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2009 Calendar

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**November 19 -
Kutztown - paving
December 3 - Awards
Bear Creek**

Allied members - have a special announcement? Send us your news to be posted here!

Visit our [web site](#) if you have not already and view all of the submissions for last year's Design Awards.

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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."

DON'T MISS THE ...

"Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements"

Thursday, November 19th

Kutztown Tavern

272 West Main Street, Kutztown, PA 19530
610.683.9600

You're invited to a Great Presentation on Permeable Pavers! Learn how this aesthetically pleasing building product is literally "paving the way" to more sustainable design practices, while contributing to several potential LEED Certification credits.

Guest speaker: Dan Moreland, BELGARD Architectural Representative. Dan Moreland has been a BELGARD Architectural Representative for over seven years. A certified instructor, Dan has presented permeable paver classes to over 600 architects, engineers and contractors throughout PA, NJ, NY and DE.

2009 President's Night Dinner

Featuring

**AIA Eastern PA Design Awards
&
Citizen Architect Recognition**

**Bear Creek Mountain
Resort and Conference Center
Macungie, Pennsylvania**

**Thursday, December 3, 2009
6:00 - 10:00 PM**

Join us for an enjoyable evening with colleagues and friends as we pay tribute to the notable design achievements of our chapter members, and for the first time ever we honor our Citizen Architects - local AIA members who have served in public office, or volunteered for a non-profit organization, and have contributed to the improvement of the community and human kind.

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AIA EPC Scholarship

Students wanted! Send us your application today!

Eligible students must have completed at least one year at an accredited undergraduate program, or be pursuing a graduate degree at an accredited architecture school. More information regarding the scholarship, including downloadable applications is available on our chapter website.

AIA National works hard to help Small business on Capitol Hill – Membership dollars and PAC at work!

By the end of this week, the House of Representatives will vote on crucial legislation that would provide assistance to millions of small businesses, including small design firms, who are struggling through the ongoing recession. We need your help to send the message to Congress that they should pass **H.R. 3854, *The Small Business Financing and Investment Act***, to help firms survive and thrive in these trying economic times.

The Small Business Financing and Investment Act of 2009 extends through 2011 the federal government's primary small business lending and investment programs. In doing so, the legislation makes key reforms to these programs to improve the flow of capital to small firms. The legislation also establishes two new programs to fill the gaps in the SBA's existing array of capital access programs, particularly to provide capital to early-stage small businesses and for small firms whose access to capital is limited by the cost of financing. It comes on the heels of the AIA's testimony before the House Small Business Committee earlier this month on the need to improve access to capital for architecture firms and their clients.

HR 3854 is comprehensive legislation that will significantly improve access to credit and capital for businesses at each stage of growth and in any economic climate. By filling the gaps in the SBA's capital access mission and addressing deficiencies in the SBA's lending and investment programs, the agency will become much more adept at meeting the needs of small firms. Taken together, the provisions in the HR 3854 will address the widespread difficulties that small firms have encountered in accessing credit and capital during the recent recession and will ensure that the small business community has ample credit and investment capital to create jobs and expand operations as the economy recovers.

What has AIA done for ME Lately!

Member Support in a Challenging Economy

All of the AIA is working together to assist you in navigating these turbulent economic times. For the past year, the Institute Board of Directors and national staff, along with AIA components and staff, have focused energy and resources on direct assistance and support to you.

The Board of Directors recently announced that AIA **national** dues **will not be increased** in 2010. In addition, the membership dues payment plan, an installment payment program introduced this year, will continue for those of you experiencing hardship in paying your dues. This option will be available when you receive your dues invoice later this fall.

Free Continuing Education Opportunities

If you need learning units (LUs) to fulfill your AIA membership or state licensing education requirements, take advantage of these Web-based programs—offered by the AIA to its members at **no cost**. By taking advantage of all of the courses, you can satisfy your annual AIA continuing education requirements—including health, safety, and welfare (HSW) and the new sustainable design (SD).

Stimulus Money Begins to Reach Architects

Earlier this year, AIA members responded vigorously to our call to contact their representatives. We asked AIA members to urge Congress to make sure funds from the emerging American Recovery and Reinvestment Act targeted significant national investments, such as schools, the greening of new and existing buildings, and infrastructure. This push by the AIA and its partners had a significant impact on shaping the bill that emerged. Now it's beginning to have an impact on putting architects to work.

A New Navigating the Economy Resource

One of the ways the AIA is providing current information about practice in this difficult economy is through a series of Web seminars. Without leaving their offices, members can communicate quickly and economically with experts in industry-related fields to get answers to questions specific to their practice.

Good Design in Our Nation's Schools

In a meeting with U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, AIA leaders stressed the important role of well-designed schools in improving student and teacher performance. Topics covered included how to create "learning laboratories" for students to learn about sustainability and ways to work together when funding becomes available for school construction.

With the support of over 1,000 members who sent messages to Capitol Hill, the House passed in May legislation (H.R. 2187) that would provide \$6.4 billion in grants to state and local school districts to renovate, repair, and modernize schools in all 50 states.

Sustainability Leadership Credentials of AIA Members

In June, the International Code Council (ICC) and the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) joined the AIA to sign an agreement to coauthor a green building code. The profession has now reached a point in the sustainability movement that requires the specificity, the reliability, and the enforceability that only a code can bring. By partnering in such an important undertaking, the AIA ensures that architects will play a key role in developing this code. This initiative complements an AIA partnership with the New Buildings Institute (NBI) to prepare a set of comprehensive and integrated revisions to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

With AIA support, legislation was introduced that would promote energy efficiency in residential buildings. The Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act (H.R. 2336) would provide incentives to lenders and financial institutions to offer lower-interest loans and other benefits to consumers who build, buy, or remodel their homes to make them more energy efficient.

Resources to Help Architects Engage Local Officials

The AIA has updated the widely acclaimed study, "[Local Leaders in Sustainability](#)," an examination of green building policies in cities across the country. This new tool can be used to open or continue dialogue with local leaders about the role AIA members play in helping their communities become more sustainable.

In addition, information gathered from [Regional/Urban Design Assistance](#) teams (R/UDATs) and [Sustainable Design Assistance teams \(SDATs\)](#) stretching back to the 1960s is now available on the AIA Web site. This rich repository of case studies is an invaluable resource for members and community leaders in advancing the goal of more livable communities.

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