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DESIGN PITTSBURGH 2015 *DRAWN TO INSPIRE*

Celebrating the places and the people who inspire, shape, build and Design Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, PA – September 8, 2015 The Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Institute of Architects celebrates the inspiring places and people who shape and build Pittsburgh. Design Pittsburgh is a signature program of AIA Pittsburgh, celebrating excellence in architecture and design, and honoring those who create it.

The theme, *Drawn to Inspire*, invites the entire Pittsburgh Region to recognize outstanding architecture and good design. Design Pittsburgh events are open to the public and draw a wide range of design professionals, including landscape architects, interior designers, graphic and product designers, engineers and photographers.

“Design is hugely important and good design makes a difference in people’s lives”, said Anne Swager, executive director of AIA Pittsburgh. Swager continued, “Design Pittsburgh is an asset to the Pittsburgh community, raising the profile of architects as critical resources and industry experts and highlights the importance of good design in our region.”

Design Pittsburgh is a unique mix of juried awards, public vote and events to demonstrate how AIA Pittsburgh promotes the value of architecture and design in the places that we work, live, and play.

The Design Exhibition opens on Friday, September 25, 2015 and is part of The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust’s Gallery Crawl in the Cultural District, which attracts over 1,000 visitors. The Design Exhibition is free and open to the public. Three areas of competition are included in the exhibit.

- 2015 Design Award Competition** – Recognizing and promoting excellence in architecture and design in the following categories:

Architecture Award	Historic Preservation Award
Architectural Detail + Craftsmanship Award	Interior Architecture Award
Design + Innovation Award	Regional + Urban Design Award
Engineering + Science Award	Timeless Architecture Award
Excellence in Sustainable Design	
- Young Architects Studio Competition** - In partnership with the Design Center Pittsburgh. Now in its sixth year, the goal of this competition is to engage young architects, emerging design professionals and students, by challenging them to find innovative ways to approach a regional design problem. This year the Young Architects Studio Competition is partnering with the City of Pittsburgh and the Office of Mayor Peduto. The Young Architects Studio Competition focuses on a true Pittsburgh icon that celebrates our history and future: the Bayer Billboard Site. The challenge for this competition is to propose a new use for this iconic site.
- Places That Inspire**
Individuals are encouraged to submit a photo of a “place” located within the 11-county area. This “place” could exist as is, or it could be a place reimagined within the region.

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“Architects bring value to the built environment by creating places and spaces where people want to be”, said Alan Schlossberg, president of AIA Board of Directors. “Design Pittsburgh, highlights the value of architecture and design and exposes the architects work to a wide variety of audiences.”

Design Pittsburgh and Drawn to Inspire is made possible by the support of The Gateway Engineers, Inc. and Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc.

**2015 Design Exhibition
Opening**

Friday, September 25, 2015
5:30-10:00 pm
805/807 Liberty Avenue
Cultural Trust Education Center
4th Floor, Pittsburgh
Free and open to the public

Come crawl with us during The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's Gallery Crawl in the Cultural District and view the works of talented Pittsburgh architects, designers and photographers!

This year's exhibition features

- 2015 Design Award Competition Entries
- Young Architects Studio Competition
- *Places That Inspire* exhibit

**PechaKucha Night Pittsburgh
20 x 20 Vol.22**

Thursday, October 8, 2015
6:00 p.m. The Door and the Bar
Opens
6:40 p.m. Presentations Begin
805/807 Liberty Avenue
Cultural Trust Education Center
4th Floor, Pittsburgh
\$15 Pay at the door.

Words. Images. 20 slides x 20 seconds each. Experience it.

It's a gathering of creative people who get together to share their ideas, art, design, music, creations or even vacation photos. Using the 20 x 20 format, each presenter is given 20 slides and only 20 seconds per slide to display their work, attempting to exquisitely match words and images in only six minutes and forty seconds. Get inspired!

**2015 Design Awards Ceremony
& Gala**

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Design Awards Ceremony

980 Liberty Avenue
African American Cultural
Center, Pittsburgh
5:00 p.m. Doors Open
6:15 p.m. Design Awards
Ceremony Begins

Honor and applaud the Design Award winners.

Design Gala

7:30 p.m. Doors Open
805/807 Liberty Avenue
Cultural Trust Education Center
3rd & 4th Floor Galleries,
Pittsburgh

Let the party begin!
Enjoy cocktails, food, and entertainment, while congratulating your colleagues, friends, and the 2015 award winners.

About AIA Pittsburgh

AIA Pittsburgh, the professional association of architects, promotes the value of architectural services and the value of good design. Architects are creative problem solvers, matching client needs with the best design solutions. Architects work to improve the user experience in the built environment by designing safe, sustainable, productive, and more enjoyable places. <http://aiapgh.org> [Facebook AIA-Pittsburgh](#) [Twitter @aiapgh](#)

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