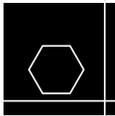


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*Awards Submissions on Exhibit Dec. 7-Jan. 15 at the
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The Board of Directors and Awards Committee of AIA New Hampshire are currently putting the finishing touches on the Annual Excellence in Architecture Awards Ceremony and Annual Meeting. This popular and fun event will be held at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester, Friday evening, January 19. Please join us!

During the evening we highlight not only the Design Awards, but the accomplishments of the Chapter as well. We'll have a jazz trio during the reception and dinner, and dessert and coffee after the ceremony so people can mingle a bit before leaving.

Photos of the projects are included in this issue, but try to drop by the French Gallery at the New Hampshire Institute of Art to see the Exhibit boards, the entries to the Intern/Young Architect Design Competition, and the entries for the Unbuilt Architecture category.

The exhibit runs Dec. 7 through Jan. 15. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday: 9 am - 5 pm and Saturday: 9 am - 12 pm. (They are closed the week of Christmas.) While there you can vote for *your* favorite projects in the People's Choice Award program (vote by Jan. 8). If you can't make it to the Exhibit prior to January 15, we have set up a system for you to vote online. Go to www.aianh.org/design_awards.asp. We'll announce the People's Choice winners the night of the banquet.

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In the meantime, the AIANH Board and staff wish you the happiest of holidays. ■

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Perspective

Point of view from the president of AIANH



Bruce Hamilton AIA
 President 2009

The first week in November, I attended a joint conference between the Association of Architecture Organizations (AAO) and the Architecture + Design Education Network (A+DEN) at the Chicago Architecture Foundation titled "Architecture and Design as a Catalyst for Change." Participants included Jonathan Glancey (*The Guardian*), Paul Goldberger (*The New Yorker*), Sarah Williams Goldhagen (*The New Republic*) and Blair Kamin (*Chicago Tribune*). An exciting panel discussion focused on the future of cities and the global issues they face such as climate change, political transition and economic shift. Events included a session on architecture festivals using social media, working with academic standards, developing green curriculums in our K-12 schools, and many more.



Chicago Model City, (the only accurate and up-to-date three dimensional portrait of Chicago's downtown) is an excellent testament to how architecture, design and urban planning can spark dialogue and interest in the environment around us. At the center of the exhibition is a large scale model of Chicago. While attending this conference, scores of attendees and the general public surrounded the model – pointing out landmarks, studying perspectives, and engaging in conversations with each other. Big plans for Chicago's future lie in a 76-foot hole, which contains the foundations for the Chicago Spire (by Santiago Calatrava). When this twisting 2000-foot tall residential skyscraper is complete, it will be the tallest building in North America.

While AAO focuses on the growth and support of architecture organizations, A+DEN is dedicated to fostering the development of architecture and design education across the K-12 curriculum at a national level. Founded in 2005, A+DEN provides a communication

network for a national dialogue about design education, as well as the ability for teachers and practitioners to share and disseminate best practices. The mission of the A+DEN Network is to serve as a channel for the sharing of information among all interested parties such as our Learning by Design program in New Hampshire, with the ultimate goal of increasing the number of K-12 educators and students in Learning by Design education in the United States.

Teaching architecture
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**Chicago Model City
 with Chicago Spire
 (Santiago Calatrava)**

Time to Intervene in the Modernist Cult

by David Brussat, reprinted with permission from The Providence Journal

LThe Providence Career and Technical High School was recently completed in Providence. David Brussat is a member of *The Providence Journal's* editorial board (dbrussat@projo.com). His projo.com blog is called *Architecture Here and There*.

What type of community isolates its members from society, brainwashes them into vilifying established ideas and replacing them with new ones couched in mystical jargon, then puts them, under strict discipline, back into society with a mission to seek its conversion?

A cult, of course!

Nikos Salingaros, whose theories of architecture I described on Nov. 5 in "Here's why nature nurtures tradition," wants to intervene in the cult of modern architecture. Okay, that's a step or two down from Moses, as I described him last week, but the world needs to be yanked out of its fascination with modern

architecture, and Salingaros is almost a one-man team of intervention. Friends don't let friends drive modern architecture.

Salingaros has just returned from Rome, where he was glad to learn of an appeal (petition) to get the Vatican to issue an edict against a recent spate — in Italy, God help us! — of new Catholic churches of stark modernist design. If even the Vatican requires an intervention to free it from the apostasy of the modernist cult, then who is safe?

