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We hope you'll join us for the AIA Eastern PA / CSI Allentown joint event next week!

Facility Tour and Presentation*

“Sophisticated Residential Cooking Appliances”

**Wednesday, October 20, 2010
6:00 – 9:00 PM**

Trexler-Haines, Allentown, PA

6635 W Tilghman Street
Allentown, PA 18106
Tel: 877-873-9537

**Worth (1) Continuing Ed LU*

***SPECIAL REDUCED
REGISTRATION COST!***

Only \$10 per person with 100% of the proceeds going directly to the AIA Eastern PA / CSI Allentown Haiti Relief Fund

[Register Here for the Event!](#)

Many thanks to the generosity of our Event Sponsor



**AIA Eastern PA and
CSI Allentown
To Wrap Up Year -
Long Campaign with
Special Event!**



Next Wednesday evening, October 20th our chapter will team up once again with our partners from CSI Allentown for a special event to support the Joint Haiti Relief Fund. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors at Trexler-Haines and in particular David Young, our members will enjoy a special facility tour, dinner and AIA CES presentation (worth 1 LU) on *“Sophisticated Residential Cooking Appliances.”*

Note! Registration costs for this event have been reduced to only \$10 with 100% of the proceeds going directly into the Haiti fund. Join us for an evening of fun beginning at 6 PM with a social hour, followed by dinner at 7 PM and the presentation at 7:45 PM. Hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT UPDATE - Some have questioned the validity of fundraising efforts like ours, in the wake of recent news reports regarding the bureaucratic obstruction prevalent throughout the island nation. We are fortunate to be supporting one of the few social service agencies that have broken through those barriers to actually commence construction efforts! Since July teams of volunteers have been organized through the [Fuller Center for Housing](#) to construct the first four homes in two Haitian cities.

[Click here](#) for a recent article chronicling the Fuller Center's successful work in Haiti.

Our support will continue until President's Night on December 2, 2010. Please be sure to check out the [special website](#) created to accommodate **tax deductible donations** directly to the Fuller Center. All donations received through the [website](#) will be attributed directly to our fundraising campaign. The holidays are quickly approaching and time is running out, so please consider supporting this worthy program with your tax deductible donation today.

Thank you for your support!

[Sean P. O'Brien, AIA, LEED AP](#)
(2010 Chapter President)

Allied Members – Have a special announcement? Send us your news to be posted here!

Future CSI Allentown Events October 20, 2010, 6 – 9 PM

*“Sophisticated Residential
Cooking Appliances”*

**Joint facility tour and presentation with
AIA EPC at Trexler-Haines, Allentown**
Reduced registration - Only \$10 per member
with 100% of the event proceeds to benefit the
Haiti Relief Fund. (1) LU for presentation

Registration Website:

http://www.csiallentown.org/meeting_form.html

**Note: Thanks to the generosity of Dave
Young at Trexler-Haines, our chapters
will be able to donate 100% of the
registration fees, plus any additional
donations offered at the event to the Joint
AIA EPC / CSI, Allentown Haiti Relief Fund!
Please come out and support this worthy
effort while learning more about the gas
kitchen and fireplace industry.*

Future AIA EPC Events

November 18, 2010, 6 – 10 PM

“Energy in Design”

Presented by Jeff Euclide

Entech Engineering Office, Reading, PA
(1.5) LU for attending the presentation.

**Important! Exec. Board Elections that
night!**

December 2, 2010, 6 – 10 PM

**AIA EPC President’s Night with the
2010 Design Excellence Awards**

Bear Creek Resort and Conference Center,
Macungie, PA

2010 AIA EPC Calendar

For more information, visit our website
www.aiaeasternpa.org



Calling All Citizen Architects!!

Last December during the annual President’s Night dinner, nearly thirty chapter members were honored with the distinguished Citizen Architect award. This AIA honor recognizes the civil service efforts of its membership. If you currently now or ever in the past have served in a servant leadership role (such as serving on the board of directors for a non-profit organization, or local municipality), then you are indeed a Citizen Architect. If we missed the opportunity to honor you last year, please let us know so that we may extend the honor at our upcoming President’s Night, December 2, 2010 at the Bear Creak Mountain Resort in Macungie.

NEW FOR 2010!

Our chapter would like to recognize a special individual from your own community who is **NOT** an architect, but has continually worked to promote the value of our profession and/or the efforts of our architectural community. If you know of someone worthy of this special Citizen Architect honor, please let us know by the November 18th deadline.

If you (or someone you know) qualify for this special recognition, please contact [Sean O'Brien, AIA, LEED AP](mailto:Sean.O'Brien@AIA.org) no later than Thursday November 18, 2010.

For more information about the AIA Citizen’s Architect program, refer to the AIA website:

<http://www.aia.org/advocacy/local/AIAB05112>

FINAL Call for Entries – 2010 AIA EPC Design Awards!!!

Submission Schedule

All submissions must be delivered to Sylvia Deye, AIA EPC Past President, by the following deadlines:

Friday, October 15, 2010, 5:00pm

Deadline for submission of *Entry Registration Form* and *Fee*.

Friday, November 5, 2010, 5:00pm

Deadline for submission of *Entry Binders*

Thursday, December 2, 2010, 6:00pm

President's Night with Design Awards Program and Presentation

Bear Creek Resort, Macungie, PA

Eligibility

Members in good standing of AIA Eastern Pennsylvania are eligible and encouraged to submit projects for which they are Architect of Record. Submissions will be accepted for projects completed after December 31, 2005. There are no geographic limitations for projects submitted. Projects that have previously received any AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Award are not eligible for submission. The Project Architect must be a member of this chapter (if the Project Architect works in a firm outside of our chapter area, it must be demonstrated that he/she is the Architect of Record for that particular project).

