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AIANH Presents Box City Program at Housing Conference

AIA New Hampshire recently presented a session at the New Hampshire Housing's 11th annual statewide housing conference on "NH Box City: Building a Community."

Adapting our curriculum, which was written for fourth-grade students, the AIANH team worked with adult attendees of the conference, giving them a hands-on experience of one of our Learning by Design programs.

Bruce Hamilton AIA, Bruce Ronayne Hamilton Architects Inc. led the session, assisted by **Douglas Bencks AIA**, University of New Hampshire; **Rob Garand**, Dennis Mires, P.A., The Architects; and **Scott Vlasak AIA**, Bruce Ronayne Hamilton Architects Inc.



A completed Box City: far right, Bruce Hamilton AIA. Third from right, Scott Vlasak AIA. Others are some of the conference participants.

Box City is one of several programs in the AIANH Learning by Design Program. Other programs include: Shoebox Clubhouse, Neighborhood Walking Tours, Introduction to Architecture (middle school), Bridges and Structures (middle school), and the High School Design Competition. The Learning by Design



programs teach children about architectural design, city/planning and people processes, all of which influence how our cities work. Students learn about the challenges that face our cities: preservation, new technology, environmental concerns, growth, safety, and planning for the future.

Bruce, Doug, Rob, and Scott work together on a regular basis to bring these educational outreach programs to the state's elementary, middle, and high schools. Other volunteers

for the programs and the Education Committee include Leslie Thomas AIA, Thomas

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Perspective

Point of view from the president of AIANH



Bruce Hamilton AIA
President 2009

San Francisco, the host city of the AIA 2009 National Convention offered more than 800 exhibitors of new products and technologies. The educational experiences were extended beyond the parameters of the convention hall. Attendees were offered more than 70 educational tours that allowed you to visit the many historic and contemporary landmarks found in the San Francisco area. One memorable highlight of the convention this year was a tour titled "Stanford University: Where Tradition meets Contemporary."

Stanford University's campus rests on a broad plain at the base of gently rolling hills covered with oak trees. To the north, the vista from campus opens to a breath taking view of the San Francisco Bay and the Sierra del Monte Diablo beyond. Leland and Jane



Sandstone Archways lead to the Inner Quad

Stanford founded the University in 1885 as a memorial to their son and only child, Leland Stanford, Jr., who died of typhoid fever shortly before his sixteenth birthday in 1884.

Frederick Law Olmsted, a landscape architect was selected to develop the campus master plan. The collaboration between Olmsted and Stanford resulted in an extraordinary conjunction of formal memorial space and a natural, western setting and created a campus distinctly Californian in structure, color, and atmosphere.

Decorative uruses, composed of terra-cotta veneer over concrete, trim the north side of the Outer Quad. The special beauty of the Main Quadrangle comes from the simple massive stone forms, detailed carving on the arches and columns, and the signature red tile roofs. The Inner Quad buildings surround a large courtyard. Eight planters break the vast expanse of interlocking pavers and provide a pleasant place to pause and reflect or enjoy a picnic. Memorial church is the focal point of the Main Quadrangle – the principal building that is seen as the visitor approaches the University along Palm Drive from Palo Alto, with its extensive mosaics, stained glass windows, and stone carvings.

Starting in front of the church, the visitor's eye is drawn upward to the simple Celtic cross that crowns the top of the façade. The three arms end in a trefoil shape, which is the emblem for the Trinity. This cross is a recurring symbol in the church.

Moving back from the façade, the church appears seamlessly integrated into the repeti-

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Young Architects Forum

by Michael McKeown, Assoc. AIA

Intern/Young Architects Design Competition

It's that time of year again. The time just before the holidays when there is a stir among Young Architects about "who is going to take 1st place in this year's Design Competition." Mo Gagnon AIA, Drew Queen, and Shawn Buldoc AIA are among the names of such famous designers, etched into the imaginary monument of rising stars in New Hampshire.

In all seriousness though, what has become more and more apparent in the past four to five years is that the amount of design talent in the state has increased greatly. That, or there are more who are willing to take the time to show the state that they are among the talented by participating in the competition.

Last year marked a banner year for the Annual Design Competition with the most entries submitted than any year before. Truth be told, the amount of entries almost doubled that of other years combined. This, I think has less to do with the specific type of competition, and more with the friendly challenge of showing others in the state what you've got as an up-and-coming designer.

