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Peterson discusses riverfront

President's note: An interesting revelation presented itself to your AIA Delaware board this month; we discovered that our newsletter, ARCHI-type, has a readership beyond our membership boundaries. We also discovered that it is critical that we be more diligent in distinguishing member opinions from those of the board and general membership. I am referring to the letter published on the front page of the March issue, penned by Jim Nelson, FAIA. Your board has offered equal space to the Riverfront Development Corporation (RDC) to present a reply to Jim's opinion; this reply was graciously submitted by former Delaware Governor Russell W. Peterson, on behalf of the RDC, and appears below.

In summary, ARCHI-type is your newsletter; please feel free to submit your opinion on this or other issues related to our profession that you deem worthy. Please note, however, that any editorial content will be located on inside pages of the newsletter henceforth and will be duly identified as opinions of the authors.

Thank you for your readership.

— Hue, AIA, LEED AP, AIA DE President

As you know I have been deeply involved with the program to rejuvenate the Christiana Riverfront since the inception on March 30, 1992 of the idea to do so. And I have served on the Executive Committee and Board of the Riverfront Development Corporation (RDC) over the ten years since its founding in 1996.

It has been a wonderful and rewarding experience. Under the leadership of Executive Director, Mike Purzycki and his Deputy, Mike Hare, we have made remarkable progress in converting the abandoned, polluted industrial site into an exciting and thriving treasure broadly acclaimed as an outstanding example of urban renewal. The tempo of this effort continues to escalate, promising to make Wilmington's Riverfront a choice residential, office and entertainment center and an inviting destination for visitors.

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Upcoming events – Mark your calendar

April

Architecture Week

"Intervention: The Prototype School, The High School, The Charter School," Northeast Regional Conference, Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI), featuring AIA DE member Joseph R. Skinner, AIA, REFP, StudioJAED. http://northeast.cefpi.org/2007conference/	Apr. 9–14 Apr. 20–22
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Earth Day

Apr. 22

New deadline for Train Station Art Contest

Apr. 30

May

AIA National Convention —

"Celebrating AIA 150," San Antonio, TX

May 5–9

AIA DE Golf Tournament

Delaware National Country Club

May 21

Kevin Wilson and Bill Pancoast

2007 LEED & Sustainable Design Conference,
AIA West New Jersey, Pella Windows & Doors
Commercial Division

May 10

October

Building Green Convention, Wilmington

CE-HSW credits, Design Program Awards
New products, new techniques, new speakers

Oct. 18

Going green

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• PR Committee report •

• The results are in for the **AIA-DE 2007 Earth Day Award**. The board approved the selections submitted by the **PR Committee**, with two separate nominees each receiving an award. The committee members agreed that both were of equal merit and wanted to recognize their efforts. The award winners are:

State of DE Division of Parks and Recreation, for the Blue Ball Barn Restoration project, in Wilmington, DE

This building has been registered with the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) and is awaiting confirmation of achieving "Silver level" certification under the LEED NC 2.0 rating system. The building offers meeting and conference facilities and will house the Delaware Folk Art collection.

New Castle County, DE, for the new Public Safety building located in Wilmington DE.

This building, scheduled to open in 2007, has been registered with the USGBC and is awaiting confirmation of achieving "Silver level" certification under the LEED NC 2.1 rating system. The 130,000-sq-ft facility will serve as the centralized home of the New Castle County Police Department, Emergency Medical Services and 9-1-1 Communications Center.

Congratulations to both winners!



The Blue Barn (above, left and right) and Public Safety Building concept (left).

A formal award presentation event is in the planning stages for April 2007. Further details will be provided at a later date.

• **Train Station Art Contest update**. The deadline entries has been extended to **April 30, 2007**. There still be a formal presentation of awards in mid-May 2007. Once confirmed, details will be at www.aiadelaware.org/PR/Train-Art-Contest.

AIA DE 2007 EARTH DAY AWARD RECEPTION

APRIL 23, 2007 5:30-7:30 PM

Academy Building
5 Vandever Ave.
Wilmington, DE

Join us in congratulating the winners of the 2007 Earth Day Award. The event will include the presentation of a certificate of achievement and a metal plaque to each of the two winners. Food and drink will be provided and the event is free to all members and their guest.

This is the first of what is expected to be an annual event recognizing outstanding efforts to promote sustainable and "green" practices in the built environment.

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Riverfront, continued

One of the outstanding features of this development has been the effective nonpartisan way the board of RDC, made up of top leaders from state, county and city governments and the business sector, have worked together, eliminating obstacle after obstacle. I have served at high level in industry and in state, federal and international governments and have never seen any better teamwork.