A mathematician at the University of Texas at San Antonio, Salingaros researches how the chaos of nature resolves into regenerative patterns. Human beings, human societies, cities, streets, buildings, and all of the things that man produces reflect nature in patterns of growth that can be understood through the science of fractals.

Until the 20th Century, human growth and productivity, organized or organic, followed this natural way, for the most part uncon-

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Legislative Update: HB 2

For update on HB2, relative to consolidation of the Joint Board, see Robert Clarke's Column, page 6.



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Home in the Orchard, Hampton Falls, NH
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NE Mountaintop House, Squam Lake, NH
Albert, Righter & Tittmann Architects, Inc., Boston, MA
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Private Residence Warner, NH
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Faber Home, Gilford, NH
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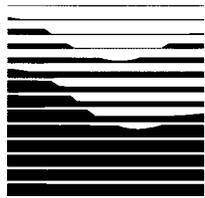
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“Varnish from the Chair”

by Robert Clarke ASLA

I wanted to update our readers regarding the proposed legislation to consolidate the Joint Board under the direction of NH DES. I just read the report of the Committee to Study Consolidation of Board and Commissions that was called for by the NH House bill (HB 2).

It has been recommended by the committee that a pilot program be established for consolidating the staff of 18 boards and advisory boards regulating the health professions only. Legislation has been submitted to accomplish the pilot program which looks to be modeled very similarly to the joint board. After having read the report it appears that the consensus of the committee is that the joint board overseeing licensure and certification is functioning well and so far no recommendations to change it are forthcoming. Like all things relating to legislation it is all subject to change therefore we will continue to monitor this as it moves forward.

On the national legislation level, Congressman Albio Sires (NJ) has introduced comprehensive legislation that would reestablish the goals and principles of the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Act (UPARR) that was so important to landscape architects. H.R. 3734, the Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act would provide grants to states and localities to create, rehabilitate, and maintain urban parks and recreational facilities across the country. “Under the legislation, the Secretary of HUD would give priority to projects that: connect children and other community members to the outdoors for

physical activity; connect to public transportation; and contain safe biking and walking trails or routes. Notably, eligible projects should also use environmentally beneficial features such as “sustainable landscape features,” tree canopy coverage, improved stormwater management practices and increased green infrastructure, which are all techniques that landscape architects excel at employing”. The measure also encourages and provides grants for community involvement and planning opportunities.

The ASLA Advocacy Network has put out a call asking for your support by please contacting your legislators about this legislation before Congress begins its upcoming holiday recess period.

To learn more about this legislation please visit the ASLA Advocacy Network website at: <http://capwiz.com/asla/home/> or <http://www.asla.org/GovernmentAffairs.aspx>

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Achieving Climate Prosperity

by Richard Swett FAIA, as published in the Washington Times, September 18, 2009

The debate over climate change has spent too much time describing the problem and debating its causes. Too little time has been spent on distributing solutions. It is possible to substantially reduce the global carbon footprint by profit-driven companies.

The press recently reported that by painting roofs white in the United States we could save 6.23 million metric tons of CO₂ emissions annually — equivalent to taking 1.2 million cars off the road. We actually have the ability to make energy savings that reduce CO₂ emissions by 13 percent nationally using new building software technology, which equals taking all the cars and trucks off America's roads. Those savings will also dramatically reduce America's dependence on foreign oil in only a few years.

Further, in developing countries, building software and solar technology have the potential to eliminate poverty by creating sustainable economies while housing 2.6 billion people in a decade.

Both of these goals can be achieved with no new taxes or government spending here or abroad. What we need is leadership for climate prosperity in the global private sectors. This leadership will come by combining cost-reduc-

ing efficient use of energy with a focus on doing what's right for the environment.

America's human-built habitat consumes 40 percent of our annual energy use.

Energy-smart virtualization of building design — the way Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp. build jet planes — allows the architect to build, test and use the building in simulations prior to construction. As the new Bank of

America building in Manhattan demonstrates by its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Platinum certification, energy use can be reduced by over 50 percent and construction costs can be reduced by 15 percent.

For existing structures, virtualization analysis can reduce energy costs by 35 percent, which is why companies like Wal-Mart are installing white roofs. In three years, the energy savings pay for the renovations, which is a business no-brainer.

Cars and trucks now use 12 percent of energy in the United States. Changing car fuel behaviors is a worthy but complicated and time-consuming affair and can have economically damaging effects on the automobile industry. Conversely, changing the fuel use of buildings for owners who stand to profit significantly is a straightforward and immediate business proposition, without the damaging consequences to employment (especially during a recession). America should move aggressively and fast on this front to reduce its energy consumption, costs, carbon footprint, and most important, to positively impact unemployment. Climate prosperity is common sense.