This year's competition, though a little later in the season, and thus a little shorter in time-frame, expects to be equally as exciting and competitive. A few other factors will surely play a larger role in this year's participation. The first (which I hesitate to mention though am obligated to – due to the second) is the current trend in employment in state – the less is more approach to meeting payroll. The second and bright lining in the dark cloud of

unemployment, is the generous doubling of the award amounts this year by AIANH! Yes, this year the award amounts are double that of years prior.

1st Place gets \$1000, 2nd Place gets \$750, and 3rd Place gets \$500.

So, on to the good stuff. The details. This year's Design Competition is for an Addition and Renovation of the Wadleigh Memorial Library in Milford, NH. The current library is roughly 14,000 sf with the library proper being constructed in the early 1950s and an addition being added in 1986. The goal of the competition this year is to redesign the layout and program of the interior spaces to allow greater functionality, flow, and efficiency that should be inherent in a 14,000 sf library. Also, with the growth of the programs being held at the library and the stock of material continuing to grow annually the desire to add roughly 12,000 sf proves a challenge given the tight site constraints.

The library director and trustees have a strong desire for the building to be as sustainable and environmentally friendly as possible. They would like to retain a connection with the library proper's historic roots. They also wish to provide an environment that can be shared by the entire community. The library does conveniently sit in the middle of Milford's town center.

Registration is open and free to all those who meet the eligibility requirements. Keene by no later than 5:00 pm on December 7. Many more details can be found on the competition website: <http://www.freewebs.com/aianhyac/>

As is customary with the Design Competition, the Design Boards will be on display at the AIANH Awards Banquet in January at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester, NH.

Feel free to comment: michael.mckeown@lbpa.com. ■



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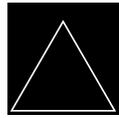
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Study Surveys State Code Enforcement Practices

Jerry Tepe, FAIA



Most states regulate and enforce accessibility in the built environment through the adoption of model building codes or the implementation of their own access code. State access requirements apply independently from those issued nationally, including the ADA standards. The Access Board has sponsored a study to explore innovative practices used by various states in implementing and enforcing their access codes. Conducted by Meeting the Challenge, Inc. in cooperation with the Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers, a national network of information centers on the ADA, the project featured consultations with building code and other officials in nine states to identify practices and recommendations for improving compliance and enforcement. Through interviews and surveys, the project team collected information on accessibility requirements in each state and

how they are enforced. Researchers also reviewed websites and other resources providing information on state access requirements.

The results of the survey indicate that state accessibility requirements and their application vary considerably by state. In most states, administration of the state building code is a shared responsibility between the state and local jurisdictions, and procedures to ensure compliance vary widely. Practices that were identified to promote compliance and enforcement include greater oversight at the state level, use of fines and other measures in response to code violations, and expanded opportunities for training and technical assistance. The study also highlights the benefits of having a state code certified by the U.S. Department of Justice under the ADA. As indicated by several states in the study with ADA-certified codes, certification provides reassurance that meeting the state code satisfies compliance with the ADA standards. Whereas most ADA violations are discovered after construction through complaints or lawsuits, certified state codes, depending on how they are enforced, enable violations to be identified and remedied before construction so that costly retrofits can be avoided. These and other findings are contained in the project report, "Innovation in Implementation and Enforcement of State Accessibility Codes," which is available on the Board's website at www.access-board.gov/research/state-codes.htm. ■

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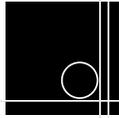
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State Building Code Review Board Seeks Adoption of 2009 Editions

Barbara Chalmers AIA, Building Code Review Board



The NH Building Code Review Board is working toward the adoption of the 2009 editions of the International Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Energy, Residential and Existing Building Codes. The Board is considering a number of amendments to the codes. Public hearings were held on the amendments October 9 and 23. The Board will vote on the amendments on Nov 13th.

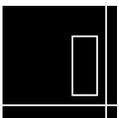
The Board's schedule, proposed and currently adopted amendments can be seen at www.nh.gov/safety/boardsand commissions/index.html.

Click on "Schedule," for Board meetings, Exhibits, for proposed amendments and State Building Code, for current code and amendments.