Thus I was very disappointed, Jim, when I read your letter printed in the March 2007 newsletter of the American Institute of Architects/Delaware. You painted a dark picture foreign to me of the work of the Riverfront Development Corporation. This influence of "politics and short range expediencies" to which you refer simply have never been a fact of life in our board deliberations. I am therefore perplexed at your efforts to assemble a broad-based community effort to ride to the rescue of the riverfront. This is very disturbing in light of the way you and I worked together for over three years to develop and promote the vision for a new riverfront that led to the establishment of the RDC.

You and Joe Carbonell responded to my request that you get the architects of Delaware to produce pro bono a vision of what the riverfront might become. You got fourteen firms to work together over two years to create a truly exciting dream for the riverfront. You and I presented that dream to 365 community leaders, including the governor, country executive, mayor and congressional delegation, and subsequently to the state Senate and House while they were in session.

Governor Carper got out front of this mission and

together with the Legislature, established RDC. He became a very active member of RDC's board and today, as United States Senator, continues to help.

Jim, the vision created by your architectural team made development of the riverfront a priority community goal.

But it shouldn't have been considered a blueprint for action. Hundreds of factors and limitations in the real world determined the course of the early development.

In fact, much of our work was planned and designed in considerable measure by members of AIA Delaware. A dozen riverfront buildings were designed by member firms, and all with the extensive infrastructure design by DELODOT was done in coordination with AIA members.

The firm of Wallace Roberts & Todd, under contract with RDC, has just finished a comprehensive planning exercise of both sides of the river to insure that all development will be undertaken in accordance with its infrastructure design, massing studies, new code amendments and riverbank design.

I respectfully suggest, Jim, that AIA Delaware continue to work constructively with RDC and forgo your effort to instigate a confrontational planning exercise.

Certainly RDC will continue to welcome AIA Delaware's recommendations concerning the ongoing development of the riverfront.

I am sending a copy of this letter to members of AIA Delaware's board with the suggestion that they consider printing it in the next issue of their monthly newsletter, along with thanks for all their member firms have done to further the redevelopment of the Riverfront.

With respect, Your friend, Russell W. Peterson



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• The **Becker Morgan Group, Inc.** recently welcomed Kimberly L. Watson and Linda M. DiEgidio to their team as interior designers, Watson in Salisbury and DiEgidio in Wilmington.

• The **Breckstone Group** has merged with **Vollmer Associates LLP** and will be integrated into Vollmer's architectural practice. **Todd Breck, AIA, PE**, founder of Breckstone and an **AIA Delaware** past president, will remain as principal architect.

• F. Thomas Prusak, PE, senior principal and chairman of the board of **Landmark Engineering**, has been selected 2007 Engineer of the Year by the Delaware Engineering Society (DES) "based on his leadership within the engineering community, and his consistent demonstration of technical excellence, professionalism, and commitment to the industry, as well as for his mentoring to engineers to help them progress from graduates, to design engineers, to project managers, to owners."

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construction of the Renovations and Expansion to the Hockessin Public Library in Hockessin, DE. The one-story, 15,000-sf facility is undergoing extensive renovations while the 8,000-sf addition is in construction. Construction is to be completed around January 2008.

• Resources •

• The 2007 Brick in Architecture Awards are open for entries. Deadline is April 30. For details, go to www.gobrick.com/ArchitectureAwards.

• Registered architects in Delaware may receive free subscriptions to the *Architect's Newspaper*, which covers New York architecture and design. To subscribe, go to www.archpaper.com and click "subscribe" in the left-hand menu, using the "Registered Architect" category.

