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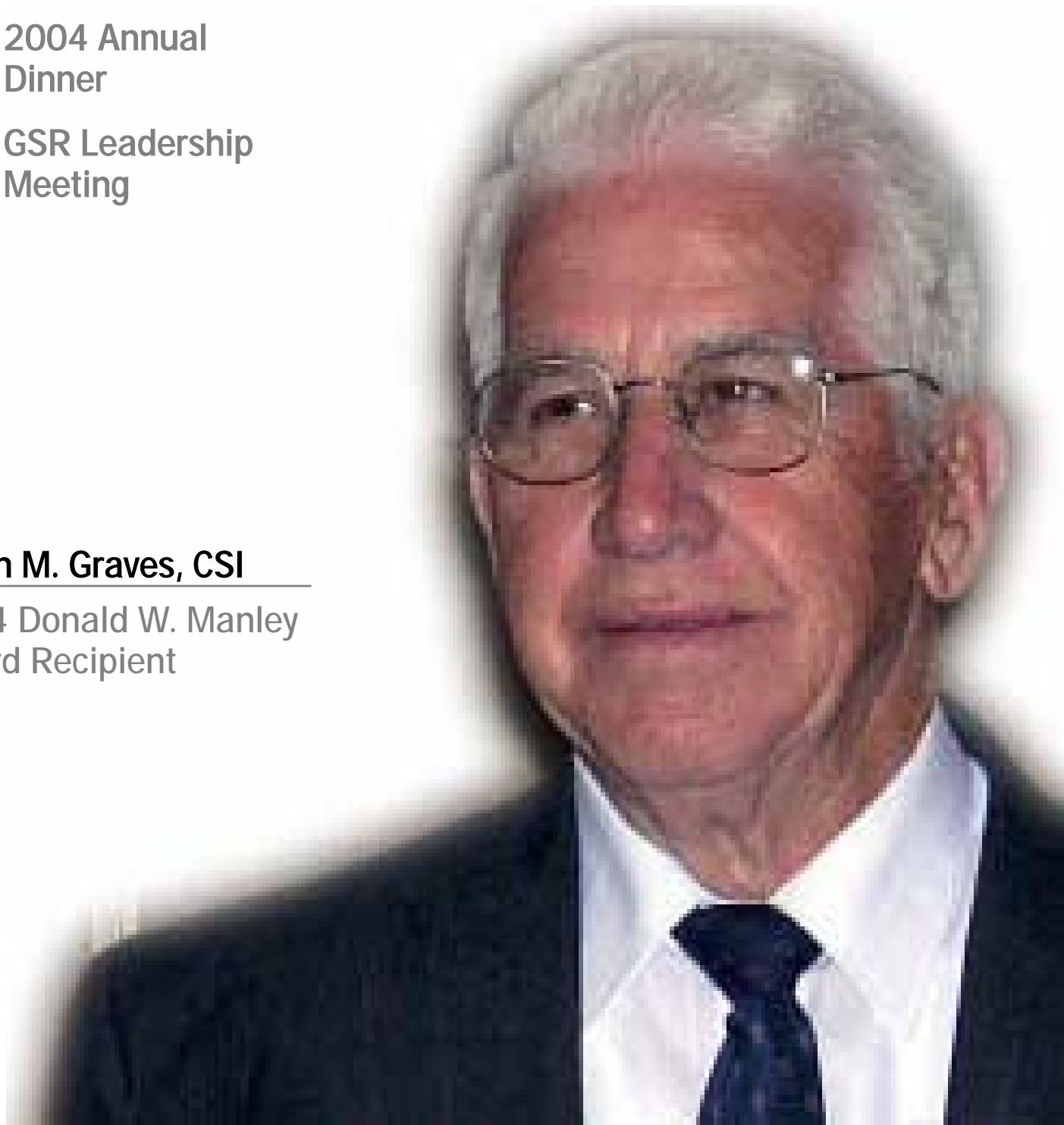




