

Residential Design Forum: Unwrapping the Design Process

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015 | SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY - CENTRAL BRANCH – THE WASHINGTON MUTUAL FOUNDATION ROOM * all sessions/speakers subject to change

How do you consistently deliver high quality design to accommodate population growth in a tight real estate market, while contributing to the economic vitality and standard of living for future generations? Explore the critical role of innovative residential design for livable communities at this full-day forum for architects, interior designers, engineers, contractors, and other design professionals. Sessions will include presentations and discussions on new challenges and innovative approaches in residential design and process, what's next for design details and materials, and key housing affordability issues.

8.30-9.00 am REGISTRATION and Continental Breakfast

When you exit out of the elevators and make a right, you will see a staffed table with someone ready to check you in. Breakfast and coffee will be available in the Howard S. Wright Family & Janet W. Ketcham Meeting Room.

9.00-9.10 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

AV Goodsell, MPS | Program Manager | AIA Seattle

Day of Moderator: Susan Ingham, AIA | 2015 Residential Design Forum Planning Task Force Chair, and Principal | KASA Architecture

9.10-10.40 SESSION 1. Design Process

Ray S. Calabro, FAIA | Principal | Bohlin Cywinski Jackson

Ross Chapin, FAIA | Principal | Ross Chapin Architects

Paul F. Hirzel, AIA | Professor and Master of Architecture Graduate Coordinator | Washington State University Moderated by John DeForest, AIA | Principal | DeForest Architects

Ray Calabro, Ross Chapin, and Paul Hirzel will present their work not only in terms of "what" they design, but "how" they design. What are the key processes, tools, and methods that enable them to do their best work? How are design decisions being made throughout the process? The use of traditional methods as well as leading-edge technology will be explored, in addition to gaining insight into how each architect approaches and solves design problems.

10.40-12.00 SESSION 2. Keynote Presentation: Leaving the Porch Light On

Frank Harmon, FAIA | Principal | Frank Harmon Architect

Architects design a tiny percentage of the houses built in America. Yet the design of a home is an opportunity to experience one of the fundamental joys of life. Frank Harmon's talk about the architect and the single family home will address:

- How the landscape can create a larger and more useful house.
- How the weather can become an element in design.
- How the DNA of small, carefully crafted houses can be translated into larger buildings and landscape.
- How designing good homes for a few can impact a multitude of families who think they can't afford sunlight, fresh air, and comfortable chairs in their own homes.

The history of modern architecture suggests that the ordinary events of people's lives are the generators of good design. These events might be as simple as sunlight on a chintz tablecloth at breakfast or the glow of a porch light at night. As architects, then, how do we enrich and validate the everyday?

12.00-1.00 LUNCH in the Howard S. Wright Family & Janet W. Ketcham Meeting Room next door

1.00-2.15 SESSION 3. Unlocking Home: Three Keys to Affordable Communities

Alan Durning | Executive Director | Sightline Institute

David Neiman | Member of the City of Seattle Housing Affordability & Livability Advisory Committee and Principal | Neiman Taber Architects

Alan Durning takes a hard look at urban housing and sees what many others have missed. Hidden in city regulations is a set of simple but powerful barriers to affordable housing for all. These rules criminalize history's answers to affordable dwellings: the rooming house, the roommate, the in-law apartment, and the backyard cottage. In effect, cities have banned what used to be the bottom end of the private housing market. They've made urban quarters expensive and scarce, especially for low-income people such as students, seniors, blue-collar workers, artists, and others who make our cities diverse and vibrant.



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2.15-3.45 SESSION 4. Design Details and Materials Panel

Nils Finne, AIA | Principal | FINNE Architects

Jonathan Junker | Executive Officer and Designer | graypants Steven Rainville, AIA | Principal | Olson Kundig Architects

Nils Finne, Jonathan Junker, and Steven Rainville will each discuss how the details and materials of a project informs their work, both in terms of design process and of the overall design concept. A range of scales will be illustrated, from larger building details and material choices to the smaller scale of furniture and lighting.

3.45-4.00 BREAK

4.00-5.00 pm SPECIAL PANEL DISCUSSION. Unwrapping the Design Process and What's Next

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5:00 pm PROGRAM CLOSE