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## Welcome to our Quarterly Magazine

I feel privileged to be the president of our chapter while ASID is celebrating their 40th Anniversary. I had the opportunity to attend Presidents Forum in Phoenix, Arizona in February. The chance to meet and network with all the presidents in our great organization was so inspiring. One of the many great things I took away from the experience was that we are not alone. ASID is a way for each one of us to communicate with others about the struggles, triumphs and worries we have, whether it is on a particular design, a leadership role at work, or in our organization. Being a part of such a network allows us to call a peer and ask them for their advice. We don't always have to reinvent the wheel. I learned it is okay to ask for help when needed. Not being alone is just another great reason why being a part of ASID is so beneficial and why the motto for the 40th Anniversary is 40 Years. One Voice. ASID is THE VOICE of design and we all contribute.

WINDY J. NEFF, ASID, NCIDQ president

## emerging professional and membership **PY HOUR** By: Brian Fee, President-Elect



PA West raffle providing one lucky winner, Doug This January, the ASID Committee's Emerging Elstner of Steinway Piano's, with a fixture of Membership Professionals & Membership Happy Hour his own to take home. Event was graciously hosted by Ann Davis The showroom was aglow with beautiful fixtures as attendees networked and 40 guests enjoyed refreshments. The evening also seasoned provided attendees the opportunity to bring donations for the charity of Ann's choosing. By the end of the evening, there were many Ann Davis, proprietor of Typhoon bags filled with various goods destined to help support the efforts of Rainbow Kitchen, an organization the helps feed and support those in need. A warm event for a chilly evening.

of Typhoon Lighting. Attendance was great and included approximately ranging from students to designers and industry partners. Lighting; Windy J. Neff, ASID PA West President; and Nancy Drew, ASID PA West Past-President, were all on hand to give a hearty welcome to attendees. Ann explained the vast variety of services that Typhoon Lighting provides and also held a



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The cold of a Pittsburgh February was temporarily broken up by the heat of the Electric Circus. IDLCPA's 9th Andy Warhol inspired 1960/70s club culture was recreated for one night only and enjoyed as much as possible by a group of responsible professionals on a Thursday night.

Over 270 guests came in out of the cold to attend the event, enjoying the museum, DJ, auction items and 50/50 raffle. The food was inspired by Andy Warhol's art (tomato soup shooters with Campbell's labels and a decadent chocolate dipped banana). A caricaturist captured faces on Clarus's glass boards and a video ran on several screens depicting past events, sponsors, legislative information and Warhol inspired portraits of members of the industry.

A bitter sweat moment of the night occurred when we honored one of our own faithful volunteers, Jim D'Amato of Shaw Contract Group. Jim is retiring and will be going back full time to his home in New York. We will greatly miss Jim for his consistent support of our cause but wish him all the best in this new chapter of his life. And he better be back to visit us and celebrate when we get our bill passed!

This annual event raises almost half of the operating expenses for the state coalition and we couldn't do it without our sponsors, auction donors and the industry members that attend the party.

Special thanks to this years planning committee: Fran Colby, Richard King, Amanda Bahn, Angie Petcash, Katie Nowak, Brian Fee and Nancy Drew. Special thanks to Ashley Mulkin, Natalie Harmon, Alicia Condie and Jennifer Bosack for their behind the scenes contributions.

This year's auction included Pitt Basketball tickets, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame tickets, Penguins tickets, wine baskets, restaurant gift cards, artwork, guest chairs, task chairs and tickets to the Warhol. The big ticket item was an elegant multi-course dinner personally prepared and served by the members of the committee. Thanks to the winning bidders Tom Garasic and Ed Eisaman who will each be enjoying one of these dinners.

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# MEMBER UPDATES

Jim D'Amato, of Shaw Contract Group and ASID Industry Partner is retiring after 16 years with Shaw and over 38 in the business. Jim has been a staple of ASID since 1979. He first joined the Upstate NY/E Canada Chapter prior to becoming a member of the PA West Chapter in 2002 and will certainly be missed. He credits the best years of his career working in the Pittsburgh market and would like to thank the many friends he established during his time here. Jim's official retirement date is 4/4/15 and plans on spending the next chapter in his life traveling, fishing, gardening and catching up on reading with his wife Barb. In the meantime, be on the look out for him as he makes his rounds saying his "goodbye's".

Kayla Rose, Allied ASID has started at Hospitality Furnishings & Design Inc. in Zelienople as an Interior Designer. Kayla also has accepted a proposal from her boyfriend of Doug Nelson on Valentines Day. Kayla has been the Student Representative to the Board for ASID and recently graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

Darci Langan, ASID of Darci Langan, Interior Designer in West Homestead passed her NCIDQ in September. This is a great accomplishment and we welcome Darci as a new Professional member of ASID.