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This Month's Meeting

Thursday, August 19, 2004

Anna's Steakhouse
6963 Hwy 70 (Summer Avenue)
(901) 383-9989

Workplace Noise Control... By Barry Cooper

Social Hour	5:30pm - 6:30pm
Dinner	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Program	7:30pm - 9:00pm

Cost Per Member or Guest: \$20
Cost Per Student: \$10

* Reservations are requested three days in advance.
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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 2004

- 16—Chapter Board of Director's Meeting, (*Hilton Hotel Corp.*)
- 19—Chapter Meeting (*Anna's Steakhouse*)

SEPTEMBER 2004

- 6—Labor Day
- 13—Chapter Board of Director's Meeting, (*Hilton Hotel Corp.*)
- 16—Chapter Meeting (*Anna's Steakhouse*)

Please visit our website,
csimemphis.org for the most current
information on all CSI activities.

August 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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President's Message

In most cultures July marks the middle of the year. However, in CSI land it marks the beginning. It's the time when we meet to regroup. On a bright and humid Saturday, your new Board of Directors and committee chairs met to reflect on the past twelve months in an effort to project the coming twelve. The Transfer of Power Retreat served as an orientation for the new leaders. It established a forum from which goals and objectives were created all in an effort to keep the chapter moving forward. It is with great pride that we unveil to you, our membership, the FY05 leadership roster (see page 15). Member names, numbers, and email addresses are listed for each position. You are encouraged to contact those persons should you have questions about the chapter, its region, or the organization. It's an exciting new time for the Memphis Chapter and we've begun the new year without skipping a single beat. Thanks

to all who've helped get us this far and thanks to all who will help move us in the future.

In the June Issue of this publication you learned of the Annual Dinner. That event was held at the Doubletree Hotel on Sanderlin (formerly the East Memphis Hilton - a beautiful hotel I might add). Our events committee, chaired by Lisa Turner and co-chaired by Brenda Page was a hit. Their planning resulted in a festively casual arrangement of decorated dining tables and mood lighting illuminating a well-dressed audience. After a few poorly executed jokes by yours truly a "State-of-the-Chapter Address" was given. This proved that we had in fact been very busy during Fiscal Year 2004. Statistics reinforced the increased attendance at general membership meetings, at board meetings, at the products display show,

I am impelled, not to squeak like a grateful and apologetic mouse, but to roar like a lion out of pride in my profession.

Scott G. Guidry, CSI



in membership, and in member retainage. Other items of interest were that this monthly publication and our chapter's website received accolades from the institute and our members. The University of Memphis Student Affiliate pulled in big rewards from an active year of monthly student meetings, a scavenger hunt, an inaugural Trades & Trends (on-campus products show), and participation at regional and national events - and even nabbed a winning design entry at CSI University. The evening concluded with a celebration of achievements by individuals. Photos of the event are posted on csimemphis.org.

As you can see FY04 had very large shoes but the FY05 crew is more than capable of filling them. We challenge you to keep up. Check the magazine and the website for August and future activities and get involved where you can. Speaking of getting involved, I hear our golf committee, fresh off the 2004 tournament is looking for a few new members to help arrange the July 2005 tournament. Perhaps that's a good fit for you.....Ahhh the possibilities!

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August Meeting Program: Workplace Noise Control

The first meeting of the '04-'05 fiscal year is scheduled at Anna's Steakhouse at 6963 Hwy 70, Summer Avenue. The program topic is Workplace Noise Control and will be presented by Barry Cooper.

