



February 2014 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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Check out our website at www.MichiganArchitecturalFoundation.org for information about grants, scholarships, and architectural resources!

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Feature Article: How Architecture Enriches Life

The mission of the Michigan Architectural Foundation is “Increasing Public Appreciation of How Architecture Enriches Life.”

MAF maintains a robust website, and an active social media campaign to help connect people to architecture. We are now honing our focus to answer the question, “How does architecture enrich life?” through a [new web page](#) focusing on [AIA’s 10 Principles for Designing Livable Communities](#).

Architecture encourages cohesive, sustainable communities, increasing economic value, enriching experiences and adding beauty. Our new page will capture links to architectural activities all around the state that support this.

The AIA's 10 Principles for Livable Communities

- 1 Design on a Human Scale**
Compact, pedestrian-friendly communities allow residents to walk to shops, services, cultural resources, and jobs and can reduce traffic congestion and benefit people's health.
- 2 Provide Choices**
People want variety in housing, shopping, recreation, transportation, and employment. Variety creates lively neighborhoods and accommodates residents in different stages of their lives.
- 3 Encourage Mixed-Use Development**
Integrating different land uses and varied building types creates vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, and diverse communities.
- 4 Preserve Urban Centers**
Restoring, revitalizing, and infilling urban centers takes advantage of existing streets, services, and buildings and avoids the need for new infrastructure. This helps to curb sprawl and promotes stability for city neighborhoods.
- 5 Vary Transportation Options**
Giving people the option of walking, biking, and using public transit in addition to driving reduces traffic congestion, protects the environment, and encourages physical activity.

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- 6 Build Vibrant Public Spaces**
Citizens need welcoming, well-defined public places to stimulate face-to-face interaction, collectively celebrate and mourn, encourage civic participation, admire public art, and gather for public events.
- 7 Create a Neighborhood Identity**
A "sense of place" gives neighborhoods a unique character, enhances the walking environment, and creates pride in the community.
- 8 Protect Environmental Resources**
A well-designed balance of nature and development preserves natural systems, protects watersheds from pollution, reduces air pollution, and protects property values.
- 9 Conserve Landscapes**
Open space, farms, and wildlife habitat are essential for environmental, recreational, and cultural reasons.
- 10 Design Matters**
Design excellence is the foundation of successful and healthy communities.

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Please visit our [new web page](#), and contribute to it by sending information to info@michiganarchitecturalfoundation.org.

Newest Addition to Favorite Architecture in Michigan: Solar clock stairway, University of Michigan, Michigan Memorial Phoenix Laboratory Addition



This solar clock stairway design is located in the University of Michigan, Michigan Memorial Phoenix Laboratory Addition which houses the Energy Institute, completed in 2013 by Lord Aeck Sargent.

Photography by Curt Clayton Studio.

[View entire library!](#)

2014 Michigan Architectural Foundation Scholarship Applications Due March 20, 2014

The Michigan Architectural Foundation Scholarship Program provides assistance to college students admitted to, or currently pursuing a graduate professional degree in architecture, and has demonstrated leadership in design, professional, community or political activities.

The official Application Form must be received or postmarked by **March 20, 2014**. [Click here for more information and to apply!](#)

2014 David Evans Historic Preservation Grant Applications Due March 3, 2014

The David Evans Memorial Preservation Grant promotes the practice of historic preservation by giving encouragement and support to not-for-profit (501c3) community groups seeking to restore important resources. This grant showcases innovative solutions to specific preservation problems and encourages architects to embrace preservation projects.

Seven Thousand Five Hundred dollars will be awarded for fees or hard costs of a preservation project located in Michigan.

Applications are due March 3, 2014. [Click here for more information or to apply!](#)

Apply Now for AIA Chapter Public Awareness Grants

If your AIA Chapter or local organization has a public awareness program that you have not been able to implement because of lack of funds, this is your chance to apply for a grant to assist in launching your program. The key element for these grants is public awareness. Your program should focus on raising the public's understanding of the importance of architecture and the role architects play in creating well-designed communities may qualify.

Chapters are encouraged to see partnership with other local groups (and vice versa) to make a project more affordable, with broader reach, and more powerful as a public awareness program.

The Chapter Grants Committee considers several issues when awarding grants, including the number of people who will be impacted by the event or publication, the type of influence the program will have on the public, and whether or not the Chapter will match MAF funds through Chapter or sponsor support. The "Guides to Architecture" that several chapters have produced have been very successful as examples of the intention of these grants. [Click here](#) to see other past grant recipients.

[Click here](#) for more information or to apply.

Register Now for the AIA Health Facilities Planning Seminar

This Conference provides architects, health facility administrators, consulting engineers and contractors with the latest available information to assist them in planning, designing, constructing and maintaining

health facilities. This year, the seminar is in Traverse City on March 20-21st. [Click here](#) for more information or to register.

Continuing education segments have been approved; this event offers 6.5 LU hours and 5 HSW hours.

19th Annual Architects, Engineers & Surveyors Legislative Day Wednesday, March 5, 2014

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

2014 Dumke Open: Save the Date!



The Dumke Open was established in 2011 as a source of funding for the [Rae Dumke Development Fund](#).

Save the Date: Michigan Infrastructure Conference May 8, 2014, MSU Kellogg Center, East Lansing

The 2014 Michigan Engineering Conference - held in cooperation with the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Michigan, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Michigan Section, and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) - will have a strong focus on Michigan's infrastructure and its

impact on the economy. Leaders from the private sector, Michigan Department of Transportation, local government, and academia will come together to discuss the current state of our infrastructure and how we can overcome challenges and work together to make Michigan a destiny for businesses and a hot bed for economic growth.

After the keynote address by Lt. Governor, Brian Calley (invited), participants will assemble into breakout sessions to explore various roadblocks and impediments to improving various components of Michigan's infrastructure. After lunch, a panel of industry professionals will address the concerns identified in the morning and explore ideas for improving infrastructure to create jobs, attract business and improve the quality of life for Michigan residents.

The conference is an opportunity to connect leaders, identify areas that reduce development and growth, and find solutions going forward to improve Michigan's infrastructure to grow the economy.

This year's conference will offer a unique opportunity for industry to participate by being a presenter. We are looking for positive experiences that members have had through the development of an infrastructure project that resulted in success. For more details and to submit a presentation, please use the 'Call for Presentations' document below.

Donate to the Michigan Architectural Foundation

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.

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