The Board anticipates that the 2009 International Codes will be effective in January 2010.

Architects and engineers, please be advised that projects requiring a building permit issued after December 2009, must be in compliance with adopted codes and amendments per their effective date. If you have questions, I can be reached at barbara.chalmers@lbpa.com. ■

New AIA Documents, Software Upgrade, and Documents on Demand



On November 3, AIA Contract Documents released the latest software version, 4.2. This ground-breaking release includes the following new documents:

- The C191-2009 Standard Form Multi-Party Agreement for Integrated Project Delivery (IPD)
- The updated B108™-2009, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect for a Federally Funded or Federally Insured Project
- The B202™-2009, Standard Form of Architect's Services: Programming

AIA has also issued a new Documents on Demand web-based service that allows users an internet connection to access 16 of the most popular AIA Contract Documents anytime, anywhere. Simply log onto <http://documentsondemand.aia.org>. Select the document you would like to purchase. You will then need to answer a few mandatory questions pertaining to your project. After payment is confirmed, you will be given a link to download a pdf version of the document you purchased. A link to the document instructions will be provided, if applicable. ■

Wanted: Legislative Committee Head

Do you pay attention to building industry issues and have opinions on what should be legislated? Are you interested in connecting with state legislative committee members throughout the country to discuss issues that affect us all?

We are in need of a new State Government Network Liaison and AIANH Legislative Committee chair.

This person acts as the eyes and ears of for our local chapter and AIA National at the State Capitol. The liaison shall monitor bills that may potentially affect the design and construction industry as they move through the state legislature and report to the Board Of Directors of any important legislation. On occasion the SGN Liaison may be asked to speak on behalf of the AIA regarding proposed legislation. You will have an established and experienced committee to work with consisting of David Udelsman AIA (retiring chair), Jerry Tepe FAIA, Art Guadano AIA, Chris Carley AIA, and Lisa DeStefano AIA.

AIA National provides a support group for the local SGN Liaisons to discuss issues which arise within each state. This group stays in contact via a listserv, occasional teleconferences, and group meetings two times per year, typically once in Washington, DC, and once somewhere else in the country. The trips are generally partially subsidized by AIA. A pro-active SGN Liaison would look to develop strong contacts in the state government & with allied professions, potentially recommend new legislation, and consider forming a Political Action Committee to further AIA goals. There is a great deal of support available from AIA National for this role and it is considered one of the most important grass roots efforts of the AIA.

For more information on the AIA SGN go to www.aia.org/advocacy/index.htm.

Additional committee members are also welcome.

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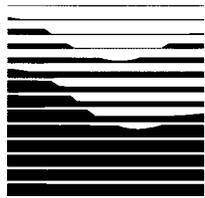
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Varnish from the Chair

by Robert Clarke, RLA



It's hard to believe it's been over two years since taking over as Chair of the GSLA. Time seems to get away from me as I juggle business responsibilities, my commitments to the various boards and organizations that I am a member of and most importantly have a happy and full home life. The members of the board and I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the GSLA for their time and support of our organization.

A new year is on the horizon and will be here before we know it. The GSLA has been busy this past year focusing on the legislative changes that are being recommended by the State as well as soliciting NH towns to adopt site regulation language that includes landscape architects. We are planning our agenda for the New Year as well as looking at ways that we can improve our service to our members and the industry as a whole.

After having heard from some of our members and a lot of thoughtful consideration we have decided to start a website specifically devoted to the GSLA. In order to get the website up and running and provide the best information to our members we will no longer be publishing articles in the *NH Forum*. December 2009 will be our last shared issue. Our new website address will be www.gsla-online.com. You can begin to visit us online starting in January 2010.

We would like to thank AIANH as well as the rest of the *NH Forum* Editorial Board;

Doug Bencks AIA, Bruce Hamilton AIA, Michael McKeown Assoc. AIA, and John Urdi AIA for all their support and for giving us a voice every month. A special thank you goes to Carolyn Isaak for all her patience these last two years juggling article deadlines, advertisements, and member lists! We truly have appreciated your efforts on our behalf.

I am hopeful that the next year will bring significant improvement in the economic landscape and reflect well for our industry. We welcome any feedback from our members that will help us support the industry and assist us in making membership with the GSLA beneficial and rewarding so please feel free to contact me anytime at rclarke@allenmajor.com.