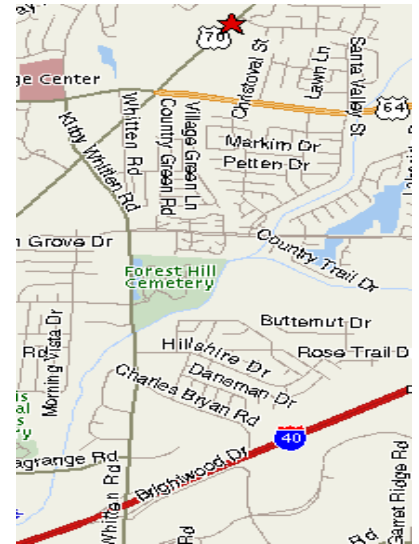
Please join us for an educational program and an enjoyable time to socialize with your peers in the construction industry.

For reservations, call Pam Davidson at (901) 261-4671.

Social hour is from 5:20 to 6:30; Dinner is from 6:30 to 7:30; and Program is from 7:30 to 8:30.

Remember, if you make your reservation for the evening and wear your CSI pin to the meeting, you will be eligible for the Membership Meeting Incentive drawing. The pot starts at \$25.00 and is progressive each month when the number drawn is not present or did not make their reservation or is not wearing their CSI pin.

So come and join us for a good time and be the lucky winner. Good luck!



Anna's Steakhouse
6963 Highway 70 (Summer Ave.)

Table Top Display at August's Meeting

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June's Chapter Meeting: 2003-04 Annual Dinner

This year's Annual Dinner was held at the Doubletree Memphis, formerly the Hilton Hotel, on a Friday evening, June 18th. After the President's 'State of the Chapter Address' was presented and a delicious meal was served, awards were presented for the past year's volunteers.

Chevrons were given to those members celebrating multiple years of dedication in membership with CSI.

5 year Chevron:

Chris Bird	Ronnie Bonner
Walter Eckles	Michael Folk
Mike Jones	Jason Lurie
John Stancil	

10 year Chevron:

Gary Cofer	Scott Guidry
Clifton Lipman	Bill Morley
Michael Norman	

20 year Chevron:

Bond Christie	Ronald Spurlin
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30 year Chevron:

Jack Cole

Certificates of Merit and Appreciation were presented to all those members who unselfishly gave their all in their positions of committee chairs, co-chairs, and board members.

The 'Master Juggler Award' was presented by Scott Guidry to Steve Mangin for his multitasking abilities - such as a father two times over, a budding young architect, an AIA something or other, a CSI chair of the Gulf States Region Certification

Committee, Past President of the Memphis Chapter, Product Display Show Bartender, chair of the Chapter Certification Committee, Fundamentals of Written Construction Documents Instructor, chair of the Chapter's Planning Committee, and our most recent CSI Super Hero - all without complaint.

Sanjay Patel presented the students awards.

Technical Contributor Gifts went to the writers John Bigham, Steve Trott, and Jo Manning for providing us with outstanding and informative articles for the magazine.

Rookie of the Year Award was presented to John Bigham for his courage to jump right in with both feet and handling whatever came his way.

Mentor Award went to Byron Graves for his giving of his time and support to the students.

Firm Awards were presented to Hilton Hotels Corporation, Anna's Steakhouse, and Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects for their king generosity in the use of their establishment.

Presidential Commendations were presented to Harvey Wilmoth, Tanya Guidry, Cliff Watson, and Tom Mason.

CSI Super Hero Awards went to

Sanjay Patel, Ron Roberts, Brenda Page, and Jammie Smith.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Donald W. Manley Award to Byron Graves. Congratulations Byron. Visit our website www.csimemphis.org to see more photos of the festive occasion.



Scott Guidry gives State of the Chapter Address



Fun and fellowship was had by all!



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June's Chapter Meeting : 2004-05 Annual Dinner



Past and present recipient's of the Donald W. Manley Award: (L to R) Tommy Smith, Jim Neison, Don Manley, Bill Eades, Gary Wagoner, Cliff Watson, and our newest recipient Byron Graves.



Tom Mason receives his Presidential Commendation Award from Carl Drennan, Jr. and Scott Guidry.



