



AIA Northern Michigan Lunch Presentation

When: Wednesday, January 26th, 12:00 Noon

Where: Red Ginger Restaurant

Presenter/Sponsor: Wright & Filippis Lifts, Elevators and Ramps

This presentation will focus on the various lifts and planning guides offered by Wright & Filippis.

*Please self-report for AIA Learning Units

**Please RSVP (if you haven't already done so) by responding to Sarah Bourgeois at sarah@sbourgeois.com

Upcoming Seminar - 2009 Michigan Building Code Significant Changes

Mark your calendars and save the date.

Wednesday, February 16, 2011
San Marino Club, Troy MI

New Michigan Building Code Updates Presented by:
AIA Detroit - Building Codes and Regulations Committee

2009 IBC and MBC Significant Changes

Overviews the changes from the 2006 to the 2009 IBC. Identifies changes in organization and code requirements and the applicability of these requirements to design, plan review and inspection.

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Sustainability and Design—Can We Evolve?

A new code-based emphasis on sustainability will end the green building movement as we know it

By William J. Worthen, AIA, LEED AP
AIA Resource Architect for Sustainability

What's the difference between design and sustainable design?

This question has been the subject of passionate, ongoing debate with notable, differing views by architects, architecture students, and the AIA's leadership for decades. The role and importance of design in the practice of architecture is a deeply rooted core value. Design is the primary focus of our education, our conventions, and our awards. An architect's ability to design is what has elevated a select few architects to star status in our culture.

Sustainable design, however, while of growing significance, has been considered a distinct and separate method of design and practice. Since 1973, when the AIA formed the Energy Committee, to today's national network of Committee on the Environment (COTE) groups with awards separate from the AIA's design awards, many AIA members still see sustainability as a specialty service. Some AIA members even openly question sustainability's relevance to practice.

Whether you're a believer in sustainable design or not, or whether you've ever worked with green rating systems or local green building ordinances or not, over the next two years sustainable design and construction will change the very fabric of our profession.

Design and sustainable design are merging, as environmental requirements are integrated into our nation's building codes with the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) and CALGreen. When this happens, every architect needs to take note. When green building requirements become code, they will fundamentally change the architect's standard of care, opening up new opportunities for architects to grow into, or less fortunately, to shrink from. Are you ready?

Article continued at:

<http://www.aia.org/practicing/AIAB086275?dvid=&recspec=AIAB086275>



Spotlight on Northern Michigan AIA Architects

Michael Fitzhugh, AIA
Interviewed by Holly Schurg

What is your favorite architectural style?

I prefer the current style “Modern”. We are in a time where the prevalent style is the absence of one, therefore we have a lot of freedom to mix and sample various design styles and call it modern.

What is your favorite material or product?

Wood, a beautiful material and can be used in so many different ways. Wood is a sustainable product and has been a classic building material for centuries.

What is the current trend?

I see a current trend in architecture to be more socially conscious. A recent book “Design Like You Give A Damn” for instance describes innovative buildings around the world providing basic shelter, health care, education, sanitation, energy and access to clean water. Today more architecture graduate schools are offering design / build studios where students spend a portion of time in the design studio followed by a semester in the field constructing the project. These projects are typically about using school and student resources to provide low cost housing for people the local community.

What is your favorite project that you have worked on?

101 North Park in Traverse City. It has been a great experience to see the positive impact a building can have on a city. Nudell Architects of Bloomfield Hills designed the building core and shell. I have been working with clients to design the building’s interior spaces with a mix of commercial and residential units. My favorite part of the project has been seeing the property transform from a vacant lot to a high-rise building that is now a permanent part of the landscape and culture of downtown T.C.

What is your favorite part of your job?

My favorite part of my job is the ability to create and problem solve. Each day presents new challenges and there is always more to learn.



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