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Accessibility Updates for 2016

Presenter: Michael Ellars, AIA, CSI, LEED AP, CASp  
Date: February 24th, 2016  
Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Place: Woodland Hills Country Club  
21150 Dumetz Road  
Woodland Hills, CA 91364  
Earn: 2.5 CEU's HSW  
Cost: AIA members = $65.00 cash/check; $69.00 credit card  
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AIA San Fernando Valley

Cordially invites you to the

29th Annual Installation & Design Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 23rd, 2016  
6:30 pm  
$125 per person

Woodland Hills Country Club  
21150 Dumetz Road  
Woodland Hills, California 91364

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January 15th, 2016  
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The AIA/ALA Library Building Awards is the only program that recognizes the entire structure and all aspects of their design.

Entries may be built anywhere in the world, but they must be designed by architects licensed in the United States.

Deadline: January 15, 2016 at 5 p.m. (Eastern).

Enter here: http://www.aia.org/practicing/awards/AIAB083450?utm_source=Lyris&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Call+for+entries:+Best+in+library+design&utm_term=marketing&utm_content=1341241&mid=Call+for+entries:+Best+in+library+design&sid=LyrisListManager&lid=marketing
Or, just go to AIA.org and search for the ALA Library Building Awards.
San Fernando Valley has had another memorable year in 2015. “The little chapter that could” has done it again. Our budget is solid, our board for 2016 looks to create even more new and exciting experiences for all of our membership.

Golf was a huge success—with thank you’s going to Peter Puzo, chair, and members Kenny Lee, AIA; Murray Siegel, AIA; George De La Nuez, AIA; Vladimir Elmanovich, AIA and Matt Epstein, AIA. Here’s to another outstanding job!

Design Awards was another great success with lots of entries and many winners. The Design Awards and Installation Banquet will be
a great chance to see the winners and hear comments from the jurors. This success is owed entirely to the wonderful chairs of this event: Keong Ng, AIA and Richard Gemignani, AIA. You guys just keep on going-and we are so grateful to you for your efforts!

Both tours for Stahl House and for Hollyhock House were sold out. Thank you goes out to chapter members Randy Thomson and Desha Ferris, Associate AIA, who were instrumental in arranging these events for us. If demand is high enough (and we hope that it will be), the chapter is happy to arrange additional dates for tours to accommodate interested parties. Do let the chapter know if you want to participate in both or either of these tours.

Next year brings ADA programs to the fore—and, again, we are scheduling 3 separate events at 2.5 CEU’s each so all chapter members will be able to take advantage of two out of three evenings for continuing education that is required to renew licensure for the California Architect’s Board.

So what can we expect from next year? National is going to monitor all chapters for what they consider a baseline of required services. Chapters will be placed on a temporary status if these requirements have not been met. That will give a chapter a year to remedy and fix outstanding issues. According to the checklist the chapter has received, we are close to meeting all required criteria. Clarification needs to be made as to interpretations for some areas, but the AIA/SFV appears to meet all criteria necessary to remain a chapter. After all, the

Leslie Nathan demonstrating the comforts of a chair being auctioned off by Michael Heiss, and Michael auctions a lounge chair,
These jackets are for sale at the chapter office for $20 each.

Wind and water resistant, fully adjustable waist, with a hood in the collar, zipper front, nylon mesh lining, two pockets and featuring the embroidered AIA/SFV logo.

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*Work it*

Murray Siegel!

This past year has brought the creation of CHARETTES to our membership. I hope that we will get many participants for our December design scheme. It has been exciting and challenging to come up with a simple design, yet interesting enough to grab your fancy. This has been an opportunity for a quick design with you as the architect without dealing with an owner. Design for the sheer joy of it. No hassles—a simple deadline and a chance to win $1,000. What a gift. And we have chapter member Murray Siegel, AIA, to thank for this program. Any ideas you have for sketches are always welcomed. And all ideas for new program topics are also welcomed.

The chapter continues to work with the Economic Alliance and local politicians to keep construction moving. The board has a new committee to view the issue of “Mansionization” and the backlash of slowing down permitting and construction that this law is creating. This problem was brought to the board by Robin and Joel Jaffe—both AIA chapter members who have closely followed the negative effects that have been a result of this law in their local Tarzana neighborhood.

All issues that are brought to the chapter’s attention are addressed at the local or state level. So when you have an issue to share regarding our profession, please let the board know.

And how can we not honor our board member and friend from Earth Systems—David Murray!!! Dave is our master guru who e-mail blasts everything to the chapter. Dave—we would be lost without you! Keep on Smiling and do that voodoo that you do so well!

Scholarships to Woodbury students continue. We owe a huge thank you to chair Mike Silva for all of his hard work and dedication to this event!

Much of this year’s success has come about because of our leadership of 2015 president, Miguel Maio, AIA. Miguel—thank you for your strong leadership. It has been a joy to work with...
you this past year! The 2015 Board has been really responsive and nimble. Thank you all.

