

BULLETIN

February 2008

FIRST FRIDAY

WHEN: February 1, 2008 7:30 am - 9 am
WHERE: Assistance League of Pasadena
820 East California Blvd, Pasadena
COST: \$18 Members, \$20 non-members, \$22 at door
UNITS: 1 LU **RSVP BY:** January 29

Sustainable Design

Green technology is a non-profit that organizes green conferences and exhibitions. They were behind the "Green California Schools" program last year, and the "Green Pasadena Summit & Exposition" coming up this June. Join us for a lively discussion with them about how we can participate in the June event, and also about organizing a wider San Gabriel Valley green event in the near future. Bring a politician or a contractor along with you.



GREEN PASADENA

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



CHAPTER WEB SITE
www.aiapf.org

This is the main portal for our active content, annual calendar, longer articles and discussions as well as interactive resources and links to major knowledge bases. We are tied into the AIA National site with specific topic pages that will guide you into the key areas of National's member resources, and links to our related organizations and AEC industry portals.

OUR PROGRAM

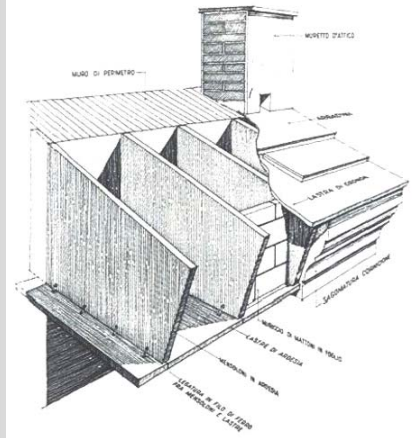
WHEN: February 27, 2008 6:30 pm - 9 pm
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Slate in Green Architecture Italian Trade Commission

Think of Genoa's dappled grey roofs, the resorts along the Riviera, the region's medieval churches and their black and white striped facades, the homes of the aristocracy with their grand slate stairways, stone barbeque hobs, over door decorations, school blackboards, billiard tables... wherever you look this fascinating stone has left its mark on the region's history and everyday life.

This remarkably resilient material is the subject of February's Monthly Program sponsored by the Italian Trade Commission. Architect and Professor G. Mor from the University of Genoa School of Architecture will discuss all aspects of building with slate. (1 LU Credit)

Afterward a fabulous catered dinner will be served using recipes from the defining kitchen of Celestino Drago's childhood home in Sicily, this master chef has been creating sublime, memorable meals for serious food lovers since coming to Los Angeles in 1979 at the age of 22 to establish the famous Drago Ristorante.



CHAPTER e-BULLETIN
sign up at our web site if you are not already receiving this member benefit.

This contact and outreach newsletter is sent about twice a month with all the most recent updates, quick events and "what's going on" notices for our members and anyone who wants to catch up on our doings. It's linked into our website for specific pages of current interest. E-mail addy signup only, we don't ask for your information, unsubscribe whenever you want.

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SPECIAL EVENT: DALE PRIZE

The College of Environment Design at Cal Poly Pomona is hosting the "Dale Prize Selection Announcement" on campus, Feb 6 & 7.

Each year, through an endowment established in the name of the late William Dale, a former chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, the Department holds a Dale Prize event—a public colloquium, reception, and banquet—to honor a scholar and academic who have advanced the theme selected for the year. The prize recipients receive an award and reside on campus for a few days during which informal sessions are held, including visits to classes and meetings with student groups. This year the theme of the Dale Prize event is: "Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Art: Collaborating in Practice and Education." The Prize recipients are **Marvin Malecha, FAIA**, National AIA First President/President-Elect and ACSA Distinguished Faculty (and our former ENV Dean!) and **Paul Farmer, FAICP**, Executive Director and CEO of the American Planning Association and American Institute of Certified Planners. This is a historic coming together of the design professions to talk about how we can improve the quality of life.

Wednesday, February 6, 6:00-8:00 pm: Dale Prize Colloquium. Location: Kellogg West Conference Center, Cal Poly Pomona. The colloquium is free of charge and open to the public. A reception will be held prior the colloquium, from 4:00-6:00 pm.

Thursday, February 7, 7:00–9:00 pm: Dale Prize Award Banquet. Kellogg House, Building 112.

Further info contact: Nydia Guterrez (909) 869-2688

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED....