The Super Hero's Award goes to Sanjay Patel, Brenda Page, and Ron Roberts presented by Scott Guidry and Carl Drennan.



The 'Rookie Of The Year' is none other than our infamous John T. Bigham, presented by Scott Guidry and Carl Drennan.



Scott receives the Presidents award and his gavel for another year!

Last Month's Board Meeting: Transfer of Powers

The transfer of powers retreat was held at Hilton Hotel Corp. on Saturday, July 17. The room was quite nice with a lovely picturesque view. The group discussed ideas for the upcoming year, reviewed past goals and established new ones. Some of these are listed below. Everyone was quite productive and excited about the coming CSI year. CSI Memphis has a great group of leaders for '04-'05!

FT05 Goals

- ♦ Adhere to and update the Chapter Operating Guide. Assign two sections per month to committee chairs,
 - ♦ Provide table top displays at a minimum of five chapter meetings,
 - ♦ Complete and adopt Chapter Policy document,
 - ♦ Have an award winning, timely, and self-sustained monthly publication
- and reduce overhead cost,
 - ♦ Grow membership by a min. of 10 new members with a retention rate of 85%,
 - ♦ Create an outline for CCS, CCCA, and CCPR class,
 - ♦ Hold the Construction Documents Class before the CDT exam,
 - ♦ Submit and win Outstanding Chapter Commendation,
 - ♦ Nominate a minimum of three for Institute Awards,
 - ♦ Submit a minimum of three Region Awards including Spec Competition,
 - ♦ Hold another great Products Display Show with a profitable educational seminar,
 - ♦ Reduce overhead cost of PDS,
 - ♦ Timely notify the Kaiser Family of date, time, and location of the PDS,
 - ♦ Hold a Golf Tournament, holiday party, and annual dinner,
 - ♦ Continue to have a strong student affiliate and invoke chapter/affiliate involvement
- ♦ Award two U of M scholarships annually,
 - ♦ Effectively inform membership of events through magazine, email, and website,
 - ♦ Send as many members as possible to Region and Institute events,
 - ♦ Solicit items for Board Meeting Agenda, distribute prior to meeting, and have productive meetings,
 - ♦ Participate in WKNO Fund Raising,
 - ♦ Provide a minimum of 1 charitable contribution,
 - ♦ Develop CSI-S shield or pin,
 - ♦ Continue annual Student Products Fair at the U of M w/ min. 10 booths,
 - ♦ Re-institute Robert's Rules of Order at Board and Membership meetings,
 - ♦ Compile all membership roster, PDS contacts, Magazine mail-out rosters into one comprehensive database,
 - ♦ Provide accurate call lists for meeting notification—database.

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Membership Statistics as of 6/30/04

New Members This Month	2
New Members Fiscal YTD	22
Rolling 12 Month Retention	82.6%
Total Members	150
Total Home Chapter Members	143



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Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting

The Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting will be hosted this year by the Mississippi Chapter on August 20th through 22nd in Jackson, MS at the Jackson Marriott Hotel.

As always, there will be time for fellowship, networking, and having a great time.

Schedule of Activities

Friday Events

- 7:00-1:30 Golf Tournament (Optional)
- 10:30-3:00 Registration Open
- 2:00-2:45 Region Board Meeting
- 3:00-3:30 Welcome/General Session
- Welcome/Announcements
- Awards Presentations
- 3:30-4:15 Membership Workshop
- 4:15-4:45 Wrap Up/Housekeeping
- 5:00-6:30 Hospitality Room Open
- 6:30-9:00 "Mizsippy Culture" Party
- 9:00-Until Hospitality Room Open

