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## Blueprint for success

### AIA150 includes 'Architecture Week' recognition



The American Institute of Architects is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007, and the week of April 9-14 has been proclaimed "Architecture Week" in Arkansas and across the country. AIA Arkansas will host programs in recognition of the anniversary and implement a new community-enhancement program on April 11 and 12.

"Blueprint for America: A Gift to the Nation" is a new program created by AIA to offer communities across America the opportunity to celebrate their heritage, address emerging architectural challenges and trends, and find

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Green projects such as Mountainside Village in Idaho are examples of how USGBC wants to transform architecture.

## USGBC's state expo to feature green leaders

The Arkansas chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council will host the fifth-annual Sustainable Arkansas Convention and Expo in Rogers April 17-18 at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center.

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

## No time for catching our collective breath

It used to be that the months after the holidays in the middle of winter were a time for architects and contractors to catch their breath and get geared up for the busy construction times of spring and summer.



Galen Hunter

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# Architects sought to lead Earth Day tours

Local AIA members are needed to lead tours of historic buildings in downtown Little Rock on April 21 as part of Arkansas Earth Day.



Festivities will be held on the grounds of the Clinton Presidential Library from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Local architects will lead tours of buildings in the area, including the green Heifer International headquarters.

Arkansas Earth Day organizers hope to teach others about building livable communities, revitalizing downtown, and building green on any scale.

For more information, contact April Ambrose at 501-733-9996 or via e-mail at [info@arkansasearthday.org](mailto:info@arkansasearthday.org).

## AIA National set for San Antonio Convention, expo run May 3-5

The 2007 AIA National Convention and Design Exposition will be held May 3-5 in San Antonio.

The theme of the 2007 convention is "Growing Beyond Green," and sessions will explore the growing influence of high-performance design and efforts to reduce the energy footprint of the built environment.

For more information and to register, visit [aiaconvention.com](http://aiaconvention.com).

## Going 'Grassroots' in D.C.

### Arkansas delegation visits representatives, attends leadership workshops



WASHINGTON, D.C. — A delegation of AIA/Arkansas members attended the 2007 AIA Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference, held in February, eliciting positive responses from Arkansas' congressional delegation on issues important to architects.

Members of the group attended the Gulf States meeting and leadership workshops. Keynote speakers included Gwen Ifill, moderator of "Washington Week with Gwen Ifill" and "National Journal" on PBS, and Sir Ken Robinson, PhD, author of "Out of our Minds: Learning to be Creative."

The group took in Capitol Hill, meeting with Arkansas' U.S. Sen. Blanche Lincoln and Reps. Mike Ross (Fourth District) and John Boozeman (Third District). Each took time out of a hectic schedule to visit with the group and listen to the AIA's push for energy efficiency in federal building, extending tax deductions for energy efficient commercial buildings, and expanding the Clean Water Act. Staff members for Sen. Mark Pryor, Rep. Marion Berry (First District) and Rep. Vic Snyder (Second District) also were very receptive to the AIA's concerns and issues.

The Arkansas delegation was not alone. AIA members from across the country were on the Hill delivering the same message to their own state representatives. The voice of the AIA was heard in Washington during Grassroots.

The trip has already produced positive results. Boozeman sent word to AIA Arkansas that he has signed on in support of the Buildings for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act, HR539. This act and others that are being considered by the House and Senate, and can be viewed at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) or [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov).



# AIA150 program will feature experts on designing shelters for homeless

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their voices to help realize their visions for beautiful, safe and livable communities.

AIA Arkansas received a \$10,000 grant from national to help fund the chapter's local Blueprint project, titled "Home for Homeless – A Resource Center for the Homeless." The chapter will bring in nationally recognized speakers for a program to be held at the Clinton School of Public Service on April 11 at 5:30 pm. The program will feature Murray Legge AIA, designer of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless in Austin, Texas, and Michael Stoops, Acting Executive Director of the National Coalition for the Homeless, Washington, D.C.

All AIA/Arkansas members are encouraged to attend. This event will be open to the public, and will require an RSVP to the Clinton School. Attendees can make reservations online at [www.clintonschoolresearch.com](http://www.clintonschoolresearch.com), by emailing Nikolai DiPippa at [publicprograms@clintonschool.uasys.edu](mailto:publicprograms@clintonschool.uasys.edu), or by calling 501-683-5239. There is limited seating, and reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

The chapter will host a design "charette" on April 12 at the Governor's Mansion Reception Hall beginning at 9 a.m. The charette will entail an intense working session that will bring together a diverse group of architects, homelessness advocates, policy makers and community stakeholders, to address a growing problem – how to provide services to our homeless populations.

