

## Monthly Meeting ●●●●●●●●

April 16, 2008 | Wednesday 11:45

Our April luncheon will be held at **The Montgomery Country Club** in the Colonial Room.

### Speaker and Sponsor | ●●●●

Our guest speaker and sponsor for the April luncheon is **Mary Kathleen Murphy**, Product Specialist for **Epic Metals Corporation**. Mary Kathleen will be providing an educational seminar on the use of structural decks as multi-functional architectural ceilings. She will be introducing a variety of specialty decks through project photos and physical samples.

Epic Metals Corporation, founded in 1969, continues to be the innovative leader in the design and production of long-span roof and floor deck ceiling systems with acoustical options. These include Epicore, Wideck, and Envista. These specialty EPIC Systems allow the entire structure to be open and exposed; creating a heightened ceiling area for natural light to enter the structure through window walls. Additional features were designed into EPIC roof and floor deck ceiling systems to maximize their functionality. Specialty hangers, access panels, and deep cells accommodate various utility systems (including sprinkler pipes, electrical, lighting) either hidden internally or hung externally. The acoustical features of EPIC systems eliminate the need for additional acoustic control. Applications of these systems used in conjunction with exposed structural framing systems are only limited by the designer's imagination.

## President's Message | ●●●●●

Every so often it's important to recant history so that those that are young or new to a community or an organization may become familiar with its origins. If we don't, this information will slowly fade and those that are the founders or knowledge base will eventually be lost. Fortunately for me our Chapters history is rather brief, only 43 years worth, so I didn't have to search too far to find the following information which was enthusiastically provided by Mr. Charles Humphries.

The Montgomery Chapter of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) represents the central area of the state of Alabama and is comprised of approximately 160 members. The Montgomery Chapter area includes; Autauga, Barber, Bullock, Butler, Chambers, Chilton, Coffee, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Russell, Tallapoosa and Wilcox counties. Our chapter was chartered on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1965 and was previously an association of architects known as the Montgomery Architects Group. The Montgomery Chapter was one of 6 regional chapters, at that time, which comprised to make up the Alabama Chapter, The American Institute of Architects. The 1<sup>st</sup> president of the Montgomery Chapter was Mr. Parker Narrows.

The Alabama Chapter of AIA was chartered on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1955 and is one of five states, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee which comprises the Gulf State Region.

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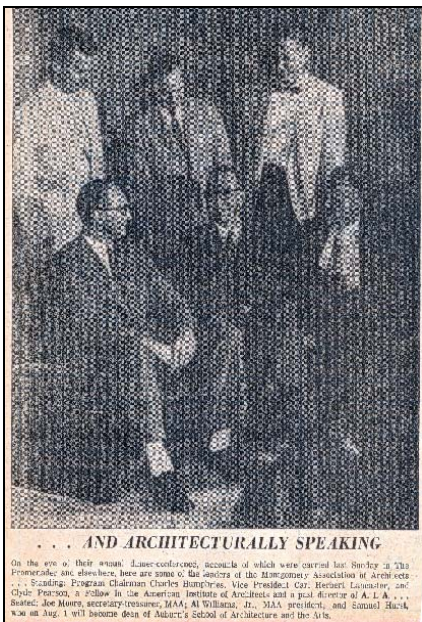
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# ELEVATIONS

NEWSLETTER

THE MONTGOMERY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

This information will be provided on our new web site which will be introduced at our luncheon next week. We are looking at creating an archival area on the web site which will be used to collect pictures, news clippings, accolades and other historical information of and about the members of our chapter and will allow us to keep a running historical account of the Montgomery Chapter. We feel that this web site will not only provide a more efficient means of communication for our members, but will also provide a link between the Montgomery, AIA Chapter members and our community.



I would like to make a request of you. I have finally obtained a copy of our by-laws and would like to ask for three or four of you to form a committee to review them and to provide any necessary revisions. Given a quick glance over, I have noticed that there are many by-laws that we no longer abide by and I feel that we need to relook at how we operate our board and return to the by-laws or we need to update the by-laws to current operational procedures.

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Douglas McNab, AIA  
President

## March Meeting Recap ●●●●●●●●

The March monthly luncheon was held at the Montgomery Country Club and sponsored by **Imaging Technologies**.

The meeting was opened by the Chapter President, Doug McNab, with guests and new affiliates being welcomed. Doug provided the members an update on the Chapter's web site development and first annual Award Banquet. Don Brown updated the group on grassroots and Gary Greenshields provided an announcement regarding the upcoming State Convention. Past president Ray Williams was presented the Past President Certificate by the Chapter for his contribution in the past four-years as a board member.

Jim Bradley of Imaging Technologies was introduced by the Chapter Secretary, Stephen King as the sponsor for the luncheon. Freddie Lynn, Chapter Pres-Elect introduced the guest speaker Nathan Norris. Nathan Norris is the Director of Implementation Advisory with PlaceMakers, L.L.C., and a multi-disciplinary firm that helps developers and municipalities plan, design and sells places designed according to traditional town planning principles that are embodied in the SmartCode. He spoke to the group in regards to the SmartCode, and placemaking as an economic development tool. Afterwards, the Chapter presented Nathan with the AAF book, *Community in Alabama: Architecture for Living Together*.



