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AIA Albuquerque Celebrates Architecture Month September 2010
Events Include Studio & Building Tours, Lectures, Awards & Receptions

Albuquerque, NM. The Albuquerque Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is pleased to announce Architecture Month 2010, a series of events throughout September 2010.

Architecture Month 2010 allows architects and designers to share what they do with the community and invites the community to visit, question and experience the extraordinary impact that design and architecture have on the spaces we all live and work in.

“If you’ve ever wondered why the places in which you spend your time are as they are – their shape and color, organization and location within a neighborhood or city – Architecture Month helps clarify these questions,” says Ron Burton, President of the AIA Albuquerque Chapter. “Through this series of award presentations, receptions, building and studio tours, lectures, and this year’s latest addition, a film, we at the AIA we hope to educate everyone about the important role architecture and design play in our environment and lives.”

Architecture Month 2010 highlights include the popular architecture tour of Albuquerque buildings – this year featuring 4 commercial properties in addition to 5 residential ones; A Life In Architecture Annual Lecture with speaker Eddie M. Jones of Jones Studio, Inc. Architecture + Environmental Design; an exhibition of AIA award winning projects of the past 10 years; a free screening of “Visual Acoustics - The Modernism of Julius Shulman” by Eric Bricker; and a studio tour of professional architects’ and designers’ workspaces. New this year is the presentation of the first annual Unbuilt Design Awards showcasing original architectural designs that have not been built.

Wednesday, September 1-Friday October 1, 9 a.m. – 5p.m. Monday through Friday:
“Looking at Architecture,” AIA Award Winning Architecture Projects of the last 10 years.

The South Valley Economic Development Center, 318 Isleta Blvd. SW, hosts this free exhibit highlighting AIA award winning projects of the last 10 years.

Thursday, September 9, 5-7 p.m.: Opening Reception for “Looking at Architecture” at the South Valley Economic Development Center, 318 Isleta Blvd. SW.

Friday, September 10, 6-10 p.m.: A Life in Architecture Annual Lecture

The National Hispanic Cultural Center hosts the annual A Life in Architecture lecture and reception with this year’s speaker Eddie M. Jones, AIA, principal of Jones Studio, Inc. Architecture + Environmental Design. Named one of Architectural Digest’s 100 Designers, Jones has 30 years experience in the design and production of large and small project types both in the public and private sectors, making him one of the Southwest’s most respected and talented architects. His work represents some of the most positive and influential directions in American architecture today. The recipient of numerous local, national, and international design commendations, Jones focuses his experience as a design professional on establishing methodologies, setting design direction, and reviewing projects for quality assurance.

Tickets on sale Tuesday, August 10. Reception begins at 6 p.m. with lecture at 7 p.m. Lecture and post-lecture reception/poster signing, \$15, available exclusively at the NHCC Box Office. Pre-lecture reception, lecture and post-lecture reception/poster signing, \$50, available exclusively at the AIA Albuquerque Office. Commemorative posters available for \$15 each.

Saturday, September 18, 4-6 p.m.: AIA Albuquerque Architecture Tour Lecture

Architects participating in the annual Architecture Tour will discuss their tour projects and other works at George Pearl Hall Auditorium, home of the UNM School of Architecture and Planning. This event is free with Architecture Tour ticket purchase (see below).

Sunday, September 19, 10 a.m. - 6p.m.: AIA Albuquerque Architecture Tour (see attached for complete project details)

This year, for the first time, the tour will showcase a range of buildings from both award winning residential and commercial projects. Visitors will experience a wide spectrum of design and learn about its effects in our society. The five featured residences and four commercial buildings are:

- Oblio House in Cedar Crest, Edward Fitzgerald / Architects
- The Hancock Springer Residence in Sandia Park, Cherry/See/Reames Architects, LLP
- The Escarpment House on Albuquerque’s West Side, Sam Sterling Architecture, LLC
- The Entrada Corrales Residence in Corrales, studio eM design – Efthimios Maniatis
- Downtown @ 700 2nd Street in Albuquerque, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini in collaboration with Garrett Smith, Ltd.
- The Cognitive Behavioral Institute of Albuquerque, Environmental Dynamics, Inc.
- Tamarind Institute, Devendra N. Contractor Architect
- Hotel Parq Central, Studio Southwest Architects, Inc.
- New Mexico Scientific Laboratories, Studio Southwest Architects, Inc.

Tickets on sale Friday, August 27. Tickets: \$15 for one, \$25 for two. Tickets available at AIA Albuquerque, 318 Isleta Blvd. SW, Suite 201; Academy Reprographics, 300 Central Ave. NE or 8900 N. San Mateo NE; Albuquerque Reprographics, 4716 McLeod Rd NE; Bookworks, 4022

Rio Grande Blvd. NW; and Mesa Reprographics, 5901 Lomas Blvd. NE. Visit www.aiaabq.org for a complete description of projects, map and locations.

Thursday, September 23, 7 p.m. Architects in Film Series at the Guild Cinema: “Visual Acoustics - The Modernism of Julius Shulman” by Eric Bricker, sponsored by Southwest Noise Control-Robert Mallory. Narrated by Dustin Hoffman, “Visual Acoustics” celebrates the life and career of Julius Shulman, the world’s greatest architectural photographer, whose images brought modern architecture to the American mainstream. Shulman captured the work of nearly every modern and progressive architect since the 1930s, including Frank Lloyd Wright, Richard Neutra, John Lautner and Frank Gehry.

Tickets are free and available at the door, or at will call with reservation made to administration@aiaabq.org or 242-9800 no later than Monday, September 20.

Friday, September 24, 7 p.m.: 2010 Unbuilt Design Awards Reception at Seasons Rotisserie & Grill. Honoring the winners of the first annual Unbuilt Design awards program, this program showcases creativity and original architectural design in student and professional divisions that have not been built. The awards recognize those who look into the future and explore what architecture can be. Winners will be announced at the reception, which features heavy hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar. All submissions will be displayed at a location to be announced later.

Tickets are \$35 per person or \$15 per student (ID required).

Thursday, September 30, 4-6 p.m.: Open Studio Tour for high school and university students, parents, teachers and professors. This free tour brings students, parents and teachers to architectural firms to meet the architects, learn about the work they do, and how that work is accomplished. Includes demonstrations on architectural and design software.

This free tour must be reserved in advance at administration@aiaabq.org or 242-9800 no later than Tuesday, September 14. Visit www.aiaabq.org for map and locations.

About the AIA Albuquerque Chapter

The AIA serves as the voice of the architecture profession and a resource for members in service to society. We carry out our goal through advocacy, information, and community. Architecture Month began in 2005 as part of the City of Albuquerque’s Tricentennial celebration.

For more information about any Architecture Month 2010 events or the AIA Albuquerque Chapter, contact Cecilia Portal, Executive Director at 242-9800 or director@aiaabq.org.