

Association of Architecture Organizations
2013 Members Weekend
Columbus, IN (July 18-20)

Participants

Allison Arieff, San Francisco Planning + Urban Research Association
Gwen Berlekamp, The Center for Architecture and Design (Columbus, OH)
Greg Brown, Dallas Center for Architecture
John Claypool, Philadelphia Center for Architecture
John Comazzi, University of Minnesota College of Design (Assistant Professor, School of Architecture)
Nate Eudaly (and wife, Jean, and son, Daniel), Dallas Architecture Forum
Patricia Feller, Chicago Architecture Foundation Docent
Stephen Glassman, Design Center Pittsburgh
Ruth Gless, Board Member, The Center for Architecture and Design (Columbus, OH)
James Gysler, Chicago Architecture Foundation Member
Kathleen Gysler, Chicago Architecture Foundation Member
Becky Harper, Columbus Area Visitors Center
Erin Hawkins, Columbus Area Visitors Center
Henry Kuehn, Columbus Area Visitors Center Docent; Chicago Architecture Foundation Docent and Life Trustee
Lynn Lucas, Columbus Area Visitors Center
Julie Lilie, Chicago Architecture Foundation Member
Kelly Lyons, Cranbrook Art Museum
Klaus Mayer, Alaska Design Forum
Susan McDaid, The American Institute of Architects (National HQ)
Srini Murthy, Hyderabad Architecture Foundation (India)
Don Nissen, Columbus Area Visitors Center
Jason Nu, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Doctoral Candidate, Department of Geography)
Margie O'Driscoll, Center for Architecture + Design, San Francisco
Joyce Orwin, Columbus Area Visitors Center
Lynn Osmond, Chicago Architecture Foundation
Chase Rynd, National Building Museum
Linda Sylvan, Rice Design Alliance
Susan Suchy, Individual AAO Member; Chicago Architecture Foundation Docent
Barbara Weiner, Chicago Architecture Foundation Docent

Katherine Stalker, AAO Staff – Program Coordinator
Michael Wood, AAO Staff – Executive Director

Thursday Night Dinner Attendees Only:

Randy Royer, Blue Marble Design / Columbus Indiana Architectural Archives
Steven Risting, atelierRISTING (formerly with CSO Architects)

Friday Night Reception + Dinner:

Deb Kunce, CORE Planning Strategies
Anthony Costello, Columbus Indiana Architectural Archives
Larry Lucas, Columbus Area Visitors Center
Todd Williams, Todd Williams & Associates Architects

Trip Itinerary

THURSDAY, JULY 18

2:30pm-5:30pm

Step On Tour of Columbus, IN

Guide: Henry Kuehn

(Departs from Hotel Indigo – 400 Brown Street, Columbus, IN 47201)

A veritable hit parade covering dozens of award-winning structures, plus interiors by Eliel and Eero Saarinen, Henry Weese, Gunnar Birkerts, and residential grounds by Dan Kiley.

Tour Highlights:

View Columbus Overview video

Bartholomew County Library (Pei) – interior

First Christian Church (National Historic Landmark) (Eliel Saarinen) – interior

Signature Academy/Lincoln Campus (Birkerts) – interior (the school will not be staffed)

St Peter's Lutheran Church (Birkerts)

Central Middle School (R Johnson)

Cummins Plant No. 1 (Weese, partial plan)

Cummins Tech Center (Weese)

COHA (Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer)

Cummins Child Development Center (Jimenez)

Columbus Regional Hospital (Stern)

Hamilton Center Ice Arena (Weese/addition Koster & Associates)

First Baptist Church (National Historic Landmark) (Weese) – interior

Richards Elementary School (Barnes/addition Lee)

Par Three Golf Course (Adams)

Parkside Elementary School (Fletcher/addition Fletcher)

St Bartholomew Catholic Church (Risting)

Lillian Schmidt Elementary School (Weese/addition Leers Weinzapfel)

North Christian Church (National Historic Landmark) (Eero Saarinen) – interior

Dan Kiley Garden at the Hamilton House – walk in the Garden

Return to Hotel

6:30pm-9:30pm

Group Dinner

(Smith's Row Food & Spirits – 418 Fourth Street, Columbus, IN 47201)

Casual bistro setting a few steps from our downtown hotel, followed by a presentation from special guest

Steven Risting, atelierRISTING in Indianapolis. Steven has been involved with more than 10 projects in Columbus since 1999, and most recently served as contributing editor/photographer for the revised edition of the Columbus Area Visitors Center's book, "[Columbus, Indiana: A Look At Modern Architecture & Art.](#)"

FRIDAY, JULY 19

8:00am-9:30am

AAO Network Breakfasts

(Hotel Indigo – 400 Brown Street, Columbus, IN 47201)

Your chance for some shop talk with a small group of fellow members. AAO Directors will host these casual member exchanges.

