



*March/April 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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## 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.

Please consider supporting our programs – [click here](#) for more information!

## Feature Article:

### Health is not a Building Type

*By Tamara E. L. Burns, AIA, LEED AP*

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When AIA Michigan created the Green Health Summit in the fall of 2014, some people thought the summit was about designing sustainable healthcare facilities. In fact, the topic of the summit was about something far broader, something that crosses into many disciplines: the intersection of design with public health and the profound impact that the built environment has on both our physical and mental health. This topic is getting a great deal of focus worldwide. The architecture community is realizing more and more how our automobile-centric designed cities and suburbs have led to poor health and poor quality of life. Just two years ago, for the first time in 25 years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported a decline in life expectancy.

[Click here to read full article.](#)

## West Michigan Design Week: May 6 - 11

West Michigan has a long history of design, and it's becoming a stronger and more vital part of our community. West Michigan Design Week celebrates the world-class work happening here and hopes to demonstrate the strategic and economic advantages of design thinking, increasing opportunities for our own designers, attracting new ones, and building connections between designers and our cultural, educational, and business communities.

[Click here for calendar of activities.](#)

[Click here to learn more about the event.](#)

## Apply for Architectural Scholarships: April 10 Deadline

MAF awards scholarships annually to students who are completing their Bachelor Degree program and who have been accepted or are currently enrolled in a professional program leading to a Master of Architecture degree. Money has been raised from many activities and sources over many years to underwrite these scholarships, and the five awards have been named for the primary donors and/or supporters.

The scholarship awards for 2015 are as follows:

- AIA Michigan President's Scholarship (\$4,000)
- American Institute of Architect's Scholarship (\$1,500)
- Kenneth Neumann Design Scholarship (\$1,000 plus a summer internship with the firm Neumann/Smith Architecture in Southfield, MI)
- Professional Concepts Insurance Agency Scholarship (\$1,000)
- HED Alvin Ernest Harley AIA Graduate Scholarship (\$1,000)
- John Banicki Scholarship (\$1,000)
- Daniel W. Toshach & AIA Saginaw Valley Chapter Scholarship (\$1000)

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

## **Apply for Evans – Graham Memorial Preservation Award:**

### **April 3 Deadline**

The Evans – Graham Memorial Preservation Award promotes the practice of historic preservation by giving encouragement and support to not-for-profit (501c3) community groups seeking to restore important resources. By showcasing innovative solutions to specific preservation problems, the award encourages architects to embrace preservation projects and acknowledges the contribution of historic preservation architect, David Evans, FAIA.

[Click here to learn more and apply.](#)

## **Public Awareness Grants Are Available**

The Michigan Architectural Foundation is dedicated to the promotion, perpetuation and preservation of architecture as a fine art. Our mission is Advancing Public Awareness and Understanding of how Architecture Enriches Life.

To this end, Public Awareness Grants are given out annually through AIA chapters in state of Michigan to raise the public awareness about architecture and reach out into the community.

The MAF Board meets 6 times a year to review applications. We have seen the bar raised high over the last few years and competition for the money has been healthy. By August last year, the available funds had been used up!!

[Click here to learn more and to apply!](#)

## **2015 AIA Michigan and Mlplace "MISSING MIDDLE" Michigan Housing Design Competition: April 6 Deadline**

AIA Michigan a sponsor for an open Design Competition intended to spur the development of creative, mixed-income, and affordable "Missing Middle" Michigan Housing Developments in our State's Downtowns and along key transit corridors. Millennials, Gen Xers and senior citizens across the country are among the growing audiences talking about their needs for more diverse and affordable housing options that better fit urban lifestyles.

In Michigan, architects, designers and urban planners are being challenged to put this new version of the American Dream into action as part of an innovative contest that is believed to be a first-of-its-kind event nationally. The goal of the 2015 Michigan "Missing Middle" Housing Design Competition - which is open to all contestants nationwide and offers a \$10,000 top cash prize and two additional cash prizes of \$5,000 each - is to promote awareness about the mismatch that exists between U.S. housing stock and shifting demographics combined with the growing need for walkable urban living.

The phrase "missing middle" refers to housing sites such as duplexes, fourplexes, bungalow courts, mansion apartments, live/work units and courtyard apartments. These types of housing have rarely been built since the early 1940s due to regulatory constraints, the shift to auto-dependent patterns of development, and the incentivization of single-family home ownership.

"As the demand for living in urban environments continues to strengthen across Michigan and throughout the nation, the need to accommodate the growing contemporary housing market has become much more apparent," said American Institute of Architects (AIA) Michigan Public Policy Director Dennis King, FAIA.

[Click here to learn more about the competition!](#)

## **AIA Michigan Architectural Foundation Speakers Bureau**

Looking for a speaker for your business group, public service organization or professional association? Consider this - while all of us view and interact with our community's buildings, few of us understand the built environment like architects - and we want to share our insights.

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is proud to announce a statewide Speakers Bureau of AIA members willing to speak to organizations just like yours.

You can schedule these complimentary presentations for your group by contacting the speaker. A brief description for each presentation is located on the AIA Michigan website - [click here](#).

## **Get Your Architectural Project Featured!**

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