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YEAR-END GIVING TO THE ANNUAL FUND

The holiday season is here, and this year, more than ever, we encourage fellow alums to think generously about the Annual Fund, and give generously by the end of the tax year, December 31. Every gift really matters! Have you heard that already? It's true. Each year, one way or another, we lose wonderful students, solely due to financial need. Sometimes we lose them to other schools with greater financial aid resources, as Dean Hack described in his appeal letter last month. Sometimes we lose them in the middle of their studies, when they "max out" their loan eligibility and cannot borrow any more.

There are probably a dozen reasons you can think of NOT to give.

And ONE really good reason why you should: to help a young person fulfill the same dream you once had.

Please visit www.upenn.edu/gifts to make a fast, easy, secure credit card gift.

On behalf of the wonderful students I work with every day: THANK YOU to the alums who have already contributed to this year's Annual Fund!

Harris M. Steinberg C'78 MArch'82

President, PennDesign Alumni Association

SAVE THE DATES

JANUARY 15, 2004: Dean Gary Hack will update his designs for the World Trade Center, followed by a reception welcoming the new chair of architecture, Detlef Mertins. Lecture begins at 6:00 pm, Meyerson Hall.

MARCH 4, 2004: President Judith Rodin CW'66 will present a special lecture at PennDesign, focusing on the University's neighborhood and community planning initiatives (see following article). Lecture begins at 4:00 pm, Meyerson Hall.

PENN WINS TOP ULI AWARD

The University of Pennsylvania West Philadelphia Initiatives (WPI) project was among 10 winners of the Urban Land Institute's 2003 Awards for Excellence competition. The WPI program of urban-planning and community-development has reduced crime and blight, increased job opportunities and improved the quality of life in West Philadelphia neighborhoods. Those developments in turn have reinforced the University's ability to attract the best students, faculty, staff and research opportunities.

Penn served as developer, facilitator and partner for this comprehensive neighborhood-revitalization program that was structured around five principles: clean and safe streets, housing and homeownership, improvement of public education, economic development and commercial development. Among the development projects singled out by ULI are:

- The Left Bank, a \$55 million conversion of a 700,000-sf warehouse into 282 market-rate apartments with retail and office space [Bower Lewis Thrower Associates, architect];
- The Penn Alexander School, a public elementary school developed by the University's Graduate School of Education in conjunction with the Philadelphia School District and the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers [Atkin Olshin Lawson-Bell, architect];
- University Square, a 300,000-sf project housing a hotel and the campus bookstore as well as restaurants, retail space and public plazas [Elkus/Manfredi Architects, Ltd., architect];
- Hamilton Square, a 35,000-sf project featuring a gourmet grocery, cinema and multistory parking garage [Wood & Zapata, Inc., architect].

Congratulations to the participating alumni/firms for their winning designs.

HOLIDAY GIFTS FROM PENNDESIGN

You've done all your gift shopping (OK, maybe you're done thinking about your gift shopping). Have you picked out anything for yourself? No? We can help.

Baseball caps, t-shirts, polo shirts, tote bags – almost anything you can think of can be embroidered with the new PennDesign logo. It's all available online at

www.pennmerchandise.com -- just pick a category from the Sportswear column, pick an item, then scroll down the righthand column of available Penn logos to find ours. A portion of each sale will benefit PennDesign fellowships, so we encourage you to shop online (early and often)!



LARP STUDENTS, PROFS, WIN TOP INTERNATIONAL HONORS

Catherine Mosbach (visiting critic in landscape architecture) and Paolo Burgi (adjunct professor in landscape architecture) were awarded the Biennial Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize, presented in Barcelona recently after an exhaustive international jury review.

Congratulations also to current MLA candidates Justine Heilner, Hui-Lai Shi, Xiao Zheng and Xun Li, who submitted their studio work from Prof. Anita Berrizbeitia's Caracas project last spring, and collectively, as representing the University of Pennsylvania, were awarded the Student European Landscape Prize.

Given that adjunct professor Peter Latz received the first European Landscape Prize in 2001, the 2003 awards to Mosbach, Burgi and our LARP students means that PennDesign is exceptionally well-recognized as a leading international center for contemporary landscape architectural design. Our faculty and students continue to produce exemplary works that command attention and raise the bar

of excellence. Congratulations to Catherine, Paolo, and Anita and her students, and please join them for a toast to these achievements at a wine and cheese reception on Thursday, December 11 at 6pm in the Upper Gallery of Meyerson Hall.

REMEMBERING MARY HEIBERGER

The School of Design mourns the death of Dr. Mary Morris Heiberger on November 10, 2003, at the age of 57. She had been ill for some time with ovarian cancer. Mary was well known to thousands of our students as associate director of Career Services at Penn, a post she held since 1976, coordinating and providing career services to master's, doctoral and postdoctoral students for nine of Penn's schools. Mary is survived by her husband, Richard, and daughter, Sara. For a complete obituary, visit <http://www.upenn.edu/almanac/v50/n13/deaths.html#heiberger>

ON THE LINE

1990s

Saeri Kiritani MFA'97 skiritani@mac.com

invites fellow alums to visit her new website, <http://66.150.145.166/sk/sk.html>

David Chacon C'89 MArch'94 dchacon@oma.nl

is project architect at the Office for Metropolitan Architecture in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. He is currently working on the new China Central television development in Beijing, consisting of 5.5 million square feet of new construction scheduled to be built for the 2008 Olympics.

Keith Evan Green C'85 G'93 GR'98 kegreen8@earthlink.net

advises that his colleague in the School of Architecture at Clemson, **Joseph A. Burton GR'83**, died on November 23 in Hendersonville, NC. Joe had been a member of the Clemson faculty since 1990, but it was at Penn where he initiated his career-long exploration of the work of Louis Kahn.

