



December 2015 Newsletter

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Welcome to Michigan Architectural Foundation's e-newsletter! If you experience problems viewing this email, please [click here](#) to view it on our website. This monthly publication connects architectural enthusiasts and supporters, educators, and the media with Michigan's architecture through feature stories about architectural treasures, and opportunities for you to participate in programs, lectures, events and tours.

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A Year In Review: Michigan Architectural Foundation 2015

Our mission is to promote how architecture enriches life.

Michigan Architectural Foundation is dedicated to the promotion, perpetuation and preservation of architecture as a fine art. By serving as a visible resource for funding, information and educational programs, we increase the public's appreciation for architecture, which encourages cohesive, sustainable communities, increasing economic value, enriching experiences and adding beauty.

The Foundation relies on the support of corporate and individual sponsors, patrons and donors to fund its educational, scholarship and grant programs.

Please consider supporting our programs – [click here](#) for more information! Next we present our highlights from 2015!

2015 Scholarship Winners

Over \$10,000 was awarded to seven of Michigan's top architectural students!



The AIA Michigan President's Scholarship of \$4,000 is awarded to Meaghan Markiewicz, a graduate student at Lawrence Technological University. Her leadership and scholarship qualities, including working at AIA Michigan headquarters, made her an excellent choice for this award.



The American Institute of Architect's Scholarship of \$1,500 is awarded to Anne Schnitzenbaumer, a first year graduate student at Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University. Her academic record and very strong portfolio led to this award.



The Kenneth Neumann Design Scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded to Samantha Szeszulski, a graduate student at the University of Detroit Mercy. This award includes a summer internship at the firm of Neumann Smith Associates in Southfield, and is her second scholarship award from the MAF. Her creative portfolio and evident promise and design skills made this award appropriate.



The John Banicki Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is awarded to Rachel Crane, a first year graduate student at Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University for her exceptional academic performance, and promise as a future architect.



The HED Alvin Ernest Harley AIAS Graduate Scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded to Courtney Vallier Parks, a graduate student at Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University who obtained her undergraduate degree in architecture at Ferris State University. Her very active participation in the AIAS chapter and commitment to the profession stood out among applicants.



The Daniel W. Toshach and AIA Saginaw Valley Chapter Scholarship of \$3,000 is awarded to Rami Niga, a fourth year student at University of Detroit Mercy. Originally from Iraq, his compelling story of escape from fear and chaos tells a story of accomplishment and commitment to his future and to the profession made him the ideal choice for this chapter award.

The Professional Concepts Insurance Agency Scholarship is awarded to Matthew Medley, a graduate student at University of Detroit Mercy. His involvement in community-based initiatives in addition to his studies in architecture demonstrated his commitment to significant community activities.

[Check out our past scholarship recipients!](#)

2015 Chapter Awareness Grants Awarded

Michigan Architectural Foundation awards these grants throughout the year. They are intended to promote public awareness of architecture.

AIA Michigan Southwest Chapter for the Learn About Where You Live program, featuring an historic drawing exhibit

The drawing exhibit will encompass the first four decades of the 20th century in Kalamazoo focusing on the 1920's and 1930's, a time when the population of Kalamazoo doubled and its architecture embodied a strong commitment to the community and its future. This commitment is represented in buildings that were designed and built to endure. Through the art and science of architectural drawings, this exhibit will show a history of Kalamazoo as well as a glimpse at the design process that supported these projects. The projects exhibited are of Billingham & Cobb Architects and Engineers of Kalamazoo. The firm grew as Kalamazoo grew, first designing many buildings important to establishing the base of Kalamazoo's industries - primarily the paper mills. Then throughout the 1920's and 1930's many

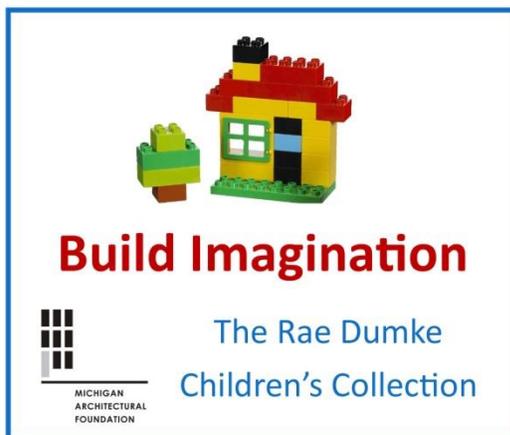
prominent civic buildings that exist today were designed by Billingham & Cobb. These include the Kalamazoo County building, the Washington Square Library, the Marlboro building as well as several area public school buildings. The exhibit will be housed in a the gallery at the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, beginning November 6 running through the end of the month.