Legislative Conference" in Washington D.C. in February, and AIACC's annual legislative conference in Sacramento in March. Both of these events are important for promoting AIA's legislative agenda. This includes items that support the profession, like tax, practice and liability-related legislation, and also items important for the public good, like sustainability. I encourage you to read more about these conferences on the AIACC and National AIA websites. Both can be accessed through our Chapter website, www.aiapf.org.

Also there is a council of the AIA called CACE (Council of Architectural Component Executives). Debra Boudreau, our Executive Director, is a member. More and more information about the running of chapters, and coordination with State and National efforts, is coming down through CACE, and Debra is becoming very effective in this organization.

The point of all this is that the days of being parochial are over. We can make use of all this (and other services too) and focus more sharply on how to "bring it all home" at the local Chapter level. That in itself is a big enough task, and it involves both service to our community and service to our members.

Our representatives at AIACC and Grassroots will be charged with creating a feedback loop for our membership. February and March are important in the annual legislative cycle, but there are other conferences and work going on year-round. Our own "government relations" will focus on Advocacy for important issues in our Chapter Service Area.

At the 2008 Board Retreat, the new Board will be discussing Advocacy for 2008 in greater detail, and we'll be able to report more in next month's *Bulletin*. First Friday Forum will be central to this, however the breakfast, fellowship and good discussions are things that we're not going to change.

Thanks,

Joe Catalano AIA

RECAP

FIRST FRIDAY: THE GREEN ARK THAT PASSES THROUGH FIRE

January 11, 2008

Visionary architect Bob Kramer presented a metaphorical analysis of events over the last 2 million years of human existence that places the turning point of human awareness at the Apollo 8 Christmas Eve television broadcast in which the Book of Genesis was read and earthrise was seen live by millions. This event marks the dawning awareness of the earth as a regenerative force and the end of the patriarchal dominance by force and enslavement of nature and societies. His design of site works, such as the Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the water wall/white marble disk engraved in 37 languages at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown LA, place an emphasis on the process of inquiry in human relationships rather than static symbols. While the prognosis of oil and SUV-driven human development seems dim for earth's ecosphere, Bob sees this as the turning point of the yin/yang balance. This is the moment in which the architects have the unique capability to step in and help the pendulum swing towards a regenerative architecture of place and meaning, of healing and hope.

The Chair Roundup!



A special thanks to Pat Sullivan and his team of Chapter Office supporters who have donated the money to purchase new chairs for the Conference area of the Chapter Office. The donation group included members Pat Sullivan

FAIA, Armando Gonzalez FAIA, Doug Ewing AIA, John L. Tegtmeyer AIA, Ara Zenobians AIA, and John Myklebust AIA. This is the last phase of the office renovation. If you haven't seen this impressive change, be sure to stop by!

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The Chapter wishes to thank those members and firms who have participated in this program for the last six years

Your generosity has permitted the Chapter to offer excellent events and programs as well as maintain a permanent Chapter Office.

You will soon receive a letter and request to again partner with us in assuring the financial strength of your Chapter. We hope you will do so.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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You ask "What have they done for us lately?" about the AIA National organization, and about the AIA California Council (AIACC). The basic answer is, "They are doing much better lately." It's making sense for us, as a local chapter, to be working with them. I'll even say that now I'm feeling proud to be a "franchise" of the State and National AIA organizations.

There was a time in the not-so-distant past when the Chapter became very parochial, for good reason I'm told, because of this issue. I want to talk here about some strategic changes that we are making in response to this improved situation, and also about some related events in February and March.

Some of us will be attending the "AIA Grassroots Leadership and

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MARCH CHAPTER EVENTS

- 6 Ex Com - 8:30 am
Chapter Office
- 7 First Friday Forum - 7:30 am
Program: South Pasadena
Downtown Revitalization
Assistance League of Pasadena
820 E. California Blvd
- 13 Board Meeting - 5 pm
Assistance League of Pasadena
- 19 Chapter Meeting - 6:30 pm
Program: Luis Barragan Lecture
One Colorado
Old Town Pasadena
- 27 Chapter Meeting - 6:30 pm
Program: Green Symposium
Assistance League of Pasadena
820 E. California Blvd.

FEBRUARY CHAPTER EVENTS

- 1 First Friday Forum - 7:30 am
Program: State in Green Architecture
Assistance League of Pasadena
820 E. California Blvd.
- 7 Ex Com - 8:30 am
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