Saturday Events

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| If & When | Breakfast (on your own) |
| 8:00-8:45 | Publications Workshop |
| | Planning/Finance |
| | Workshop |
| 9:30-3:00 | Spouse Tour (w/ lunch) |
| 9:00-9:45 | Academic Affairs |
| | Workshop |
| | Education/Program |
| | Workshop |
| 10:00-10:45 | Awards Workshop |
| | Certification Workshop |
| 11:00-11:45 | Fundraising/Products Show |
| | Workshop |
| 11:45-1:00 | Lunch (provided) |
| 1:00-4:00 | Leadership Workshop- |
| | Chapter Officers |
| 4:15-5:00 | Wrap Up and Conference |
| | Closing Session |
| 5:00-Until | Hospitality Room Open |
| If & When | Dinner (on your own) |

Sunday Events

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| If & When | Breakfast (on your own) |
| Noon | Group Tour—Glory of Dresden Art Exhibit (optional) |

For room reservations at the Jackson Marriott, phone 601-969-5100. Let them know that you are with the Gulf States Region CSI Leadership Meeting.

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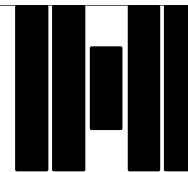


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Gulf States Region CSI 2004 Competition Awards



HONORABLE MENTION AWARD
Charles T. Gaushell, AIA of Paradigm Productions, LLC and the Crump Firm Architects for multi-media presentation: St. Benedict at Auburndale Virtual Tour & Capital Campaign, Memphis, TN



MERIT AWARD
Charles T. Gaushell of Paradigm Productions, LLC, Breland Properties (Daphne, AL), Reg Moore Architects (Destin, FL) and Glatting Jackson (pool designers) for rendering of Pool Area for Shores of Panama, Panama City, FL

HONOR AWARD
R. Scott Carter of Paradigm Productions, LLC and Jim Montefort Architects for Exterior Illustration of Damien House, Crested Butte, CO



HONOR AWARD
R. Scott Carter of Paradigm Productions, LLC for Myrick Gurosky & Associates website: www.mgandassociates.com

HONORABLE MENTION AWARD
R. Scott Carter of Paradigm Productions, LLC and Self Tucker Architects for rendering of Oak Hill Baptist Church, Memphis, TN



HONORABLE MENTION AWARD
R. Scott Carter of Paradigm Productions, LLC and The Crump Firm for Exterior Illustration of Temple Israel, Germantown, TN

MERIT AWARD
R. Scott Carter of Paradigm Productions, LLC and The Crump Firm for Multimedia presentation of Temple Israel, Germantown, TN

HONOR AWARD
Ace Torre of Torre Design Consortium, LTD for Master Plan Brochure: Little Rock Zoo, Little Rock, AR

HONORABLE MENTION AWARD
Ace Torre of Torre Design Consortium, LTD for Rendering of: Safari Africa Exhibit, Tampa, FL

HONORABLE MENTION AWARD
Ace Torre of Torre Design Consortium, LTD for their website: www.t-dcl.com

MERIT AWARD
Ace Torre of Torre Design Consortium, LTD for Rendering of: Nighthouse for LSU's Tiger, Baton Rouge, LA

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Ace Torre of Torre Design Consortium, LTD for Rendering of: the Tropics of the Americas Exhibit at Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park, Palm Beach, FL

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Ace Torre of Torre Design Consortium, LTD for Master Plan: Waterfront Development and Downtown Revitalization, Moss Point, MS

MERIT AWARD
Ace Torre of Torre Design Consortium, LTD for Master Plan: Memphis Botanical Garden, Memphis, TN

HONOR AWARD
John Eblen, ASLA, CLARB of Mathes Brierre Architects for Rendering of: Preliminary Site Plan, Manders Residence, Algiers Lower Coast, New Orleans, LA

HONORABLE MENTION AWARD
Alex Alkire, CCS of Parsons Wible Brummal Alkire Architects, Inc. for: Alterations and Additions to Harris & Davis Elementary Schools, Montgomery, AL