In closing Beth, Mike, and I would like to wish all of our members, friends and colleagues a happy and healthy holiday season.

See you in cyberspace!

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Complexity of the Visual Impact Analysis Should Fit the Size and Scape of the Project

by Terri-Ann Hahn as printed in the *New England Real Estate Journal*

When designing a new project or rehabilitating an existing project, what the potential visual impacts of the project will be varies depending on the location of the project. Although the laws in most states indicate that no one is "entitled" to their existing view unless they purchased a view easement, the reality is that most Planning and Zoning Boards require that an applicant acknowledge and address that the existing views of the project and from the surroundings will change. The complexity of review will depend on the location of the project, the sophistication of the opposition, and type of project being proposed.

In the late 1960s to the early 1980s, several federal agencies developed procedures for determining what the visual affect a project might have and how to modify the project to minimize that affect. The National Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service all developed models that remain in use today. Each of these models has the same steps. First, identify the view points and viewshed affected by the project. Second, classify the visual resources within the viewshed. Third, rate both the visual resources affected and the potential change to the views. Lastly, identify mitigations to reduce or eliminate the changes to viewshed in accordance to how the impact has been rated. All these agencies identify landscape architects as the qualified professional to complete these visual studies.

Unless your project is a large scale road project (like the relocation of I-95) or regionally required project (like a trash to energy plant and cooling stack), most site specific development projects will require a scaled down version of a full blown visual impact assessment (VIA).

The scaled down version of a VIA is known as, in descending order of complex-

ity, a visual impact analysis, or a viewshed report, or a view study. Each of these has the first and last steps in common with the federal models. Every analysis of potential visual impacts should locate where views of the property will be affected by the proposed project. This is usually presented in a Viewshed Map. If you are lucky, the project landscape architect will determine that only the adjacent properties will be affected after a site visit and drive around. Your project viewshed is then very limited and you can go on to the next and last phase - mitigation.

Typically, if your viewshed is limited, most of the potential visual impacts can be addressed by small modifications to the building location and planting. We always recommend that the potential visual impacts, even on small projects, be considered at the beginning of the project. Small changes to the building configuration and placement are far more effective than relying on just planting and do not necessarily result in reduction in building size or parking.

Once the project has a viewshed beyond the immediate neighbors, a viewshed report or visual impact analysis would be required to address questions regarding the potential visual impacts. For larger projects or ones that have organized opposition, the viewshed report or visual impact analysis must be prepared by a qualified professional who is required to determine the nature and characteristics of both the existing and future views of the project. The professional must provide a judgment regarding the level of potential impact on the viewer. This is very different from simply acknowledging that there will be a change in view. Landscape architects are considered to be the only professional trained in landscape aesthetics and for this reason, landscape architects are usually the only professionals qualified to prepare visual impact analysis or the more complex VIA.

Overall, the complexity of the visual impact analysis should fit the size and scope of the project. As there are various sizes of projects, visual impact reports also vary significantly in complexity from before/after pictures to a VIA looking at a one mile radius. There are acknowledged procedures for each level of review. Because determining if there will be visual impacts requires an aesthetic understanding of both the existing and future conditions, and requires a professional judgment to determine if the mitigation will be successful, landscape architects are uniquely qualified to prepare these reports. ■

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tive arches of the colonnade. Its importance is highlighted by the intricately carved arches that mark the entrance. This feature and the rounded arches and shortened columns are characteristics of the Richardson Romanesque style. Although the architecture is very much in the tradition of Richardson Romanesque, the addition of the decoration suggests the spirit of the American Renaissance style.

Inside the Memorial Church, standing in the central aisle and looking up toward the



Buff-colored sandstone used to construct Quadrangle building



View of Church Interior

chancel over the pews, is the perfect place to view the chandeliers. They are in the Art Nouveau tradition with the decorative patterns cast in pot metal and gilded. Pieces of highly textured blue glass cover the insides of these lattice work designs.

Standing at the center of the Quad and looking toward Memorial Church, we are reminded that it is not only the center of the campus but also a place of inspiration.