Consider now the 2.6 billion people globally that have no access to electricity, live in city slums, are extremely poor, and 1.3 billion of who are hungry, according to the United Nations. We could change all that in one decade with a little help from the sun.

Imagine families of six living under a 600-square-foot solar roof house. That's

433 million roofs, each of which could produce 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month. The family living in the house needs only 200 kWh per month for their basic requirements. Every roof has the potential to produce a surplus of 800 kWh per month.

By selling each roof's surplus kilowatt hours at the market rate, each family could buy their

house with a 20-year mortgage based upon a power purchasing agreement with their local utility and still have extra income to invest in their sustainable economy. This is a climate prosperity business proposition for the rich and poor nations on Earth.

The surplus 346 trillion kWh per month produced by those 433 million roofs, combined with appropriate services like education and health care from nongovernmental organizations, would transform poor nations into productive economic engines for climate prosperity with no carbon footprint. The effect on the Earth's climate, forests and water would be dramatic, as would be the reduction in wars and genocides driven by scarcity. As the 2.6 billion under those roofs improved their standard of living, global aid to the poor could be redirected from emergencies due to disease and starvation to long-term solutions such as job training.

Key national government leaders and private sector investment executives will gather in Copenhagen in December to discuss a Global Climate Prosperity Agreement. The agreement could provide adequate financing for projects like transformative solar roof power plants for developing nations. America should lead the fight in Copenhagen for climate prosperity that can empower 2.6 billion poor people worldwide to become sustainably productive and prosperous. Climate prosperity may even entice China and India to participate in the December agreement discussions.

We have been living with "climate change" for centuries. However, the addition of carbon into the atmosphere from industrialized countries and the explosion in global poverty are two converging problems that, left unattended, could destroy civilization as we know it today. Climate prosperity can be achieved in only one generation with just a little help from our sun, while no additional help is needed from the world's taxpayers. Climate prosperity is a business proposition for everyone on Earth. ■

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TMS Architects, Portsmouth, NH
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Lake Winnepesaukee Vacation Home, NH
Christopher P. Williams Architects, Meredith, NH
Gen. Cont.: Cargill Construction
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Fiorentino Group Architects, York, ME
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Lavallee Brensinger Architects, Manchester, NH
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Addition and Renovations, NH Institute of Art, Manchester, NH
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Details...

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Lakes Region presented **Chris Williams AIA**, with the 2009 Lakes Region Community Leadership Award at their recent annual celebration held at the Belknap Mill in Laconia

The Charitable Foundation and Leadership Lakes Region decided to offer this award in order to recognize the efforts of our community leaders who have gone above and beyond in creating a better community, and by doing so, hopefully encourage others to become involved.

Williams was recognized for his contributions over the last 25 years to the betterment of not only his hometown of Meredith but of the greater lakes region. In his professional capacity as architect and managing principal of Christopher P. Williams Architects PLLC, Williams has been instrumental in pulling together and directing the forces needed to preserve and enhance community character.

Williams has been involved in the restoration and reuse of historic homes and buildings throughout New Hampshire, including the award winning restoration of the Belmont Mill. Recently he was involved in organizing a charrette in Alton to address and resolve the needs of homeowners and the town to test preliminary criteria and concepts to rebuild 43 dwellings units lost to the Easter Fire of 2009. Williams has been active on many boards throughout the lakes region and has always been willing to donate time, money and support to preserve the cultural values and enhance the environment of the region.

Chris was the winner of the Clinton Sheerr Award for Excellence in NH Architecture in 2007, and over the years his firm has had many projects recognized in the AIANH Excellence in Architecture Awards program.

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ture to children in kindergarten through high school (K-12) was conceived of as early as 1937, when Walter Gropius advocated for "artistic training – which differing in degree according to the age of the pupils – would enable them to broaden their vision." When the AIANH Chapter began the Learning by Design program in the spring of 2004 for the elementary students in New Hampshire, the chapter's goal was to help students understand that the buildings where they live, learn, shop, worship, and play continually impact their lives daily and profoundly.

AIANH Learning by Design workshops utilize the problem solving process used in the creation of the built environment. They integrate the expressive activities identified with the design process with traditional academic disciplines such as language arts, math, science, and fine arts. Learning by Design education unifies the creative and cognitive, elevating student learning as it weaves a common theme through the diverse subjects of the school's curriculum. By using the built environment as a foundation for learning, AIANH Learning by Design education further engages educators and students to positively impact the formation and development of their surrounding community. The long term goal is to provide state-of-the-art learning experiences that nurture student's interests in our New Hampshire environment and to prepare students to apply for and exceed in institutions of higher education.

