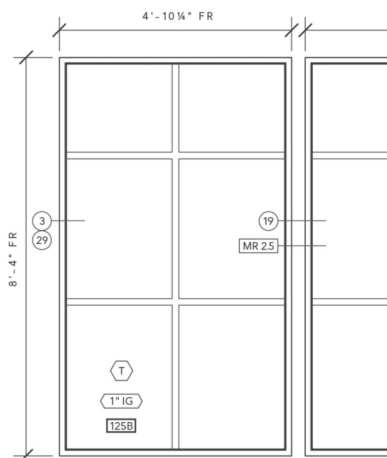
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