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Architecture Minnesota Rises to the Creative Class



MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA *Architecture Minnesota*, the bimonthly magazine of the American Institute of Architects Minnesota (AIA Minnesota), focuses its September/October 2010 issue on creative work environments. The coolest workspaces in town seem to be dominated by advertising agencies and architecture firms. *Architecture Minnesota* takes you through four stunning workspaces that might make you a little jealous of the people who work there. Beginning the feature article, Carmichael Lynch shows off their office space of creative re-use in the 94 year-old Wyman Partridge building located in the heart of Minneapolis' Warehouse District. Modern Climate's new digs is coincidentally located in Carmichael Lynch's old office space atop the Pence Building in downtown Minneapolis and their goal was to preserve the building's history. Following you'll see the an old high-profile restaurant space transformed into a sleek retail strategy and marketing firm's new space, BLACK Design. Located on three floors in the LaSalle Plaza, Ellerbe Becket, Inc., an AECOM Company, rounds up this workspace journey, showing off their own *spacelift*.

Next you'll see our newest feature called *Time Tested*, which showcases unique spaces that have weathered through years of use, and a recap from this year's Beardon Place Housing Competition, a collaboration between the City of Minneapolis' Department of Community Planning and Development, the Builders Association of the Twin Cities, and its Builders Outreach Foundation.

Following the *Time Tested* feature, *Architecture Minnesota* introduces AIA Minnesota's third annual Homes by Architects Tour. During the weekend of September 18-19, tour-goers are offered an intimate glimpse into 14 homes (an additional home was added since the print of the article), all designed by members of the American Institute of Architects Minnesota. Visitors are able to meet one on one with the architects and learn about the profession, along with the benefits of living in a home designed by an architect. The tour will run from 10a.m. to 5p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$15 if purchased online before the tour or can be purchased on-site at any of the homes for \$20. See www.homesbyarchitects.org to purchase tickets.

Opening this issue is Threshold guest blogger, Zach Jorgensen, in *Post It* featuring his recent post from the AIA Minnesota Blog. *Culture Crawl* showcases a museum roundup of upcoming exhibits featured at the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Rochester Art Center. *Speed Reading* focuses on Alan K. Lathrop's book, *Minnesota Architects*, a biographical dictionary of more than 250 Minnesota architects whose work spans the past century and a half. *Platform* highlights the photography of Wing Young Huie's six-mile streetscape installation along University Avenue in St. Paul. *Conundra* attempts to sort out some survival strategies in this economic downturn for the construction and design fields. Paulsen Architects' open, light-filled Mankato office is displayed in *Studio*. Closing out this issue with *Place* is a stunning photo from photographer George Heinrich, showing the exquisite detail of craftsmanship inside the Lakewood Cemetery Chapel.

Architecture Minnesota's September/October 2010 issue provides readers with the Directories of Interior Architecture and Interior Design Firms.

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