The goal is to offer prototype designs for a facility that will provide solutions that could be adapted to fit any community, as communities strive to meet the needs of the homeless throughout Arkansas. Included will be visits from the governor, the mayors the four section cities, and state legislators.

Teams of AIA architects, University of Arkansas architectural students, Clinton School students, city and county leaders, homeless advocates and service providers, and community activists will be formed. Roughly 50 architects will need to be involved with the charette. Interested members can contact Bill Wiedower AIA at 501-707-0115 to become involved.

AIA/Arkansas is underwriting the expense of the celebration as its gift to the community.

## **BLUEPRINT FOR AMERICA**

### Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

*Clinton School of Public Service*

5:30 p.m.  
Reception

5:50 p.m.  
Presentation

6:45 p.m.  
Question-and-Answer session

7 – 7:30 p.m.  
Wine and cheese

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

*Governor's Mansion*

8:30 a.m.  
Continental breakfast and welcome

9 a.m.  
Explanation of charette;  
charette begins

11:30 a.m.  
Lunch

1 p.m.  
Charette continues

4:30 p.m.  
Closing remarks



### UofA students grateful for support of AIAS Forum trip

AIA/Arkansas,

Thank you for the financial support of our trip to Boston for the 2006 AIAS Forum.

We learned a significant amount about the programs and opportunities available to us, many of which we have brought back to help us as emerging AIAS leaders at the University of Arkansas. It was extremely helpful to be engaged with leaders from across the nation, because we helped each other discover effective ways to lead the program as well as great activities to host at our respective schools.

While in Boston, we were given the opportunity to attend lectures each night sponsored by AIAS. The lectures were given by very accomplished professors and architects including Ted Landmark, president of the Boston Architectural College; Jain Weinzapfel, AIA Firm of the Year; Stephen Kieran, principal of Kieran Timberlake, and Brian Healy, principal of Brian Healy Architects.

Because of your generosity, we had the funding to attend a portfolio-building workshop which we found extremely valuable. We now have a similar workshop planned for our students in February. This type of workshop has been absent from the curriculum for a few years. Without the chance to attend the workshop in Boston, the idea would not have been considered, and many of our students would not be getting the opportunity to be involved in a professional, portfolio-building experience.

During our travels, we found time to explore the city of Boston. We were able to see the location of the Boston Tea Party, Harvard, MIT, the rock on which the Constitution was ratified, Old North Church, the Massachusetts State House, Trinity Church, and many other fascinating sites. In addition, we were able to see buildings designed by famous architects such as Alvar Aalto, Frank Gehry, Le Corbusier, Louis Kahn, and Moshe Safdie.

Once again, we greatly appreciate your assistance in our educational and fun experience. We had a spectacular time, and attained a significant amount of useful information to support us as leaders of the AIAS at the University of Arkansas.

Sincerely,

AIAS/Arkansas officers

### New HGTV show recruiting creatively frugal architects

Dear AIA member architects,

Our new HGTV show, "Out of the Box," focuses on beautiful, innovative homes that were built by creative architects working in tandem with engaged homeowners to create gorgeous homes that did not cost millions of dollars to build.

Basically, we want to blow the doors off of the concept that you have to spend a million dollars to build an inspiring, incredible home.

During the show, we will tour each chosen home and focus on its most eye-catching characteristics while explaining how homeowner and architect came together to create ways to build something beautiful without blowing their budget. We want to show, and learn, how and why they (you!) were able to build extraordinary homes for an ordinary price.

For example, were recycled materials or cost-saving construction ideas used? If you know of any homebuilders who had a great sense of what they wanted and worked closely with you to create it, we'd love to make contact with them and possibly feature their home, and your work, on the show.

"Out of the Box" intends to revolutionize the way homes are featured. We want to showcase the homeowner's vision and how you used your creative genius to bring it to fruition, all while educating and exciting our viewers.

This could mean great exposure for you and your firm.

If you would like to learn more about the show, have worked with truly engaged homeowners, or simply have any questions, please contact me at [tjacobs@highnoonentertainment.com](mailto:tjacobs@highnoonentertainment.com) or (303) 712-3287.

Thank you so much, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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# USGBC conference upcoming in Rogers

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USGBC/Arkansas strives to transform the way buildings are designed, built, and operated to enable an environmentally friendly and socially responsible environment.

This event boasts nationally recognized speakers such as Ray Anderson of Interface, Inc., a leader in the sustainability movement; Bob Berkebile, FAIA, a founding principal of BNIM Architects out of Kansas City and former USGBC board member; Kim Shinn, current USGBC board member and mechanical design leader, and Randall Stout, FAIA, of Randall Stout Architects, Inc. in Los Angeles. In addition, the event will include a program on Wal-Mart's sustainable efforts in their buildings across the nation.