AIA Huron Valley Chapter for the Ultimate Lego Bricks Build-Off Exhibition

The Annual Ultimate Lego Bricks Build-Off Exhibition is a community event continuing AIA HV's collaboration with the Ann Arbor Art Center and involving students from age 5 thru high school. Students will use their own LEGO bricks to construct a dwelling for their favorite character. The competition encourages creativity, critical thinking skills, process-oriented thinking and helps students develop abstract thought to envision the project before it is complete. The exhibition was held May 2 at the Ann Arbor Art Center.

Click here to learn more about past grant recipients or to apply for your own grant.

Michigan Architectural Foundation Rae Dumke Children's Book Collection Unveiled!



The Michigan Architectural Foundation Rae Dumke Children's Book Collection "Build Imagination" was launched in conjunction with the Children's Block Party at the Baldwin Library on September 26.

The "Build Imagination" Collection includes 100 books targeting preschool through 8th grade, and is the second collection, following the [100 Essential Architecture Books](#), funded through the [Rae Dumke Fund within the MAF](#). The primary source of funding has been through the [MAF Dumke Golf Open](#), an

annual event, chaired by Bob Washer, Hon. Affiliate AIA Michigan and Vice President of the MAF. This year, the event was held at the Western Country Club in Redford with 84 golfers participating on a warm June day. The proceeds, almost \$10,000, were divided between MAF and the Dumke Fund to promote architectural awareness, which is exactly the aim of this library project.

The collection housed at The Baldwin Library is available statewide through the library network. Additional small collections of 25 "Build Imagination" books were given to the Glen Lake and Leland libraries in Leelanau County, Michigan where Rae resides, and the Mackinac Island Public Library, where AIA Michigan and MAF have a long tradition of supporting Island projects like the Biddle House, hosting events at Fort Mackinac and touring some of the historic architectural cottages on the Island.

Special thanks to our partners Doug Koschik, Library Director, and Stephanie Miller, Youth Director at

Baldwin Library, Committee Members Alan Cobb, FAIA, Steve Smith, AIA, Jeffrey Ryntz, Associate; Co-Chairs Michelle Saroki, Hon. Affiliate Member AIA Michigan, and Rae Dumke, Hon. AIA; Heidi Pfannes, Albert Kahn Associates, designer of the bookplate and spine label; and Dennis M. King, FAIA for naming the collection “Build Imagination”.

2015 Recipient of the David Evans Historic Preservation Award: Lighting the Future by Preserving the Past

Photo courtesy of Indian Village Association



Indian Village, established in 1893, is one of Detroit’s oldest historic residential neighborhoods with its original streetlights that were installed ca. 1910. As part of the “Relighting Detroit” effort, Indian Village is embarking on an effort to restore its early 20th century streetlights with 21st century techniques. The 2015 Evans Graham Memorial Preservation Grant will be used to help fund the restoration of 60 historic wood and cast iron electric street lights in Indian Village. The project is called “Lighting the Future By Preserving the Past”

and is run by the Indian Village Historic Collections, Historic Indian Village Association.

[Click here](#) to read more about this project. [Click here](#) to read about past grant winners.

Mystery Photo Challenge: *Do you know where this photo was taken?*

Photo submitted by Doris Grose, TMP Architecture



Hint: designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, located in Bloomfield, MI

[Click here](#) to send your guess – if you are the first to answer correctly, you will have the opportunity to submit next month’s mystery photo challenge!

P.S. Last month's mystery photo was the Grosse Pointe Public Library at 10 Kercheval Avenue (intersection with Fisher Avenue) in Grosse Pointe Farms. It is notable for being designed by Marcel Breuer. Yet it remains a bit of a hidden gem.



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