



Northern Michigan Newsletter

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AIA Northern Michigan Lunch Presentation

When: Wednesday, February 24 12:00 Noon

Where: Red Ginger Restaurant

Presenter/Sponsor: Traverse Repro

Our presentation will be about two things. We've recently been carrying BlueBeam .pdf creation software. It's a .pdf creation tool that competes with Adobe Acrobat, but it specifically designed for the architectural and construction industry.

We will also be talking about the changes we're making here at Traverse Repro that are the result of the onset of BIM and AutoDesk's Revit product.

*Self-report for AIA Learning Units

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

AIA Architect Home Tour

The Chapter is seeking Architects interested in participating in our First Annual AIA Architect Home Tour. We are planning on having this event in August of 2010. We will be working with some charitable organizations. It will be a one day event, showcasing Chapter architects works in the area. It will be open for all types of entries, new, remodel, additions, anything that showcases your architectural talents as an AIA architect. Contact John or Sarah with your ideas. More to come.

Members Wanted

We are actively recruiting members for AIA Northern Michigan. Many of us know of potential new members or former members who might need a little encouragement to join/rejoin this great professional organization. Please forward the contact information of the potential member to John Kerridge at: john@kerridgeconstruction.com

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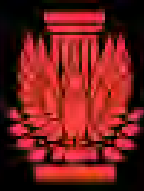
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Orchids and Onions

Based upon some recent projects in our downtown area and Mike Callahan's research from San Diego, we are looking for ideas on developing an Orchids and Onion program recognizing both good and poor design in the area. Contact any board member with your ideas.

Great Architecture of Michigan

The non-profit Michigan Architectural Foundation helps the public understand, evaluate, and enjoy architecture and recognize the importance of the built environment. To that end MAF sifted through nearly 500 of Michigan's most architecturally significant buildings to winnow the list for this volume to 150. With photographs by Balthazar Korab and text by John Gallagher, this book will be indispensable for anyone wanting to learn more about Michigan's impressive architectural legacy.

In addition to icons like the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing, and the Fisher Building in Detroit, this volume includes vernacular charms like the D. H. Day Farm near Sleeping Bear Dunes, architectural survivors like the Point Betsie Lighthouse, and some thirty-five private homes. A spirited collection of churches, theaters, office towers, stadiums, and government buildings rounds out the selections. The emphasis throughout is to help the public see, understand, and appreciate what makes these buildings great. Gallagher has foresworn technical jargon in favor of easily readable text that evaluates each building in its public context, in terms of what it means for real people.

For more information go to:
http://www.aiami.com/GAOM/gaom_home.htm

AIA Northern Michigan Lunch Presentation and Event Calendar

March 31	Cornillie Concrete	12:00 Red Ginger
April 28	STO-EX	12:00 Red Ginger
May 26	TBD	12:00 Red Ginger

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Spotlight on Northern Michigan AIA Architects

Mark Humitz, AIA, LEED AP

Interviewed by Holly Schurg

What is your favorite architectural style?

I don't have one favorite style, but I tend to like a combination of contemporary and shingle style for residential work and traditional / modern for commercial work. I think the contrast between styles and materials can add interest and texture to the architecture of a project.

What is your favorite material or product?

My favorite material is masonry with wood as a very close second. I like the versatility and permanence of masonry as well as its cost effectiveness. Masonry can be both the finished exterior and structural wall at the same time. Wood, like masonry, is also a time tested material with great flexibility and a wide range of colors and species to create any look from casual to formal.

What is the current trend?

I believe architectural trends vary from global and large city projects to smaller city and regional projects. Overall I think environmentally sensitive design is becoming more accepted and in some cases expected by our clients. Also, technology's influence on the profession is starting to reach the smaller firms and creating a more integrated design process.

What is your favorite project that you have worked on?

My favorite project was probably the renovation and expansion of Central Michigan University's football stadium and indoor athletics complex. It was a very complex construction process with a small window of time between the end of one season and the start of the next. The project involved adding 10,000 seats to the stadium plus luxury boxes and a new press box. The indoor complex included a competitive running track, practice football field, locker rooms, weight training, aquatic rehabilitation area and study areas for the athletes.

What is your favorite part of your job?

I enjoy both designing and detailing projects, but the favorite part of my job is working with the people at Cornwell Architects and our clients. The relationships you build in a career are really the true benefits of the practice of architecture.



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“Always design a thing by considering it in its next larger context - a chair in a room, a room in a house, a house in an environment, an environment in a city plan.”
- Eero Saarinen

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