Ray Williams receiving the Past President Certificate during the March Chapter Luncheon.

## Congratulations | ●●●●●●●●●●

**William M. Pearson, AIA** of Montgomery, whom was presented with the Distinguished Architect Award for 2007 at the Alabama Council AIA Award Gala in Birmingham. The award acknowledged Mr. Pearson's distinguished work at the office of Pearson Humphries & Jones.



**Jimmy Seay, Jr., AIA** of Montgomery received the Alabama Council AIA Accolade Award during the Council Award Gala in Birmingham. Mr. Seay was recognized for his untiring efforts on behalf of intern architects and his promotion of the intern development program to educators, students, intern architects and registered architects.



**Gary Greenshields, AIA** of Montgomery for being the recipient of the President's Award during the 2007 Alabama Council's Awards Gala in Birmingham. Gary was recognized for his tireless efforts working on the Alabama Building Commission Fee Schedule.



**Don Brown, AIA** of Montgomery accepting the Member Service Award during the 2007 Alabama Council's Awards Gala in Birmingham. Don received the award for his grassroots efforts and his continuous efforts at AIA National.



The Alabama Capitol was given the Significant Building Award during the 2007 Alabama Council's Awards Gala in Birmingham. The 19<sup>th</sup> Century building had been sensitively restored and renovated by **Nicholas Holmes II, FAIA**.

## Announcements | ●●●●●●●●●●

We are pleased to announce three new affiliates to the Montgomery Chapter. **Debbie Salter, Gaye Smith and Michael Smith** of **Business Interiors, Inc.**

Business Interiors specializes in providing sales and service of contract furnishings throughout the state of Alabama. Headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, with additional showrooms in Montgomery and Huntsville, their experienced sales staff offers in-house design, CADD specification, project management, warehousing, and installation for a complete offering of services to the client.

You can contact them at 334-396-4404 or look for them at our monthly luncheons.



The Montgomery Chapter AIA web site has been completed and will be personally presented to its members by the Chapter President, Doug McNab during the April luncheon. The board members have been working with Amye King of PoppySeed Design since the start of the year to develop a site that our members will not only find informative but also beneficial. You will be able to access the site after April 16<sup>th</sup> at <http://www.aiamontgomery.org>. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and opinions of the web site.



The annual Auburn University College of Architecture, Design & Construction Benefit Golf Tournament will be Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Arrowhead Country Club, Montgomery, Alabama. Registration begins at 7:00 am and Shotgun at 8:00 am. Lunch and awards ceremony immediately will follow golf. For more information contact Richard Meinert at 334-834-9666 or Eddie Eiland at 334-269-4080.

The Montgomery Chapter AIA Design Awards are currently being organized for 2008. The Award Gala is being planned in conjunction with the Chapter's annual Christmas Party in December. Committee members are needed to assist in developing the program, organizing the event and to provide overall creativity to the gala. If you are interested please contact **Douglas McNab** at [dmcnab@crcarch.com](mailto:dmcnab@crcarch.com).



The 2008 **Draw Montgomery Art Competition** sponsored and organized by the Montgomery Chapter is currently underway with final submission due by April 18<sup>th</sup>. The competition is a juried art exhibition open to all students of the river region that are enrolled in the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The formal viewing and award ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm at the Armory Learning Arts Center in Montgomery. Refreshments will be provided. For additional information please contact **George Edmondson** at 262-3868.



The history of the Montgomery Chapter AIA is being compiled for inclusion into our new website. If you have any information, documents or pictures please contact **Douglas McNab** at [dmcnab@crcarch.com](mailto:dmcnab@crcarch.com).



**Please take Special Note:**

The April Elevations will be the last Chapter newsletter that will be emailed to Chapter members, affiliates and sponsors. All future newsletters will be posted on the Chapter's new web site at <http://www.aiamontgomery.org> for viewing at your convenience. The board's goal is to have the newsletter posted by the second Wednesday of each month. Please continue to send event listings, announcements, and acknowledgements for inclusion into the newsletter to Stephen King at [sking@brownchambless.com](mailto:sking@brownchambless.com).

## Upcoming Events | ••••••••

April 16

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon**  
The Montgomery Country Club  
Montgomery, AL

May 6

**Draw Montgomery Award Ceremony**  
Armory Learning Arts Center  
Montgomery, AL

May 9

**Auburn University College of  
Architecture, Design & Construction  
Benefit Golf Tournament**  
Arrowhead Country Club  
Montgomery, AL

May 15 - 17

**National AIA Convention**  
Boston, MA

May 21

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon**  
The Montgomery Country Club  
Montgomery, AL

June 19 - 22

**Alabama Council Annual Convention**  
The Battle House  
Mobile, AL

December

**The Montgomery Chapter AIA Design  
Awards Banquet**  
Montgomery, AL