Iris Kovalio MFA'90 info@iriskovalio.com

invites fellow alums to visit her website, <http://www.iriskovalio.com/>

Daniel Heyman MFA'90 daheyman@aol.com

invites fellow alums to an artists' discussion and reception this Saturday, December 6, at 55 Mercer Street Gallery in New York City from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Featured artists in the current exhibition "Out of Nagasawa, Japanese-method Woodblock Prints from Around the World" (on view through Dec 29) will include Daniel, Karen Kunc, Marie Lessard, Nel Pak, Michael Reed, Hiroki Satake, Jan Vermieran, April vollmer and Thongchai Yukantapornpong.

1980s

Charlie Clark MCP'85 cclarke@kinzie.biz

is in his first semester of IIT's graduate architecture program. He reports that "after the adjustment to the lowly position of first year student, I have found it exciting and challenging. Fortunately, there are three other 40-something students of our class of twenty five to relate to." On the professional front, his company has put a vacant vintage hi-rise under contract in downtown Waukegan, IL, to create the first new (or newly renovated)

housing units downtown in many years. They plan on 50 market-rate rental apartments and some first floor retail.

Nancy Liebrecht Kagel MLA'85 nkagel@ida.net

and husband Ray invite Penn friends and classmates to bring along a fly rod, sleeping bag, and cowboy boots, and come visit next summer on their 120-acre ranch near the southern end of the Bitterroot Mountains in Idaho -- surrounded by the Salmon-Challis National Forest and located just 3 miles from the Montana border. In addition to raising Arabian horses and alpacas, they have a mile of blue-ribbon trout stream that flows through the middle of the ranch. There's no electrical power, no running water, no telephone service (too remote for cell phone), and no indoor plumbing ... although Nancy advises Ray did build a new 2-seater outhouse last year. During the winter the Kagels are based near Rigby, ID, where they operate their environmental consulting business, Lone Goose Environmental (and enjoy all the modern conveniences as well as). The firm is currently assisting the Huntsman family with a wetlands and riparian restoration project to enhance fisheries and wildlife habitat on their Teton Valley ranch.

Scott Simons MArch'80 scott@simonsarchitects.com



and his firm Scott Simons Architects was recently awarded a Maine AIA Honor Award for the Waynflete Arts Center in Portland, ME.

1970s

Claire Marcus MFA'78 cbmarcus@hotmail.com

has participated this year in exhibits at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Fine Line Arts Center in St. Charles, Illinois, and the Banana Factory in Bethlehem, where she is a resident artist. She conducts in-school residencies, community arts projects, and teacher training programs for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Sandra L. Garz MCP'75 slgarz@urbanengineers.com

has been promoted to vice president and director of strategic operations at Urban Engineers, Inc. She had been director of facilities business development since her arrival at Urban in November 2002. Previously, Sandy was executive director of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

Manual Stefanakis MLA'75 keatzia@yahoo.com

has been appointed by the Commerce Department as a permanent member of the Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Advisory Council of the U.S. Initiative for Technology Cooperation (ITCB) in the Balkans. ITCB is a joint initiative with the Greek Ministry of National Economy to foster collaboration among public and private entities in the U.S. and Greece with public and private entities in the Balkan region. Manuel directs Sustainable Strategies International, a consultancy that promotes responsible economic development that is environmentally, socially, and economically balanced. He also serves as the special advisor to the governor of the State of Oaxaca, Mexico in sustainable development, and on the board of directors to the Global Institute at Tufts University, the City of Cambridge (MA) Climate Change Advisory Committee and the Cambridge Community Charter School.

Elissa Gore CW'73 MFA'74 elissagore2@mac.com

participated in the UPTOWN ARTS STROLL in Washington Heights and Inwood in late November. The Stroll is an attempt to promote the arts and artists of northern Manhattan by displaying their works in public spaces.

1960s

Diane Burko MFA'69 burko@bellatlantic.net

invites you to visit her website, www.dianeburko.com, where three video clips detailing her work have just been added.

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

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THE BEAUX ARTS AT PENN

"Selected Works By Paul Philippe Cret And His Students"
Architectural Archives Kroiz Gallery, lower level, Fisher Fine Arts Building, 220 South 34th Street. M-F 10:00-5:00. Weekends by appointment. Admission FREE.
http://www.upenn.edu/gsfa/archives/archives/exhib_beauxarts.htm

ONLY CONTROVERSIAL AND NOT DETRIMENTAL

"The Legacy of Modern Design in Chestnut Hill"
Architectural Archives Kroiz Gallery, lower level, Fisher Fine Arts Building, 220 South 34th Street. M-F 10:00-5:00. Weekends by appointment. Admission FREE.

CERAMICS SALE ON LOCUST WALK

8th Annual Ceramics Sale of over 500 pieces of pottery and artwork. December 11-12, 10AM-5PM, Locust Walk & 36th Street. Works by PennDesign Students and Ceramic Artist/Faculty. Hand-made cups start from \$5. 20% of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to a scholarship for a student in the clay department.

Future Events

APA ALUMNI RECEPTION

April 26, 2004
American Planning Association National Planning Conference, Washington, DC
6:30-8 pm, Hilton Washington (location TENTATIVE)

ALUMNI WEEKEND

May 15-16, 2004
For Classes ending in '04 & '09

AIA ALUMNI RECEPTION

June 10-12, 2004
American Institute of Architects National Convention, Chicago
Final date, time, location of alumni reception TBA

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