On a brilliant California day, with one's eye drawn upward to the Byzantine splendor of the golden mosaic on the façade, it is easy to appreciate why the epigraph *Domus Dei Aulo Coeli* – “The house of God, the forecourt of heaven” – inscribed in the vestibule is so appropriate.” ■



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Bid Protest Filed Against PLA Agreement



North Branch Construction, Inc., has filed a bid protest with the General Accounting Office against a government-mandated project labor agreement (PLA) for construction of a new 160,000 square-foot U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Job Corps Center project in Manchester, NH, currently out to bid.

As the awarding agency, the DOL is requiring the use of a discriminatory and costly PLA on the project. A PLA will require that the general contractor awarded the project either exclusively use union workers or apply inefficient union apprenticeship and work rules on its existing workforce. More than 91 percent of New Hampshire's construction workforce does not belong to a union and ultimately could be eliminated from the opportunity to work on this project.

"The solicitation's PLA requirement unnecessarily restricts competition and violates the federal Competition in Contracting Act," said Ken Holmes, president of North Branch Construction.

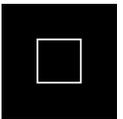
Under a typical PLA, employers and workers are required to make contributions to union pension funds and other union programs,

which the majority of the New Hampshire construction workforce will never be eligible for or benefit from unless they join a union and become vested in these programs. In addition, these employees would be forced to pay union dues to labor unions in order to work on a project funded by their own tax dollars.

"Since August 2008, New Hampshire's construction workforce has suffered an 18.6 percent increase in unemployment," said Holmes. "A PLA on this project is bad economic policy. It will unnecessarily increase the cost of construction of this taxpayer-funded project and it will prevent non-union workers from competing, possibly increasing unemployment in our state."

"Government-mandated PLAs do nothing to guarantee lower costs, better quality, timeliness or results," said Holmes. "The largest and most successful projects completed every year in New Hampshire are built on time and within budget by New Hampshire-based companies and without PLAs. Free and open competition, unhindered by a special interest handout, is needed to ensure that taxpayers receive the best federal construction project at the best price." ■

Clinton Sheerr Award Nominations



The Clinton Sheerr Award for Excellence in New Hampshire Architecture honors and promotes New Hampshire architects and architecture that exemplify excellence in design at the highest level. Deirdre Sheerr-Gross AIA created the fund for the award, held by the NH Charitable Foundation.

- The Award will be given to an individual primarily domiciled for the past five years in New Hampshire.

- The award will consist of a cash prize of \$1000 and an accompanying certificate and will be announced at the Annual AIANH Awards banquet, January 15, 2009.

- Applicants should submit a one-page

(maximum) nominating letter and may append back-up materials. It is anticipated that the applicants and their work will be reasonably well-known already to the New Hampshire architectural community. Materials submitted may be used in the promotion of the award.

- You may self-nominate or nominate another.

- Send nomination letters to the AIANH office, PO Box 398, 310 Marlboro St. #2, Keene, NH.

- Since the notices were mailed a little late this year, nominations will be accepted through Dec. 15.

For more information go to: www.aianh.org/action/awards.shtml. ■

Details...

Banwell Architects are designers for the new Windy Hill School on the campus of Colby Sawyer College in New London, NH. **North Branch Construction** has been awarded a construction management contract to build the school, which will be completed in the Spring of 2010.

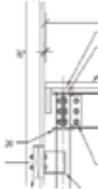
The Windy Hill program at Colby Sawyer is a College-Community Partnership providing families of the area with day-care, kindergarten, and after-school programs serviced by the students and faculty of Colby-Sawyer's Social Sciences and Education Program. The new facility will bring the program under one roof, which currently is housed in the lower levels of the Abbey and Burpee residence halls. The new Windy Hill School will feature classrooms with built-in kitchens and computer work areas, seminar rooms, two technology-enabled "smart" classrooms for child development classes, an early childhood curriculum laboratory, and resource library along with faculty offices.

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The Education Committee is currently working on programs for next spring by confirming dates with interested schools. We are

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Location: Lee, NH
Owner: Town Of Lee
Architect: Dennis Mires The Architect

Project Type: Town Homes At Abingdon Square
Cost: \$3,237,000

Location: Goffstown, NH
Architect: John Jordan Design PLLC
Engineers: TF Moran,
Criterium Turner Engineers
Gen. Cont.: Glen Builders Inc.

