

## **Rae Dumke, Hon. AIA**

### **The launch of:**

### **The Rae Dumke Collection: 100 Essential Architecture Books**

Throughout her career, Rae Dumke has been a leader and pioneer in efforts to promote architecture and architects. Her dedication to the members and organizations she served is significant. She served three related nonprofit organizations: the American Institute of Architects - Michigan, the American Institute of Architects - Detroit, and the Michigan Architectural Foundation. Under her leadership, these organizations raised the funds necessary to purchase and renovate their historic headquarters building in downtown Detroit. She was invested in the community, and shared her leadership experience with fellow association executives nationally, as well as with the members of the association she headed.

Rae spent from October 1967 to December 2010 in the employ of AIA Michigan, AIA Detroit, and the Michigan Architectural Foundation (MAF). She served as the Executive Director of all three organizations from 1984 until her retirement in 2010. She was named an Honorary Member of AIA Detroit in 1984, and of AIA Michigan in 1987. She served as the President of the Association Executives in Metro Detroit, the Michigan Society of Association Executives (MSAE), and her AIA peer group, the Council of Architectural Component Executives (CACE). In 1992, she was named Executive of the Year for the AIA Council of Architectural Component Executives, and, in 2009 received a MSAE Lifetime Achievement Award.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions to the profession of Architecture at the local, state, and national levels of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), in 1990 she was granted Honorary Membership by its national organization. This is one of the highest honors that AIA can bestow upon a non-architect. Most importantly, Rae understood that being the Executive Director of three nonprofit professional organizations was not just about running a business; rather it was about people, in serving them well and bringing out the best in them to benefit the individual, the profession and society.

Upon her retirement, Rae and her husband relocated to the Leelanau Peninsula in northern Michigan. As a tribute to Rae's passion for architecture and those she represented, the Michigan Architectural Foundation established a dedicated Endowment Fund to honor her legacy of 43 years of service to AIA and MAF. Contributions to The Rae Dumke Endowment came from AIA members, the construction industry, friends, and family. A major funding event is the annual Dumke Open, a golf outing to raise funds for the Endowment. The Mission of the Endowment is to promote architecture to the public at large.

The first MAF project funded by The Rae Dumke Endowment, in partnership with the Baldwin Library, is **The Rae Dumke Collection: 100 Essential Architecture Books**. This pilot Collection will be housed at the Baldwin Library in Birmingham, Michigan. There will be a designated section dedicated for the Collection, and the books will be available statewide to the public through the Michigan Library Network. The launch of **The Rae Dumke Collection: 100 Essential Architecture Books** will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 from 5-7 p.m. at the Baldwin Library in Birmingham, Michigan. The Public is invited to attend.