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Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara

Promoting Education in Support of Excellence in the Built Environment

N E W S L E T T E R



LETTER OF RECOGNITION

Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara 30 Year Anniversary February 26, 2013

WHEREAS, founded in 1983, the Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara is a public nonprofit charitable organization; and

WHEREAS, the historic Acheson House, built in 1904, became the headquarters of the Architectural Foundation. Acheson House is just one example of Santa Barbara's Victorian Italianate residential design; and

WHEREAS, a gift from a generous donor to the Architectural Foundation, the Acheson House is the first gift of this kind and magnitude to any architectural foundation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Architectural Foundation provides various programs such as Sabado and Domingo walking tours through historic De La Guerra Adobe, El Paseo, Meridian Studios, the Lobero Theatre, and more. The tours provide community awareness and appreciation of the history and beauty of Santa Barbara architecture; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Education Office Regional Occupational Program, the annual Architectural Design Competition challenges high school students to express creative solutions to building design problems; and

WHEREAS, the Kid's Draw Architecture program gives our Santa Barbara youth the opportunity to sketch historically significant buildings and landscapes of prominent local architecture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby congratulate and commend the ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION OF SANTA BARBARA as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 26th day of February, 2013.


HELENE SCHNEIDER
Mayor



Architectural Foundation Celebrates 30th Anniversary!

To start the 30th anniversary year celebrating the successes of AFSB, a special logo was created, an AFSB banner was fabricated to fly on the building, and the new website was launched. 2012 rolled into 2013 with the *Design Matters* joint exhibition at the Channing Peake Gallery featuring the **Kids Draw Architecture** (KDA) drawings and the American Institute of Architects Santa Barbara Chapter's recent design competition.

On February 26th we gathered at City Hall Chambers to receive an **official City of Santa Barbara proclamation** from Mayor Helene Schneider recognizing AFSB for 30 years of community service. On February 28th a 30th Anniversary Celebration was held to honor AFSB supporters. President Greg Rech dedicated a new bronze plaque mounted at the front entry to recognize major donors of the Acheson House Restoration Project.

Also in the spring, the **23rd Annual High School Design Competition (HSDC)** was held. Over 50 students from eight public and private county high schools were challenged to design a community center, taking into consideration accessibility, energy, and resource efficiency in construction and operation of the building. This year's winners are: First Place: Antonio Barrett; Second Place: Alyssa Katich and Stephen Ribet; Third Place: Andrew Gaytan. The program thrives with the supporting partnerships of the **Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club**, AFSB, and the **Santa Barbara County Education Office**. This year AFSB and AIASB architects helped in the creation of a **training video** implemented to help students prepare for the competition.

On a sunny Saturday in February, **Kids Draw Architecture (KDA)** visited **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** for the first time. Many beautiful drawings were inspired by the intriguing views and details of the building and gardens. In April KDA went downtown to experience and draw Santa Barbara's stately and delightful **Main Post Office**. Later in the month KDA visited **UCSB's Art, Design, and Architecture Museum** where the exhibition of LA modernist architects Smith and Williams could be seen. Many drawings of Storke Tower and the Plaza water gardens were created as well.

On June 20th the Acheson House opened up in style for the annual **Scholarship Reception and Award Ceremony**. A festive celebration on the garden patio was enhanced by delightful appetizers, Flamenco guitar and violin music, and excellent wines



AFSB president Greg Rech welcomes guests at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.



ROBERT ADAMS



Kids Draw Architecture sketch session participants enjoy the beauty of Our Lady of Mount Carmel church.

KIM SMITH



KDA sketch session volunteers at UCSB's Art, Design, and Architecture Museum.



Adams Elementary School students participate in Built Environment Education Program.

JEREMY WHITE

donated by Wedell Cellars. Past recipients assisted President Greg Rech in presenting the awards to this year's fifteen scholarship recipients. The announcement that **AFSB has given over \$1 million** in scholarships to 537 young adults over the years brought smiles and a round of applause. The garden's ornamental pear trees were beautifully pruned for the occasion, with work donated by **Quality Tree Care**. Three Japanese maple trees donated by **Don and Vera Bensen** are now happily rooted, and two large terracotta planter pots donated by **Mark and Catherine Montgomery** grace the patio garden.

Keeping with the AFSB "never a dull moment" mantra – this Spring the **Built Environment Education Program (BEEP)** volunteers built upon last year's successful 6th grade sessions at **Franklin Elementary School**, and implemented a new session at **Adams Elementary School**. A special summer session is being held at **Isla Vista Elementary School** and the program continues to grow in collaboration with the **Santa Barbara County Education Office** and **Santa Barbara Partners for Education**.

The **AFSB Walking Tours** team continues to provide tours of historic downtown Santa Barbara each and every Saturday and Sunday with special tours available upon request. Popular with visitors and residents alike, the Walking Tours program continues to grow each year while highlighting the unique architectural heritage of Santa Barbara.