Project Type: SERE School Barracks
Renovations (Bldg H-21)
Cost: \$3,564,071 (Govt. Estimate: \$4,057,801)

Location: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Owner: US Dept Of Navy
Architect: Oak Point Associates
Gen. Cont.: Rand Enterprises Inc.

Project Type: Student Apartments
(Bryant Park West)

Location: Durham, NH
Owner: Park Court Properties
Architect: CJ Architects
Engineers: Appledore Engineering Inc.,
Consulting Engineering Service, MJS
Engineering
Gen. Cont.: Jewett Construction

Project Type: Senior Living Apartment
Building (The Meeting Place) (32 Units)

Location: Exeter, NH
Owner/Developer: Felder Kuehl Properties
Architect: Burnell/Johnson Architects
Engineers: Civilworks, Downing Engineering,
Anderson Consulting Engineers
Gen. Cont.: AW Rose Construction LLC

Project Type: PSNH Mobile Substation Facility
Location: Bow, NH

Owner: Northeast Utilities Service Co.
Architect: Udelsman Associates
Engineers: TF Moran, Reno Engineering,
Design Day Mechanicals
Gen. Cont.: Hutter Construction Corp

Project Type: Emergency Response Building
Location: Colebrook, NH

Owner: 45th Parallel EMS
Architect: TMS Architects
Engineers: Horizons Engineering,
CSI Engineering, SCADD Inc.
Gen. Cont.: AR Couture Construction
Project Type: Building Addition (Rental Lodge)
(McIntyre Ski Area)
Location: Manchester, NH
Owner: McIntyre Ski School
Architect: Lauer Architects PA
Gen. Cont.: Laplante Builders

Project Type: Elderly Housing
(South Porter Street)

Location: Manchester, NH
Owner: Manchester Housing &
Redevelopment Authority
Architect: Dennis Mires The Architect
Engineers: Keach Nordstrom Associates,
Reno Engineering, Design Day
Mechanicals, SW&C Engineering
Const. Mgr: Eckman Construction

Project Type: Belknap Family Health Center
Location: Meredith, NH

Owner: Lakes Region General Hospital
Architect: Samyn Delia Architects
Engineers: Steven Smith & Associate,
Fisher Engineering
Const. Mgr: Stabile Companies

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Details...

Dennis Mires, P.A., The Architects announces the completion of the renovations at Great Bay Community College, Pease Tradeport, Portsmouth, NH., part of the Community College System of New Hampshire. This project enables Great Bay Community College to complete its move from Stratham and consolidate its operations at the Portsmouth campus. Eckman Construction Co., Inc., Bedford, NH was the Construction Manager. The project was completed August 2009.



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Calendar of Events

Nov 18-20 Build Boston 2009, Seaport World Trade Center, www.boston-hotel.seaportboston.com/home.asp

Nov 18-20 NH Local Government Center's 68th Annual Conference, 603-224-7447, www.nhlgc.org/LGCWebSite/Calendar/annualconference.htm

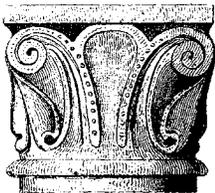
Nov 19 NH Accessibility Training...and more, 1-5 pm, Salyard Center for the Arts, Conway, NH. Presenters: Wendy Beckwith, Accessibility Specialist, Architectural Barrier-Free Design Committee, Governor's Commission on Disability; Andy Chalmers, Certified Mold Inspector; Kim Frechette, Certified Accessibility Inspector, Bergeron Technical Services. 2.5 AIA HSW CEUs. RSVP: kimf@bergerontechnical.com or 603-356-0022

Nov 20-21 2009 Watershed Conference: The organizing committees of the annual New Hampshire Watershed Conference and the New Hampshire Water Conference have joined forces to offer a single, comprehensive event for 2009. Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH. Friday is geared more for technical/professional audiences and Saturday is geared more for lay/volunteer audiences. Both days are for local officials and state policy makers. 603-271-2155.

Nov 21 NHSEA's Third Annual Home Energy Conference, Plymouth State University, www.nhsea.org/hec/

Dec 7-Jan 15 AIANH Excellence in Architecture Awards Submission Exhibit, New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester, NH.

Jan 15 AIANH Annual Awards Banquet, www.aianh.org/aia_events.asp



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