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Architectural Feature:

AIA Flint's Flat Lot Competition Project, Past Recipient of MAF Chapter Grant, Gains International Press! *(as published by AIA Michigan)*



Oct 2013 ARCHITECT magazine feature on "Mark's House"

The AIA Flint and the Flint Public Art Project Design Competition for the Flat Lot has caused quite a stir - internationally!

While the finished project, "Mark's House" by Two Islands Studio, received some negative publicity and tough criticism and the local media did not consistently champion the project, it created quite a buzz in the design community and has put Flint on the international design scene map!

The project has been featured in [Russian](#), Italian ([here](#) and [here](#)), [Greek](#) and UK ([here](#) and [here](#)) design journals and is featured in the October 2013 edition of ARCHITECT magazine (see above picture). To read the local M-Live article about the project with links to other international coverage, [click here](#).

The long-term plan for this Project Design Competition is to host a competition every other year (the next will launch in fall of 2014 and built for the summer of 2015).

To quote We Heart: Lifestyle and Design Magazine, "Brilliant work, people."

Thank you to Shannon Easter White, AIA and Kurt Neiswender, AIA for updates on the Flat Lot Competition and Mark's House!

Selections from MAF's Favorite Architecture Photo Collection!

Go Green! Go Blue! Our featured photos honor a famous football rivalry playing this weekend!



East Lansing, Michigan Michigan State University's Molecular Plant Sciences Building reinforces the collaborative multidisciplinary nature of today's biological research by instituting a flexible, open lab concept, providing an assortment of interaction spaces, and creating a large social gathering space for the students, faculty and research staff. The building serves as a bridge between two scientific disciplines, creating a seamless program, while acting as a new front door to the plant sciences program. Photo courtesy of SmithGroupJJR, Photographed by James Haefner



This new center for men's and women's basketball provides approximately 59,000 gross square feet for practice functions surrounding a two-court practice gym. Cardio, strength and conditioning, hydrotherapy, training, and video review areas are also components. The office level accommodates men's and women's coaching staff and administrative support functions. Storage, laundry, team lockers, team rooms, coach's lockers and the lobby incorporating team memorabilia and Hall of Fame materials complete the project. The roof level matches the elevation of the existing concourse in the adjacent Crisler Arena. Photography Credit: Curt Clayton Photography Submitted by: TMP Architecture, Inc.

Send us your favorite photos too!

Architectural enthusiasts, professionals and photographers are encouraged to submit their favorite photos to add to our collection. Click on the [Upload a Photo button](#) on our home page and follow the steps! Submit as many photos as you would like, accompanied by a photo title and description emphasizing how the design photographed enriches life. Also note what photo credit should be included, if any. Photos should be low resolution, jpg format. Be sure to check out the photos in our collection!

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AIA Detroit 2013 House & Building Tour Showcases "What's Old is New Again" in Midtown Detroit on November 3

Building tour features spaces designed by local AIA member architects and designers including McIntosh Paris Associates, Quinn Evans Associates, M1/DTW, and Neumann Smith

The purpose of the AIA Detroit Building Tour is to advance the public's understanding of how architecture impacts our daily lives by showcasing the way that innovative structures not only provide

shelter, but also contribute to our quality of life. The Detroit tour provides visitors with the opportunity to see some of the area's most cutting-edge designs, from post-industrial through mid-century modern to contemporary.

"Midtown has undergone such an incredible rebirth in recent years, and it has been exciting to witness the entire city re-define itself," said Megan Martin-Campbell, Assoc., AIA, AIA Detroit House and Commercial Building Tour Chair and a design Intern Architect at Albert Kahn Associates in Detroit. "The tour will give participants the opportunity to see many of Midtown's grand buildings that have been restored or repurposed as new models of how we work and live."

Buildings on the tour include the Woodward Garden Theatre and Apartments; 71 Garfield; the Park Shelton; Sherbrooke Manor; Signal Return; and the Madison Building. Tour participants will learn about the architectural and historical significance of the buildings, along with other information of interest.

The tour starts at noon, rain or shine, on Sunday, November 3 at Eastern Market, Russell Street at Winder Street, with buses running at regular intervals throughout the afternoon until 5 pm. Tickets are \$25 the day of the tour, and \$20 in advance. Tickets may be purchased in advance at several local businesses including Blossom's in Birmingham; Bright Ideas Furniture in Royal Oak; Cork Wine Pub in Pleasant Ridge; and The Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company in Midtown Detroit. Tickets also may be purchased by visiting <http://www.aiadetroit.com> or calling AIA Detroit 313-965-4100. No refunds, cameras, or children under 12 are allowed.