



January 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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Feature Article: Best Architectural Projects of 2013!

Architectural firms, architectural fans, owners, educators, and communities were asked to submit their choices for the best architectural projects of 2013. Below are two of the Best of 2013.

Do you have a project in mind? Please email a photo, a link to the project (if available), and your reason for submitting the project (<100 words) to info@michiganarchitecturalfoundation.org.



Nottawaseppi Huron Band Government Center on the Pine Creek Reservation near Athens, Michigan
Submitted by [Wightman & Associates, Inc.](#)

“The Nottawaseppi Huron Band Government Center on the Pine Creek Reservation evokes a sense of authority commensurate with its role as the center of administration for a sovereign Potawatomi nation, but the covered veranda and landscaped entry plaza welcomes tribal members without apprehension. It also encourages outdoor gathering which helps to foster community with the neighboring tribal facilities. The seven sided custom precast columns hint toward the seven grandfather teachings and are adorned with medicine wheel motifs. The plaza landscaping provides a home for the Four Sacred Herbs of the tribe which get rotated throughout the year.”



[Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center](#)

Submitted by [Tower Pinkster Architects Engineers](#)

“The Battle Creek Mathematics and Science Center is an adaptive-reuse of the former Kellogg Cereal City USA Museum in downtown Battle Creek. The design transforms the agrarian aesthetic of the former icon into a cutting-edge learning facility. An expressive “V” column in the entry plaza is a source of study and inspiration for students. The interior design concept draws on biological science where walls are set in motion by a three-story pendulum and classroom facades are created by serpentine structural glass. A third floor physics perch allows students to drop objects through the atrium and measure results.”

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network is Looking for a Few Good Projects

Have you recently finished restoring a building and want to brag about it? Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond to promote preservation? Is there an institution or group who deserves to be recognized for their preservation efforts? Then consider nominating them for a [Michigan Historic Preservation Network Award!](#)

The MHPN Preservation Awards nominations are due the February 19, 2014. By [clicking here](#), you can obtain a copy of the current nomination form.

2014 Michigan Architectural Foundation Scholarship Applications Available

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 Available

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.

[Call for Presentations: Michigan Infrastructure Conference](#)

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