9:30am-12:30pm

Morning Tours of Miller House and Garden and Downtown Columbus

(Depart from Columbus Area Visitors Center – 506 Fifth Street, Columbus, IN 47201)

In small groups, we'll tour the acclaimed former residence and gardens of J. Irwin Miller and Xenia Simons Miller showcasing the work of Eero Saarinen, Alexander Girard, and Dan Kiley. A guided walking tour of Downtown Columbus, meanwhile, brings the city's architecture program into full focus, including stops at City Hall (Edward Charles Bassett/SOM) and The Commons (Koetter Kim & Associates).

Group A:

9:45am – To Miller House (Guide: Henry Kuehn)

11:10am – Depart from Miller House (arrive at CAVC at 11:20am)

11:30am – Begin Downtown Walking Tour (Guide: Dody Harvey)

12:30pm – Return to CAVC (pair off for small group lunches)

Group B:

9:45am – Begin Downtown Walking Tour (Guide: John Lemley)

10:45am – Return to CAVC, then to Miller House (Guide: Jan Forbes)

12:20pm – Depart from Miller House (arrive at CAVC at 12:30pm; pair off for small group lunches)

Downtown Columbus Walking Tour Highlights:

Depart Visitors Center

Washington Street (streetscape project) (Kennon)

4th Street Cultural District (redesign of street to accommodate street fairs, entertainment)

301 Washington Street (Girard designed J Irwin Miller office) – interior

City Hall (Bassett)

Republic (National Historic Landmark) (Goldsmith)

Bartholomew County Memorial for Veterans (Thompson & Rose)

Second Street Bridge (Muller)

Bartholomew County Court House (Hodgson)

Commons (Koetter Kim) with Chaos sculpture (Tinguely) – interior of lobby

Friendship Way (Johnson)

Post Office (Roche Dinkeloo)

Cummins Corporate Headquarters (Roche)

Irwin Office Building (Roche)

Irwin Conference Center -formerly Irwin Union Bank (National Historic Landmark) (Eero Saarinen)

Return to Visitors Center

12:45pm-4:00pm

Lunch (On Your Own) and Time to Explore Columbus

(Various locations in downtown Columbus)

Again, we'll be structuring some informal networking opportunities with AAO Members. Docents from the Columbus Area Visitors Center will join up with us for the lunches, too, so those wishing to see some building interiors in more detail will have great opportunities to do so after lunch. There will also be the opportunity to view the Columbus Indiana Architectural Archives. Or, if you prefer, just take a little free time to explore some of Columbus on your own.

4:00pm-6:00pm

AAO Members Meeting

(IUCA+D (Indiana University Center for Art + Design) – 310 Jackson Street, Columbus, IN 47201)

An open meeting arranged by the AAO Board of Directors – a prime chance to share your input and ideas and help shape the future of AAO's programs.

6:30pm-8:00pm

AAO Reception

(Irwin Conference Center (formerly Irwin Union Bank) – 500 Washington Street, Columbus, IN 47201)
Cummins, Inc. and the Columbus Area Visitors Center are our hosts for this special reception at the Irwin Conference Center (formerly the Irwin Union Bank & Trust) (Eero Saarinen) – widely considered to be the first modernist bank building in the US and designated a National Historic Landmark in 2001. Meticulously renovated by Cummins, we'll be the first group to enjoy the building's new life as a private reception hall.
(Business casual)

8:00pm-9:30pm

Group Dinner

(Tre Bicchieri – 425 Washington Street, Columbus, IN 47201)
We'll gather at a local Italian eatery just steps from the reception site.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

8:00am-9:30am

AAO Network Breakfasts

(Hotel Indigo – 400 Brown Street, Columbus, IN 47201)
A second opportunity to trade notes with fellow members. AAO Directors will host these casual member exchanges.

9:30am-11:30am

AAO Members Meeting

(Columbus Area Visitors Center – 506 Fifth Street, Columbus, IN 47201)
*AAO Member **John Comazzi** (Associate Professor of Architecture and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, College of Design – University of Minnesota) will open our second Members Meeting by sharing stories of Miller House gathered during his extensive research of architect, photographer, and designer, [Balthazar Korab](#). As in-house photographer for the Saarinen office, Korab had the privilege of documenting Miller House over a period of decades. John will also share news of his upcoming research that looks to provide a more thorough examination of Miller House, emphasizing one of the most extraordinary collaborations ever assembled for the design of a mid-century Modern dwelling, perfectly fusing a unified vision for architecture, landscape, and interior design.*

Featured Address: Will Miller – President, The Wallace Foundation

Will Miller holds deep connections to the people of Columbus, Indiana, in addition to several national leadership positions in the philanthropic sector. Drawing from his range of experiences, he has become a unique voice for explaining the life and history of Columbus' architectural legacy and the competitive advantages derived from the city's long-term investments in design.

Complementing a distinguished career in finance, Mr. Miller has played key roles in a variety of civic and educational reform efforts in Indiana, and, co-chaired "Vision 20/20," a major initiative focused on rebuilding the city center of Columbus. Elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2008, Mr. Miller has served on the boards of The John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Yale University, and Public Radio International, where he spent five years as Chairman.

11:30am

Conclusion of AAO Members Weekend

11:30am-1:00pm

AAO Board of Directors Meeting

(Columbus Area Visitors Center – 506 Fifth Street, Columbus, IN 47201)