We also owe a huge thank you to our outstanding sponsors who are always willing to work with us: Stock Building Supplies—David Dean; JELD-WEN—Bob Zimmerman; Timely Door Frames—Andres Gomez; Angelus Block—Roger Beckett and ARC—John Coats. These are good friends and willing partners. They can help and answer any and all questions you might have in their various fields. We hope you will contact them in the coming year! (And remind them that you are calling because of their terrific contributions to our chapter!)

As we start the holiday season, Veronica joins me in wishing you good health and much happiness for the coming year. We look forward to a joyous 2016 loaded with interesting programs, fun events and activities for us all. So, drink some eggnog, enjoy many holiday feasts with friends and family, exchange presents and don’t forget to remember all that makes us thankful. Here is hoping for a New Year of much joy, World Peace. Of course, we also wish for interesting elections, easy opportunities to lower carbon emissions, painless building department permitting processes, and great prosperity for us all. Thank you for all of your good wishes for my husband, Michael, who is recovering well—I know that that is what I wished for this year—so my holiday is already filled with joy. My dog, Lucy, just wants a large dog bone and lots of cuddles. My son, Daniel is doing well in his new career in economic development for the athletic department at UC Riverside. I think he wishes that I would win the lottery. (Well, that’s a great wish, so I think I will keep it on my to-do list.)

Best wishes to all of you. And let’s get ready to enjoy 2016!
Sincerely,
Leslie
These severe restrictions are being proposed to reduce dirt hauling and construction traffic. Instead of addressing these issues directly like neighboring cities have done, these proposed policies would restrict property owners' abilities to build homes as they see fit. This will result in a significant drop in property values for home owners as well as a drastic drop in business, hurting the bottom line for all professional and construction firms that build homes in these communities.

The first proposed change would eliminate green building incentives – the use of sustainable construction materials, highly efficient heating and cooling systems, water-saving devices, and drought-tolerant landscaping. In exchange for building "green," homeowners are allowed 20% additional square footage using a green building bonus. With the proposed changes, these bonuses would not just be reduced – they would be gone altogether.

Additionally, Los Angeles' current regulations on excavating and hauling dirt exempts grading for basements, allowing for construction matching the sites existing topography which enhances a home's natural daylight in habitable spaces without creating additional massing above ground which may impact neighboring properties. Instead, Los Angeles is proposing changes to no longer exempt grading for basements, reducing the allowable size of basements by thousands of square feet for all hillside-area homes.

When combined, these proposed changes reduce allowable home sizes by up to 50% for hillside-area homes. Moreover, these proposed measures will negatively impact property values — not just on the sites of proposed homes, but on the value of neighboring properties.

Our new organization, the Coalition for Responsible Development, is engaging with City Officials and Community Groups so that we can proactively address the real issues of construction impact mitigation measures without being subject to proposed City policies that decimate the ability of property owners to build a home that fits within existing City guidelines.

We want you to be part of our Coalition so that there are strong voices calling for sensible policies on hillside homes. Our message is clear: these proposed restrictions would devastate new home development in the hillside area while drastically reducing property values, and instead, we should address responsible development & property rights with an emphasis on mitigated construction impacts such as grading and hauling without sacrificing home values or economic productivity.

The City Planning Department has announced a series of public hearings to hear from the public on the proposed changes to the Zoning Code. If they don't hear from you, they will only hear from those who want to see these new restrictions take effect. Coming to these hearings to provide testimony is essential for concerned property owners and members of the development community to make their voices heard.

We've attached a hearing flier with detailed information on each of these hearings, which will be held on the following dates and times:

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Attending these hearings in person is a highly effective way to let the City know where we stand as property owners and the development community.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can still provide input: take less than 15 minutes out of your day to weigh in on this issue, and write an email to: hagu.solomon-cary@lacity.org

Or, you may call Hagu Solomon-Cary directly at (213) 978-1394.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for being a strong voice on behalf of the development community in Los Angeles. This is a critical matter for all of us. Please feel free to contact me at (310) 994-6657 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
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Coalition for Responsible Development
President & Founder
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San Fernando Valley Museum Open House

A Mid Century Modern Exhibit is currently on display at the museum, and will run until spring.

(L. to R.) Museum President Scott Sterling, AIA/SFV Executive Director Leslie Nathan, and Board Members Jackie Langa, and Lee Davis standing next to Stahl House, Case Study House no. 22, model which was constructed by Randy Thomson.

Mid century modern chairs from the exhibit.

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Senior CAD Operator (Agoura Hills)
Must understand architectural drawings & details, commercial architecture industry standards, as well as be able to work quickly and efficiently on multiple projects simultaneously. Preferred restaurant and architectural experience.

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Senior Project & CAD Manager (Agoura Hills)
Job Description:
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3. Prolific Auto CAD Architecture, Commercial Buildings/Restaurants
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5. Field all calls from job sites to interpret intent and answer questions for general contractor and sub-contractors
6. Review projects with consultants continually to correlate all services
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8. Field all questions with clients, update, status, jobsite progress, etc.
9. Review projects progress schedules and establish completion dates with client
10. Work with all local agencies for preliminary review and requirements, establish submittals for permitting
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13. Maintain accuracy control on all projects

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