HONORABLE MENTION AWARD
James W. Vinson, RA, CSI, Mississippi Department of Transportation Architect & Thomas L. Clarke, Jr., FCSI, CCS, CCPR, CCCA; Mississippi Department of Transportation Architectural Construction Manager; for Project Manual for: Build Maintenance Area Headquarters, Starkville, MS

MERIT AWARD
Arthur L. Kelly, AIA, CCS, Laura Rasmussen, and Melanie Robinson, CSI, CCS of Cromwell Architects Engineers; for Project Manual for: Medical Office Building for Urologic Specialists of Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK

MERIT AWARD
Arthur L. Kelly, AIA, CCS, Laura Rasmussen, and Melanie Robinson, CSI, CCS of Cromwell Architects Engineers; for Outline Specifications for: Medical Office Building for Urologic Specialists of Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK



Gulf States Region CSI 2004 Competition Awards

MERIT AWARD

James C. Bagley, AIA, CCS, CSI of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc.; MW/Davis Dumas & Associates, Inc. Mechanical Engineers; and Jackson, Renfro & Associates, Inc., Electrical Engineers for Outline Specifications for: Lakeview Center - Eastchase Office Building, Montgomery, AL

MERIT AWARD

Dan Melton, CSI of Pryor & Morrow, Architects; for Project Manual for: Oxford University Bank, Oxford, MS

MERIT AWARD

Dan Melton, CSI of Pryor & Morrow, Architects; for Model of: Merchants and Marine Bank, Pascagoula, MS

MERIT AWARD

Christopher Faulkner of Sherlock, Smith & Adams, Inc. for Model of: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Church, Elmore, AL

MERIT AWARD

Barry Scairono, AIA of Scairono Martinez Architects, APAC for Program for: New Desire Community Center, New Orleans, LA

MERIT AWARD

Architectural Team of Alliance, Inc. for an interior rendering of the Administration Building Lobby at Southern University, Shreveport, LA. presented by Jody Raney, CSI

MERIT AWARD

Brian L. Tune of Tune Design Architecture for their website: <http://www.tunedesign.com>

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Douglas B. Caywood, Associate AIA, CSI, CDT of Kirkman Associates, Architects for recently published Architecture Book: "The Designer's Workplace: Ultimate Office Design" (Architectural Press, London)

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Todd Walker, AIA of Archimania for firm brochure

MERIT AWARD

Heath Perry, CSI, CDT of Guild Hardy Architects, PA for: "Consultants' Guide to Specification Standards"

HONOR AWARD

Behrokh "Berok" Khoshnevis, Professor; D. J. Epstein Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering; University of Southern California, Los Angeles for your Innovation in Construction Technology through Contour Crafting as shown on: <http://www-rcf.usc.edu/~khoshnev/RP/CC/Contour%20Crafting.htm>

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Architecture Month —September 2004

AIA Memphis and Memphis Heritage, Inc. have established a variety of events to engage the public in the exploration of architecture. The greater objective is to foster a better understanding of how we respond to our built environment, and what elicits these responses. Ultimately this knowledge will inspire, from the how owner to the city planner, design that elevates the human experience. This, coupled with a understanding of our past and a commitment to preservation, will make our city stronger in the years to come.

Beginning August 26th through September 30th, AIA Memphis and Memphis Heritage will be hosting a variety of events from lectures and exhibits, to special events and programs. Many activities are free and open to the public.

Architecture Month Events

Art by Architects

Opening Reception: Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects (ANFA)
Thursday, August 26, 2004, 5-8 pm
Exhibit: ANFA, August 26-September 30, 2004

Architects as Artists? Come see for yourself! The kick-off event for Architecture Month will be at Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects.

ART+architecture

August 26th - September 30th
Traditional and non-traditional galleries throughout the Memphis Area will showcase art of various mediums focusing on Architecture throughout September.

Building Cities: The Architectural Profession Unveiled

August 29-October 17, 2004 @ The Brooks Museum of Art
An educational exhibit on architecture addressing the evolution of a profession, tools then and now, the architectural design process and the citizen architect. On display at the Brooks Museum of Art throughout September.