The conference is divided into three sustainable tracks: Commercial Green Building, Residential Green Building, and Public Awareness. A variety of sustainable products will be showcased at the event's ever-growing tradeshow.

Last year, the conference in Little Rock attracted more than 300 attendees and 50 vendors. USGBC/Arkansas hopes to attract even more to Northwest Arkansas.

Sponsorships are still available. USGBC/Arkansas is an AIA education provider, and at least six CEUs will be offered. The general public may attend the Public Awareness track and the tradeshow for \$10. Full conference prices start at \$125.

For a full conference schedule, visit: the event website at [www.sustainablearkansas.com](http://www.sustainablearkansas.com) For more information, contact Kat Hills at 501-244-2332 or [info@usgbcark.org](mailto:info@usgbcark.org).

## UofA students seek sponsors

The Arkansas Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students is an organization dedicated to the further pursuit of an architectural education by the means of guest lecturers and design competitions geared towards improving sustainability on the University of Arkansas campus.

Although the organization is composed of many members who are very enthusiastic about its cause, it lacks the funds to reach its full potential. Your donation would help the AIAS effectively influence the campus, would aid in the education of many young architects and designers, and would be a tax-deductible donation.

If you are interested in sponsoring, or wish to have more information, please contact AIAS President Kevin Hayre at (479) 644-9350 or [khayre@uark.edu](mailto:khayre@uark.edu).

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# Members hit the ground running in 2007

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The year is off at a frenzied pace and shows no signs of slowing down.

As Bob Dylan once sang, the times they-are-a-changing. With last year's creation of the Public School Academic Facilities Department and the recently concluded legislative session, there are many changes ahead that will influence how architects work on schools and other state funded projects.

Many members of your AIA/Arkansas chapter have been working to ensure that the creators of proposed new policies and legislation understand the issues and how they affect architects, engineers, and contractors in our state.

## Members set examples

A great example of this is Jack See, who has worked tirelessly to make sure that the new standards being put into place for the design of state school facilities do not place unworkable responsibilities on the architect.

I think of the amount of personal and office time Jack has spent on this issue on behalf of all the architects in the state every time someone asks me what they get for their AIA membership fee.

Another group of AIA members monitored each piece of proposed legislation as it came up for discussion in committee.

If proposed legislation had the potential to impact the ways in which architects practice in the state, it was distributed to a committee of architects that reviewed the proposed wording of the legislation to

ensure that the needs of our chapter members were considered. This group was very successful in influencing the passage or defeat of numerous pieces of legislation brought before this year's General Assembly.

## State convention, AIA's 150th

Planning is under way for this year's state convention, which for the first time will be held in Rogers. This part of the state is experiencing tremendous growth, and this year's convention will give many of our chapter members a chance to see what is happening north of Fayetteville.

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AIA's creation. Architecture Week around the state and country will be celebrated the week of April 9-14, and will be highlighted in our state with a lecture at the Clinton School of Public Service on April 11 and a design charette on April 12.

The focus initiative for the charette will be called "Home for the Homeless – A Resource Center for the Homeless." I would encourage you to attend and participate.

AIA Arkansas is working hard to improve the quality of architecture in our state and provide valuable resources to our members. Make this the year that you get involved.

Galen Hunter  
President

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### Fayetteville firm seeks candidates

Headquartered on the square in downtown Fayetteville, AFHJ is an eight-person, general architectural practice with 34 years of history. Recent and current projects include historic restoration, downtown mixed use, university residence halls, public libraries and churches. LEED experience. Benefits include employer contributions to health and life insurance, 401K, AIA dues, license and exam fees, parking, flex schedule, generous PTO and other benefits. Contact Zed Johnson at 479-442-5565 or [zed@AFHJarchitects.com](mailto:zed@AFHJarchitects.com).

### Spa City firm is looking

French Architects is looking for a registered or intern architect. Contact David French, French Architects, PA, 827-B Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71901, [david@frencharchitects.net](mailto:david@frencharchitects.net), 501-623-6604 or 501-622-0958.

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**AIA Arkansas  
2007 State Convention**

**Oct. 24-27**

**Embassy Suites**

**John Q. Hammons  
Convention Center**

**Rogers**

## CSI seminar set for Alltel in May

The Little Rock chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) will hold a full-day seminar on MasterFormat™ 2004 Edition on Wed., May 2, at Alltel Arena, rooms 1A and 1B. The seminar will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost will include breakfast, drinks, snacks, lunch and free parking. Contact Mark Edds at 501-804-7889 for more information.