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Position Open – Associate AIA Representative
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"The Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of AIA is the voice of our regional architectural profession dedicated to serving and empowering its members. Our Vision is to inspire a better built environment by engaging the community through a culture of excellence and innovation."



The AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter Needs **YOU!**

Our chapter is currently seeking candidates to fill upcoming vacancies on the executive board of directors. **Formal elections will be conducted during our November meeting with the installation of new officers to occur the following month during President's Night.** Service on the board offers great insight into the issues that shape our profession, while broadening your knowledge of our chapter's role within the AIA. The following positions will soon become available (effective January 1, 2011):

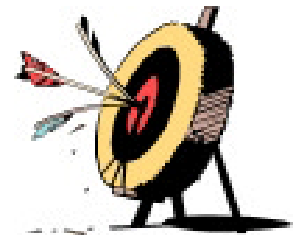
- **Treasurer:** Elected 2-year position. Responsibilities include coordinating with our executive staff in Harrisburg to produce monthly financial reports. Both the Treasurer and Secretary serve two-year terms with an alternating transition into the position of President Elect during the 3rd year, and then President during the 4th year on the board).
- **(2) Associate AIA Representatives:** (Appointed position with full voting privileges. Responsible for representing the voice of the Associate AIA membership as well as the planning of periodic events for Associate AIA members. Two representatives are sought for this position.
- **(2) Young Architects Forum Representatives:** (Appointed position with full voting privileges. Responsible for representing the voice of our young architects (those licensed within the past ten years) as well as the planning of periodic events geared toward young architects. Two representatives are sought for this position.

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please email [Sean O'Brien, AIA, LEED AP](mailto:Sean.O'Brien@AIA.org) or call 610.434.6200.

How Are We Doing????

As we approach the end of another year, it's time to think about how our chapter can better help its membership. Look for a special survey to go out by email, or contact

[Sean O'Brien, AIA, LEED AP](mailto:Sean.O'Brien@AIA.org) at any time to let us know how the AIA Eastern PA chapter can better serve you. What are we doing right? Where would you like to see improvements made? Are you participating in chapter events? Why or why not? Overall are we reaching out target audience and goals? Your thoughts, suggestions and criticisms are most welcomed!



Third Annual AIA EPC Solar Decathlon Design Charrette a Huge Success!



On September 29th approximately 40 students from Northampton Community College joined a dozen AIA members to participate in the third annual design charrette. The event was held in Fowler Hall on NCC's Southside Bethlehem campus. Past presidents **John Young, AIA, LEED AP** and **Sylvia B. Deye, AIA, LEED AP** organized the four hour event, while also presenting to the students. John reviewed the college participants and eventual winners of the [2010 Solar Decathlon](#) sponsored by the Department of Energy. Sylvia offered a brief Sketchup presentation on differing design types for "small houses."

Following dinner the students were divided into three teams and challenged to create a Sketchup presentation depicting a mixed use occupancy (ground level retail with residential on the subsequent floors) within a vacant lot in downtown Allentown. Falling the recent Allentown SDAT program (see page 5), the charrette offered a "real life" challenge that mirrors the current thinking of Allentown's urban planners.

The chapter would like to thank all who attended and contributed to the event's success, in particular our Sketchup facilitators, whose assistance was invaluable to the final presentations. We'd also like to thank architects **John Watkins, LEED AP, Ryan Kennedy, AIA, LEED AP** who joined John Young in judging the event.



Michael Bell, AIA and John Schoonover, AIA lend their architectural expertise to one of the student groups.



Sylvia explains the evolution of the "small house."



The judges ponder who will take home the (LEED Platinum) wrapped rice cakes.

Chapter Members Lend Support to Allentown's SDAT Program

For three days in September the City of Allentown benefited from the collective experience and wisdom of a team of AIA sponsored SDAT experts. The AIA's Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) is comprised of architectural and urban planning professionals from throughout the US, who offer their critical assessment of the socioeconomic challenges commonly faced within our local communities.

The three day exercise featured various private and public forums including an introductory presentation and information gathering session that was attended by nearly 80 local citizens and the concluding presentation to over 100 in attendance.

Twelve chapter architects also contributed to the exercise by participating in an architectural focus group session on the 2nd day. By way of round table discussions the architects, SDAT participants and city officials seriously addressed the urban challenges and possible solutions that exist in downtown Allentown.

The SDAT professionals presented their initial assessment (via PowerPoint) and will follow within a few months with a more comprehensive written report. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is currently available on the AIA website [at this location](#).

Many thanks to our chapter members that served on the steering committee and/or participated in the architects' focus group.

On a related note...

The City of Allentown is currently seeking professional architects to serve on a number of design committees related to the downtown development. To qualify for these opportunities the architects must live in or own a company within the city limits. If interested in serving on a committee, contact [Sean O'Brien, AIA, LEED AP](#).



Chapter members met with City of Allentown and SDAT committee members on Day Two of the three day review.



Team Leader, Alan Mallach leads the final SDAT presentation to the general public on the final day.



Bob Herman, AIA (Utah urban planner) and Marcel Quimby, AIA (Dallas historic preservationist) address some of the SDAT findings.