Architecture and Our Youth: 2004 Design Competition

Opening Reception: Memphis Heritage, Friday, August 27, 2004, 6:30 pm
Exhibit: Memphis Heritage, August 27-September 23, 2004
Design Competition throughout the city to facilitate experiential learning. 4th - 12th grade level children will be asked to respond to buildings and spaces around them through art. The select works will be on exhibit. Free and open to the public.

Architecture Lecture Series

Wednesday, September 1, 2004, 7-9 pm: John Connell, architect, artist, author
Tuesday, September 21, 2004: Thomas Hylton, Preservationist (tentative)
Wednesday, September 29, 2004, 7-9 pm: Carol Coletta, Executive Director of the Mayors' Institute Of City Design and host of "Smart City"
First annual lecture series showcasing local and national speakers on a variety of topics related to architecture, planning and preservation.

Preservation and Service: Saving Historical Memphis

Saturday, September 11, 2004, 9 am-12 noon (Raindate: Saturday, September 18) Sites TBD
Service project(s) throughout Memphis emphasizing the interdependency of preservation and service. Volunteers will visit a historic site, learn about its history and then participate in 3 hours of service on site including landscaping, painting and cleaning. This project is in partnership with Hands On Memphis.

2004 Memphis Preservation Awards

Thursday, September 23, 2004, 6 pm, Historic Parkview, Poplar at Overton Park
Annual event co-sponsored by Memphis Heritage, Inc. and the Memphis Landmarks Commission. Honoring noteworthy preservation projects in historic. Free and open to

the public.

Book Release "What I Call Home" Soon To Be Released

The first in what will become a series of architectural themed coffee table books focusing on Memphis highlighting Memphis Architects and the homes they have built for themselves. Proceeds from book sales benefit the Tennessee Foundation for Architecture. To reserve your copy contact AIA Memphis at 525-3818.

Living the Vision: An Architect's Home Tour

Details TBA
Looking for good design ideas for your home? Interested in knowing how Architects design spaces for themselves? Tour the homes of some of Memphis' top Architects.

Architects Spaces: Behind the Scenes

Friday, September 24, 2004, 5:30 - 8pm
Memphis Architecture Firms and Friends of the profession will open their doors for this tour offering the public an opportunity to see the work environments of our cities great visionaries of the built environment, and meet the architects who work there. Free and open to the public. For a list of participating firms please contact AIA Memphis.

7th Annual AIA Memphis Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, September 25, 2004, Downtown Memphis, 12 noon registration
1-4 pm The Hunt, 4 pm After Party at AIA Memphis
Annual AIA event where architects and community teams of four compete in Downtown Memphis against a 3 hour clock, and the other teams, to uncover architectural clues.

For ticketed events, please contact AIA Memphis at 525-3818 for more details.

Wren's Western Output

by Annette Wren, FCSI, CDT

Attention to all of you that use architectural coatings: If you are in a state like California that has "Air Quality Management" agencies, then you are already experiencing Hell. If not, listen up! You do not want to follow our example. We have overzealous employees of these agencies that are compromising the integrity of our architectural coatings. This battle has been raging for years with the coatings industry that is responsible for a fraction of a fraction of the amount of pollution that goes into the atmosphere. In this "never ending saga" of Rule 1113, the following article by Robert Wendoll will give you the current status of specifying paint.

ARCHITECT JAILED FOR SPECIFYING ILLEGAL PAINT By Robert Wendoll

April Fools! Just wanted to get your attention - but, "Hey, it could happen!" Did you know that Rule 1113 of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (covering all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties) applies equally to anyone who makes, sells, uses, or specifies architectural coatings? Obviously, it pays to keep up with the current requirements of Rule 1113 - which isn't always easy, because the rule is so frequently amended, and many requirements have "future effective" dates that roll around before you know it.