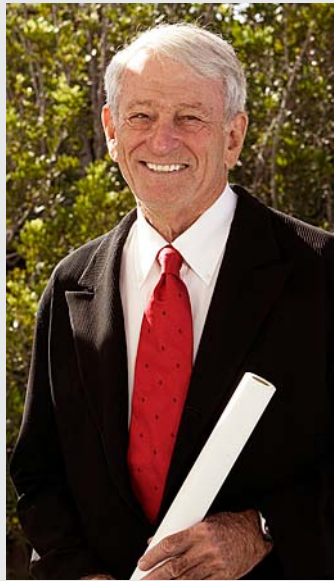
The **AFSB Gallery** presents significant shows every six weeks including recent artists: Ginny and Garrett Speirs, Robert Adams, M. Helsenrott Hochhauser, Leslie Lewis Sigler, Tom Post, Rick Garcia and Paul Panossian, and Obie Bowman.

Finally coming up this summer, AFSB hosts a special **Series of Lectures** at the Acheson House by **Allan Langdale Ph.D., Nathan Hunt** and **Robert Ooley AIA, Jeremy White Ph.D. AIA,** and **Santi Visalli**, along with a special **Pearl Chase documentary film** screening. See the calendar listing on the outside cover of the newsletter for details!

Barry Alan Berkus, AIA

Nov. 25, 1935-Nov. 30, 2012

Known for his innovative approach, internationally renowned architect Barry Berkus designed over 600,000 residences during his long career. Based in Santa Barbara for over 30 years, his architectural team had offices throughout the U.S. and Asia. The founder of B3 Architects and Berkus Design Studio, he was instrumental in advancing the role of architect as planner of communities. Berkus designed the UCSB Mosher Alumni House, helped guide the reconstruction of the Granada Theatre, and designed the future Children's Museum. Architectural Digest named him one of the world's "top 100 architects" in 1991. Berkus was a lifetime participant in adventure sports, and an avid collector of contemporary art who authored several books. Born in Los Angeles, he grew up in Pasadena. After attending UCSB, he entered USC's architecture program. His first wife Gail died in 2000. He is survived by his wife Jo and daughter Carey Berkus, sons Jeffrey and Steven and their wives, along with four grandchildren.



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The Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara (AFSB) is a 501-c3 not for profit public corporation. This newsletter is a glimpse of the activities and people that make up the Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara, whose efforts help keep alive the connection between our community and the art of its environment. We invite you to be inspired, take a tour, visit the Gallery, sketch a building, and become a member of the group celebrating and supporting our city's architectural excellence.

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ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOURS

Saturdays: 10 AM
Meet at the City Hall steps
in De la Guerra Plaza.

Sundays: 10 AM
Meet at the Main Public
Library entrance
on Anapamu Street.

Contribution \$10

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A SPECIAL 30TH ANNIVERSARY SERIES OF LECTURES!

Join us on Friday evenings for an exciting lecture and film series! **Allan Langdale Ph.D.** explores the Buddhist and Hindu ritual architecture of India. Master sculptor **Nathan Hunt** and County Architect **Robert Ooley AIA** talk about the process of recreating the *Spirit of the Ocean* sandstone fountain at the historic Courthouse. A documentary film about preservationist **Pearl Chase** will be screened, and UCSB professor **Jeremy White Ph.D. AIA** takes a fresh look at conceptualizations of architecture and how they relate to larger social issues in our community. **Santi Visalli** wraps up the series with a discussion of his architectural photographs. Admission: \$10 per person. We look forward to seeing you!



ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION OF SANTA BARBARA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

July 19 to Aug. 30	"Obie G. Bowman Architect FAIA: Biomorphic Imagery" art gallery
July 19	Opening Reception, Friday, 5-7 pm
July 26	Allan Langdale, Ph.D. slide lecture, "Elements of Ritual Architecture in India" Friday, 7 pm, Tickets \$10
Aug. 9	Nathan Hunt and County Architect Robert Ooley AIA, slide lecture "The Recreation of the County Courthouse Spirit of the Ocean Sandstone Fountain" Friday, 7 pm, Tickets \$10
Aug. 16	"My Friends Call Me Miss Chase: The Story of a Woman and a City" Pearl Chase documentary film screening, courtesy SB Trust for Historic Preservation, Friday, 7 pm, Tickets \$10
Aug. 23	Jeremy White, Ph.D. AIA, slide lecture "The Ostrich and the Bird: Architecture, Image, and Santa Barbara's Built Environment" Friday, 7 pm, Tickets \$10
Sept. 6-Oct. 11	"Thomas Van Stein and Wyllis Heaton: Paintings," art gallery
Sept. 6	Opening Reception, Friday, 5-7 pm
Oct. 5	American Institute of Architects-SB ArchitecTours, Saturday, Tickets \$65/\$55
Oct. 18- Nov. 22	"Santi Visalli: Architectural Photographs" art gallery
Oct. 18	Opening Reception, Friday, 5-7 pm
Nov. 1	Santi Visalli gallery lecture, "A Walk through Urban America" Friday, 7 pm, Tickets \$10
Dec. 6-Jan. 10	Kids Draw Architecture 22 nd Annual Exhibit, art gallery
Dec. 13	KDA Holiday Party, Friday, 5-7 pm