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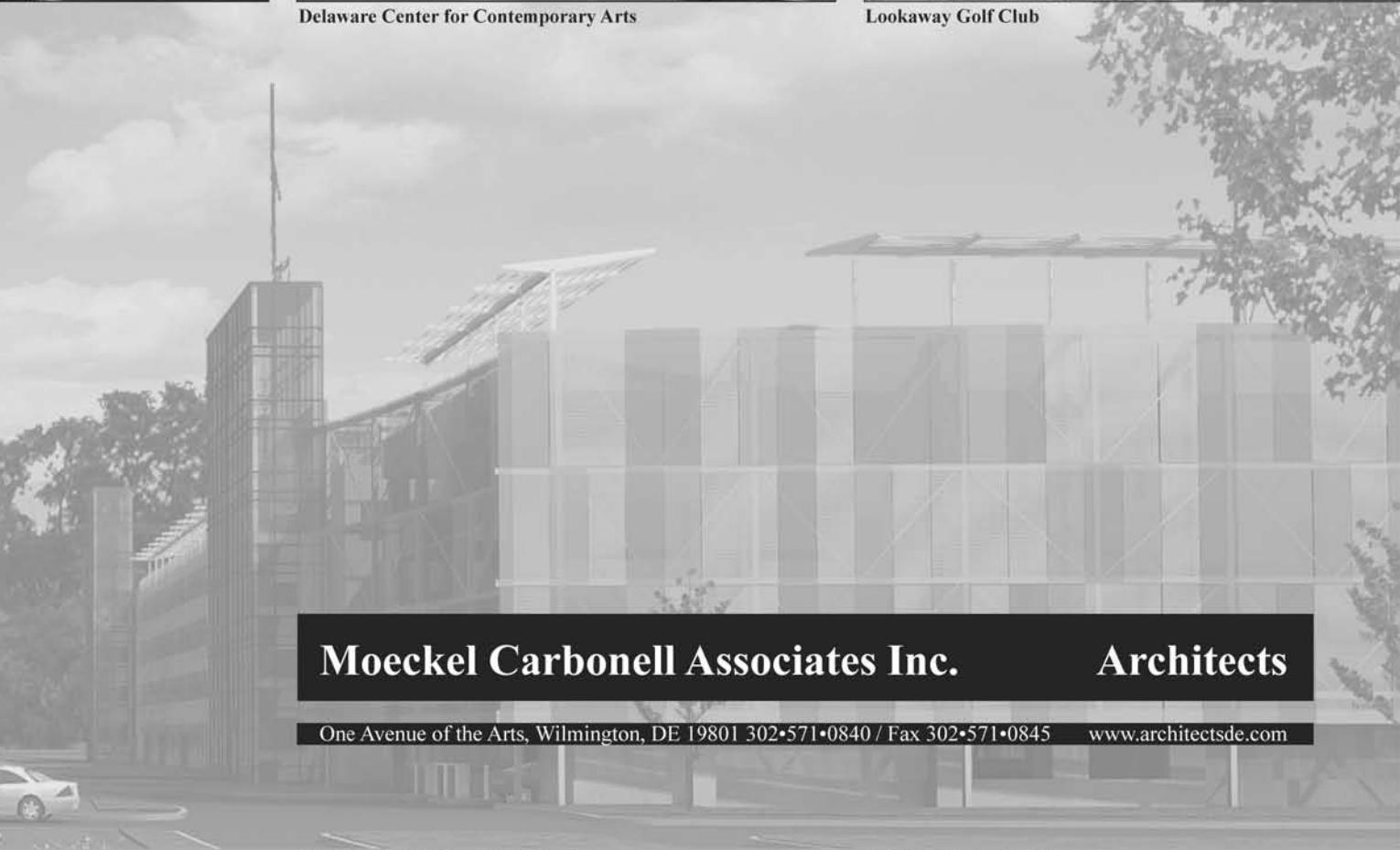




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Registration starts at 11:a.m. Tee times start at 1 p.m.

Luncheon Picnic

For attendees and anyone else –
a chance for non-attendees to get in a little on the mingling and fun.
11:30 under the Walnut Tree. Traditional picnic fare. \$10 per person.

Putting Contest

Non-Golfers Putting Contest will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for prizes.

Auction

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Cocktail Party and Dinner

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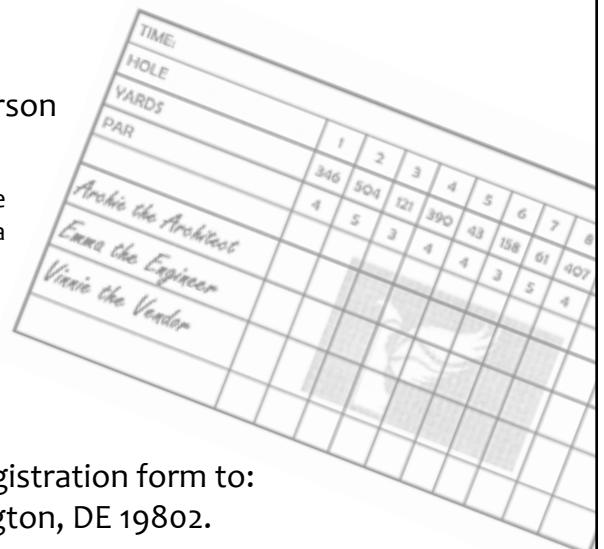
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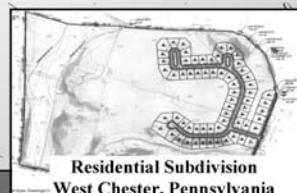


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