

Newsletter

AIA Flint has a lot of exciting events this year and we wanted to let you know about them!

Our 4th Annual Kid Architect Competition

Each year, since 2019, AIA Flint has put out a drawing competition for kids in our 3 counties to participate in. The winners receive a course of their choosing at the Flint Institute of Arts. Last year was our 3rd Annual Kid Architect Competition, Design your Own Tree House and we had a great turnout of drawing submittals! We gave 1 winner from each age group a class valued up to \$350, and 9 runner-ups a day course. We also awarded 7 classrooms that had all of their students submit drawings with STEAM classroom supplies. We were able to give out so many prizes last year because we won a grant through our millage funds in Genesee County and the Greater Flint Arts Council.

This year we have yet to decide on a prompt for the competition, so far we have used, Design Your Dream Home, Design Your Dream Park (with an emphasis on landscape design learning, and Design Your Own Tree House. We even did a blanket fort competition over our Facebook page when we first started quarantine, the 2 winners of that got a fort-making kit delivered to their house. This competition is so fun and simple! There is so much room for expansion into teaching kids more about architecture through these fun competitions. Judging them is a very tough but hilarious job as well.



Our 26th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing and Donald E. Lee Scholarship

Our Annual Golf Outing brings Architects, Co-workers, Friends, Contractors, and Product Reps in our area together for a fun day that allows us to give back to our community. Since the inception

of the scholarship in 2012, AIA Flint has awarded more than **\$36,000.00** in scholarships to 24 different recipients. The AIA Flint Donald E. Lee Architecture Scholarship Fund was established to encourage and assist students graduating from high schools in the Flint Chapter region (Genesee, Shiawassee, and Lapeer Counties) and existing college students to pursue a professional degree in architecture at a college or university with a NAAB accredited architecture program or an associate degree in architectural technology.

If you know someone who may be interested, have them go to our website, aiaflint.com, and fill out an application, due May 1st, 2022.



An International Design Competition

Every so often AIA Flint hosts a design competition for a notable project located in the Flint area in an effort to draw attention to our communities' issues and opportunities that can be addressed through an architectural design response. In the past, we have focused on The Genesee Towers building and The Flat Lot located on Saginaw Street in Downtown Flint. This time our focus is on transforming the 24 acre City of Flint Municipal Center into a vibrant mixed-use development that will inspire greater investment in the Saginaw Street Corridor and the Downtown Flint area. The competition is not made public yet but will be announced on our Facebook and Website.

Other Priorities:

Finalize our plan and set fundraising goals to endow our scholarship fund within the next 5 years.

Celebrating our newly licensed Architects! Within the past year, we have had 3 of our associates become licensed and we are so proud of them.

Contact me with any questions! brianna@sfarch.us

Thank you,

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