Some of the requirements of Rule 1113 are strictly the responsibility of

manufacturers, such as labeling products with certain information. For the specifier, Rule 1113 requires that any architectural coating specified for use within the district must comply with the applicable VOC content limit given in the rule, and coatings must not be specified for uses that are inconsistent with the definition of the applicable coating category. If you're not familiar with the rule, this might take some explaining.

"VOC" means Volatile Organic Compound; that is, the evaporative organic (carbon-containing) solvent content of the coating. Most solvents are petroleum distillates, or chemicals derived from petroleum. And, yes, even waterborne latex paints generally have some amount of organic solvent in them. As solvents evaporate, under the right conditions, their vapors may contribute to the formation of ground-level ozone, which is an air pollutant. So, the district limits the amount of solvent that paints and coatings can contain, setting limits in terms of grams of VOC per liter of coating ("g/L").

Architectural coatings (that is, paints or coatings that are applied to stationary structures and their appurtenances) comprise a wide variety of product types, differing in composition, appearance, performance, and intended use. Some types need more VOC than others, so Rule 1113 classifies coatings into a number of categories. Each category is defined in the rule, and assigned a VOC content limit. To ensure that higher-VOC

coatings are not misused as substitutes for lower-VOC products in other categories, certain restrictions apply. For example, Rust Preventative Coatings may be specified for use on metal substrates only, and in residential or commercial facilities only. A Rust Preventative Coating may not be specified for use at an industrial facility, unless the coating happens to comply with the VOC limit for Industrial Maintenance Coatings.

OK, take a deep breath if you need to - that works for me when this stuff starts to give me a headache. But now comes the fun part.

Determining product compliance is no longer just a matter of checking the VOC content number on a data sheet. To encourage manufacturers to make VOC reductions wherever possible, and to provide flexibility in offering certain higher-VOC products while meeting overall VOC reduction goals, the district now allows manufacturers to use an innovative, alternative compliance option called "averaging." Averaging allows a manufacturer to supply some products with VOC contents above the limits, so long as they can be offset by other products with VOC contents below the limits. In this way, compliance with the limits is achieved "on average." Manufacturers are solely responsible for managing their averaging programs to assure compliance.

What this means for you, as a specifier, is that you may specify products with VOC contents above the applicable limits if those products are covered in a manufacturer's averaging program. This


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option preserves higher-VOC products capable of performance that cannot, as yet, be duplicated in lower-VOC versions. Not all categories are allowable for averaging, but most major categories are, including: Flat Coatings; Non-Flat Coatings; Primers, Sealers & Undercoaters; Industrial Maintenance Coatings; Rust Preventative Coatings; Roof Coatings; Stains; and Waterproofing Sealers.

Check with the manufacturer to determine whether specific products are covered in an averaging program. Such products will also be marked on the label with a "Circle A" symbol, indicating that the product complies with the applicable VOC content limit in Rule 1113 by means of averaging.

So, what's next? New limits become effective on January 1, 2005, for coatings in the following categories: Lacquers,

Clear Brushing Lacquers, and Pigmented Lacquers (all at 275 g/L); also, Roof Coatings (50 g/L) and Aluminum Roof Coatings (100 g/L). After that, the next big hurdle comes on July 1, 2006, when drastically lower limits are scheduled to become effective for 13 categories, including most of the major categories. Expect to see sweeping changes in product lines at that time, as well as more manufacturers using the averaging option. And beyond that, well, time will tell....

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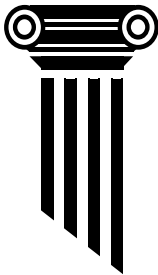
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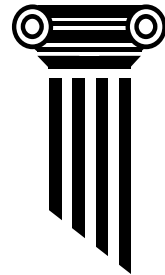


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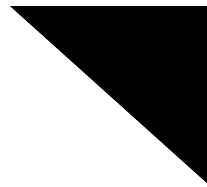
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