We are in need of more volunteers to fulfill the requests we have from schools to hold these programs. Can you offer up 3 afternoons a year to help? The Chapter will be holding a Learning by Design Volunteer night on April 1 to provide training for the workshops, answer your questions, and share some pizza! Please call the AIANH office if you are interested. We hope to see you there! ■



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MODERNIST CULT *Cont. from p. 3*

sciously. Then came modernism, and, most visibly, modern architecture, whose cult has converted society as if it were a virus. In his book "Anti-Architecture and Deconstruction" (2004), Salingeros writes that natural regeneration "unites matter, establishing multiple connections on different scales and increasing the system's overall coherence; whereas deconstruction undoes all of this, mimicking the decay and disintegration of form."

Salingeros identifies modern architecture as a form of deconstruction. He raises his eyebrows at its adherents' self-justification in terms of "deconstructionist" thinkers such as Michel Foucault and Jacques Derrida. Deconstructionists believe that tradition must be undermined before supposedly enlightened ideas (often Marxist) can prevail. Serious efforts to commandeer law schools and departments of English, at least, largely failed in the 1980s, but schools of architecture had swallowed an earlier version of this Kool-Aid by 1950.

Salingeros argues that celebrity architects such as Frank Gehry, Daniel Libeskind, Zaha Hadid, etc. — modernism's "deconstructivists" — reflect such thinking. "[D]econstructivist buildings," he writes, "resemble the severe structural damage such as dislocation, internal tearing and melting suffered after a hurricane, internal explosion, fire, or (in an eerie toying with fate) nuclear war."

In a behavior right out of Cult 101, modernists have tried to tie their own work to the science of fractals. "I was puzzled to read an entire chapter in [Charles] Jencks's book entitled 'Fractal Architecture' without hardly seeing a fractal. . . . I can only conclude that Jencks is misusing the word 'fractal' to mean 'broken' or 'jagged.' . . . He has apparently missed the central idea of fractals."

Recent modern architecture in Providence has shied away from such extremes, except for one building. Unfortunately, that single exception is a school, the city's new Career and Technical High School — a frightful thought indeed.

If I were to tell most modern architects I know that they were part of a cult seeking to convert the world to an architecture of decay and destruction, they would look at me as if I had two heads. At the same time, I've heard many tales of horror from students in architecture schools that confirm Salingeros's description of them (especially studio classes) as star

chambers of humiliation designed to brutally snuff out independent thought.

"Architecture schools," Salingeros writes, "are training graduates who are indoctrinated into deconstructivist philosophy, yet are unable to design a simple building fit for human sensibilities. . . . Our civilization appears to be so complacent with its recent technological progress that it does not recognize threats to its very existence. . . . None of this is even remotely perceived by either practicing architects or students who would become architects because the discipline has become entirely self-referential." That is so totally true.

So much so that even the Vatican nods as diocese build churches that symbolize falling down rather than looking up. Architecture is what we all look at every day, and in ways that other scientists are studying it can affect our mood — and maybe our ability to reason and to love. That is scary. Is anyone listening? It suddenly occurs to me that Nikos Salingeros is actually Paul Revere.

(Readers can go to my blog to find a link to petition the Vatican against modernist apostasy.) ■

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CM: Adams Point Contracting, Inc.
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Proctor Academy Peabody House
Andover, NH
Lavallee Brensinger Architects,
Manchester, NH
CM: Trumbull-Nelson Construction Co.
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Monadnock Mills No 2 & No. 6
Claremont, NH
UK Architects, PC, Hanover, NH
CM.: ReArch Company LLC
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Eastman South Cove Activity Center,
Grantham, NH
Warrenstreet Architects, Inc., Concord, NH
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Lavallee Brensinger Architects, Manchester, NH
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Hanover Co-op Community Market, Hanover, NH
UK Architects, PC, Hanover, NH
CM: Trumbull Nelson



Davis College of Business, Jacksonville, FL
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Tin Mountain Conservation Center, White Mountains Region, NH
Christopher P. Williams Architects, Meredith, NH
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Stewart Associates Architects, Laconia, NH
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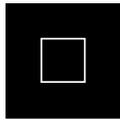
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New AIA Trust Website & Resources



The AIA Trust launched an all-new website this past summer. In addition to detailed program listings on all of the insurance, financial, and legal programs offered to AIA Members and Components, important resources are easily available including:

- White Papers on Cutting Edge Risk Management Topics, such as The ABC's of E-data to help manage the liability of electronic information, Managing the Risks & Embracing the Benefits of Going Green, and Risk Management Ideas for Condominium Projects.
- Reports & Reference Guides on current topics such as the Annual Survey of the Professional Liability Insurance Industry, a report on insurance coverage issues for professional practice for those who are making the transition to running their own firm, retirement planning guides, and a summary on programs offered for small firms—to name a few.
- Self Assessment Tests to receive learning unit credits—and coming soon—a webinar on small firm programs with special incentives for new “starter” firms—stay tuned!
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Update on Residential Code in NH, Re: Sprinklers

The International Residential Code (IRC) 09 Sec 313 requires sprinklers in new townhouses and effective 1/1/11 in one and two family dwellings. Several amendments have been offered to the NH Code Review Board:

Exhibit 74 (<http://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldg-code/documents/exhibit74.pdf>) by the Home Builders removes the requirements, placing them in an optional Appendix R. The amendment increases the fire-resistant wall requirement between townhouse units to two hrs. from one.

Exhibit 84 (<http://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldg-code/documents/ex84.pdf>) by the NH Fire Prevention Society retains the townhouse sprinkler requirement but makes sprinklers optional in one and two family dwellings.

Exhibit 85 <http://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldg-code/documents/ex85.pdf> by Jerry Tepe places the one and two family dwelling requirement in an optional Appendix R but retains the townhouse mandate.

The Code Review Board has scheduled a day-long session for Dec. 11 to work on amendments. The board postponed the effective dates of all codes until April 1, 2010 to allow all involved parties time to prepare.

Calendar of Events

Dec 7-Jan 15 **AIANH Excellence in Architecture Design Awards Exhibit** for 2010 submissions, NH Institute of Art, 148 Concord St., Manchester, NH. Vote for your favorite projects in the People's Choice Awards Program.

Jan 15 **AIANH Excellence in Architecture Design Awards Annual Banquet**, NH Institute of Art, 148 Concord St., Manchester, NH, 5:30-9:30 pm. www.aianh.org/aia_events.asp

Jan 19 Annual Winter Meeting, NHPGA and NHLA at the Courtyard Marriott, Concord, NH, \$45/ person for 1st person, \$42.00 for each additional person from same firm. Register by Jan. 13, checks payable and mail to: NHLA, 50 Debbie Ln., Eliot, ME 03903; 1-800-639-5601 or NHLA@comcast.net

Feb 3-5 **AIA Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference**, Washington, DC, www.aia.org

Feb 3-5 NE Grows Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA; www.NewEnglandGrows.org

Feb 10 **AIANH Continuing Ed Workshop**: Box lunch and Workshops: Sustainability and Green Building Practices, presented by Canadian Housing Agency, Audubon Center, *HSW/SD AIA CEUs*, www.aianh.org, www.aianh.org/aia_events.asp

Feb 17 **3rd Wednesday, AIANH Young Architects gathering**, LBPA, www.aianh.org/aia_events.asp

Feb 25 16th Annual Conference and Eco-Marketplace; Expanding the Ecological Landscape MassMutual Center, Springfield, MA; 617-436-5838; www.ecolandscaping.org/conference.html

Mar 9-11 NESEA, Building Energy 10, Seaport World Trade Center Boston, www.nesea.org

Mar 17 Redevelopment and Revitalization for the New Era; NH Planners Assoc. 4-5:30 pm, Webinar; NH Office of Energy and Planning, Concord, NH; 603-271-2155

Mar 20-21 2010 Old House and Barn Expo. Center of NH, Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH; www.nhpreservation.org

Mar 25 **The Sustainable Use and Production of Eastern White Pine**, sponsored by AIANH and Secoast Mills, 2-5 pm followed by barbecue, Brentwood, NH, 3 *HSW/SD AIA CEUs*. www.aianh.org/aia_events.asp

Apr 1 **AIANH Learning by Design Volunteer Workshop**, training and pizza! *AIA CEUs*, More details to come.

Apr 15 Residential Design and Construction convention and tradeshow, BSA, *AIA CEUs available*, www.architects.org



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Therme Baths, Vals, Switzerland; designed by Peter Zumthor, winner of the 2009 Pritzker Prize

photo by Taylor Rogers

"I had to sneak the camera in while everyone was at Sunday brunch and steal some shots of the floating roof."

Taylor Rogers is a native of Lebanon, NH and a recent graduate with a Master of Architecture from Virginia Tech. The picture was taken on a semester abroad program in the spring of 2008.

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