

Monthly Meeting ●●●●●●●●

November 19, 2008 | Wed 11:45

Our November meeting will be held at **The Montgomery Country Club** in the Colonial Room.

Speaker and Sponsor | ●●●●●

Our guest speaker for the November luncheon is **Kristy Ruff** of **Graniti-Fiandre**. The program Kristy will be presenting is a CEU seminar regarding ventilated exterior tile wall system. Ventilating type façade and wall coverings were developed to protect buildings against the combined action of rain and water while providing high level aesthetic characteristics and the undisputed advantages of heat insulation and soundproofing. She will be discussing sustainability, green buildings, and sustainable design.

Jenkins Brick Company is the sponsor for our November luncheon. Jenkins is one of an ever decreasing number of American owned and operated brick companies in the United States today. The company is in the 5th generation of leadership under the Jenkins family and takes pride in the fact that American craftsmanship and ingenuity is alive and well within their organization. This is Jenkins Brick second sponsorship of a CEU seminar this year for the Chapter members.

During our luncheon, the Chapter will be drawing for two tickets to the Alabama vs. Auburn football game on the 29th of November. The winner will be drawn from those members attending the luncheon. We express our appreciation to **Alabama Gas Company** for providing the tickets.

President's Message | ●●●●

I hope and pray that this message finds you and your families in good health and financially sound during a time when this country and countries around the world are facing very uncertain economy. We have just come through 2 years of campaign rhetoric and a historic election, and beginning January 20th we will have a new administration. An administration that brings with it the hope of many citizens of this country and many positive promises that were made during the campaigning. Hopefully the promises of Change that were made, will become promises fulfilled and that these promises will bring with an economic turn around and a strengthening of patriotism. One positive for the economic downturn is that historically for every downturn there has always been an upturn.

I and the members of the Board would like to thank the firms that contributed projects to the Inaugural AIA Montgomery Design Awards and would like to extend an invitation to all to come to the Inaugural Design Awards Gala, formerly the AIA Christmas Party, to be held on Thursday, December 11 at the new Renaissance Hotel downtown. The chairman of the jury, **Michael Gamble**, will provide commentary of each project. As the old Cajun Chef, Justin Wilson, would say, "I guarantee you will have a good time!"

"What's good politics is bad economics; what's bad politics is good economics; what's good economics is bad politics; what's bad economics is good politics. Or...what's good politics is bad economics and vice versa, vice versa." *Eugene Baer*

(No idea who this guy is but his quote sounded appropriate for today)

Douglas McNab, AIA
President

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NEWSLETTER

THE MONTGOMERY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

October Meeting Recap | ●●●●●●

The October meeting was the Chapter's October Fall Party held at The Marina Bar & Grille in Montgomery. This annual event was once again graciously sponsored by **Southern Sash** and **McAdams Commercial Flooring**. The Chapter expresses a great appreciation for their time and effort in this event.

As always, the event was well attended with approximately fifty members in attendance. The night was perfect for the great food, cold beverages and a casual atmosphere. After a few oysters and cold beverages, Chapter President **Doug McNab** presented the 2008 Mike Barrett Memorial Award to **Mike Jenkins**, Chief Executive Officer of Jenkins Brick Company. This award was created in 2005 by the Montgomery Chapter to recognize the outstanding contributions of an individual to the architectural profession. Mike Jenkins has definitely earned this recognition from our profession.



Chapter President Doug McNab (right) with Mike Jenkins – 2008 Mike Barrett Memorial Award Recipient.

Announcements | ●●●●●●●●●●

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Please join the Montgomery Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in celebrating our **Inaugural Design Award Gala**. The Gala will be held at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa on Thursday the 11th of December. The cost is \$25.00 per person with Corporate Tables for eight available for \$200.00. Invitations will be mailed to all members the week of Thanksgiving. RSVP requested by the 9th of December to sking@brownchambless.com or by phone to Stephen King at 334.834.8340.

6:30 pm	Reception
7:30 pm	Dinner
8:30 pm	Award Ceremony

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THANKS TO YOU!

The following letter was received from Mike Jenkins on November 3, 2008.

Yet again I thank you for the Mike Barrett Award which you and your associates presented me the other evening. Receiving your professional recognition and in that manner is deeply meaningful personally.

*Respectfully,
Mike*

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The Montgomery Chapter would like express their appreciation to **Tuskegee's Department of Architecture** for their personal invitation to a reception held on October 27th at Tuskegee University. The Department was in the final stages of its NAAB accreditation visit and the students and faculty was hosting a reception for all Alumni, local professionals and the NAAB team. The Chapter's Executive Board has express to Dean Dozier a desire in developing a closer tie with the Department, faculty and University in the 2008 year.



Tuskegee's Department of Architecture reception.
(pictured from left to right: Dean Burge, Jr. Ph.D., Stephen King, AIA, Cindy McKim, Doug McNab, AIA, Dean Dozier, AIA)



The Alabama Council AIA is pleased to offer a seminar on the **2007 Florida Building Code**. The date is Friday, November 14th in Birmingham. Additional information including location and time will be forthcoming in future mailings and emails from the Council.



If you are interested in becoming more active in your Chapter please contact any of the current members of the Executive Board. Several committees for the 2009 year are in need of participants and the Executive Board itself is currently looking for members interested in serving as Treasurer and Intern Director. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your Board members.

Registration Bill Update

The revised Registration Bill was agreed upon in principal at a Council Legislative Committee meeting on October 23 and at the Architect's Registration Board meeting on October 29th. The final language of this revised bill will be reviewed, and possibly approved by the Alabama Council at their meeting November 13th. We will post the bill that comes out of the Council meeting on the Montgomery Chapter's website. Please call special attention to Section 32-2-37 which now (unless changed by Council) contains language based on the NCARB Modal Law, which requires practicing architecture in the state to have a minimum 2/3 ownership by architects or engineers and a minimum 1/3 ownership by architects. As now written it also allows an existing non-conforming firm two years to comply. The next step will be to take the revised bill to allied industry representatives (engineers, contractors, etc.) seeking their support or an agreement not to object. Thanks to **Bill Wible** for keeping us informed on the bill's status.

Upcoming Events | ●●●●●●●●

November 14

2007 Florida Building Code Seminar
Alabama Council AIA Sponsorship
Birmingham, AL

November 19

Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon
The Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, AL

December 11

The Montgomery Chapter AIA Design Awards Gala
Renaissance Montgomery Hotel
Montgomery, AL