Christopher Koziarski, ASID Industry Partner and owner of Kozi Media Design, is honored to be involved with the Pittsburgh Magazine Home of the Year Award presented to Astorino/Cannon Design for Home of the Year 2015: New Build project. Working with such talented architects, builders, and designers makes our process easier in keeping the project fluent and the result architecturally pleasing.

Rowan Brosam, Industry Professional ASID of Fishman Flooring Solutions, published her first article in Floor Trends Magazine. The article was titled "Distributor A&D Consultants Make for Seamless Process." Congratulations on reaching a lifetime goal of being published.



Jim D'Amato with his daughter Katie and wife Barb at his retirement party at Olive Or Twist on January 29, 2015

**Anita Anderson**, Student ASID of Art Institute of Pittsburgh | **Lindsay Elizabeth Boyd**, Student ASID of West Virginia University | Amanda Brock, Student ASID of Art Institute of Pittsburgh | **Rowan Brosam**, Industry Professional ASID of Fishman Flooring Solutions Bruce Richard Gernt, Student ASID of Art Institute of Pittsburgh Kourtney Madison Hahn, Student ASID of University of Akron | Kristen D Hancock, Associate ASID of Primrose Homes Inc | **Ryann Last**, Student ASID of West Virginia University Samantha Cierra Meyer, Student ASID of Bowling Green State University | Morgan **Nestegard**, Student ASID of West Virginia University | **Frankie O'Leary**, Student ASID of Art Institute of Pittsburgh | Sydney Lynn Owens, Student ASID of Purdue University Danielle Weir, Allied ASID or Weir Studio Interior Design

## call for member updates

If you would like your news shared with our members please send information and a picture if you'd like it included to our administrator asidpawest@gmail.com.

## welcome our NEW MEMBERS from our Second Quarter:



## MAY EMERGING PROFESSIONALS & MEMBERSHIP HAPPY HOUR

Join ASID PA West members and other industry professionals for an evening of fun. education and networking. We hope to see you there!

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- WHERE: Franklin Interiors 2740 Smallman St #600, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
- WHEN: Thursday, May 14, 2015 @ 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- COST: FREE to students, members and non-members
- https://asidpawestmay2015happyhour.eventbrite.com RSVP:

#### ASID PA West will be collecting items to benefit Creative Citizen Studios.

Creative Citizen Studios, which supports artists with disabilities to create, exhibit and sell their work.

Supplies in need are:

- good quality paper
- · watercolor paper
- color paper to print onto
- illustration board canvas
- sketchbooks

For more information about Creative Citizen Studios please visit their website: www.citizenstudios.org.



#### **Building Tour of Braddock Library** April 20, 2015

Location: Braddock Library Come join ASID PA West as we tour the historic Braddock Library and learn about the steps in preserving the incredible piece of architecture.

#### **Emerging Professionals & Membership Happy Hour**

May 14, 2015 Location: Franklin Interiors Showroom Free to students, members and non-members

#### **Coffee & Credits**

May 2, 2015 Location: Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA

#### **Family Fun Event**

June 2015 Location: Pittsburgh, PA

**Think Tank Meeting** 

July 2015 Location: Pittsburgh, PA

#### **Emerging Professionals & Membership Happy Hour**

August 2015 Location: TBD Free to students, members and non-members

#### **Annual Meeting**

September 2015 Location: Pittsburgh, PA

#### **Bi-Annual Trade Show & Student Career Day**

September 24, 2015 Location: Heinz History Center Come join ASID PA West to view the latest products available by our wonderful IP Members in the community, attend CEU's and our Annual Students Career Day.

Calendar subject to change. Invitations for each event will be in our Eblast when available.

## [calendar of events] upcoming events for 2015...

## [PRESIDENTS FORUM]

#### 2015 Phoenix, Arizona

By Windy J. Neff, ASID

#### Thursday, March 19, 2015

**5:25 pm** Sitting on runway in Pittsburgh having the plane de-iced. Temperature is 7 but windchills are in the negative range.

8:10 pm Landing in Pheonix, strange to see all the lit up baseball fields as we were flying over.

9:30 pm Checking into hotel, I'm in my ugg's a sweater and fleece pants, boy I'm warm here. Where is the Air Conditioning in this room?

#### Friday, March 20, 2015

#### 7:45 am Starbuck's breakfast run

8:45 am Getting on shuttle with 16 other ASID members to head to Taliesin West.

**11:45 am** We are finishing up a lovely tour with Phil C at Taliesin West. If you qo, highly recommend this tour quide, he was so knowledgeable and FUN! A HUGE thank you goes out to Hansgrohe and Sherwin Williams for sponsoring the trip for us 100%.

2:10 pm ASID is celebrating our 40 year anniversary. 40 Years. One voice.

2:53 pm Hansgrohe gives away 12 all expense paid trips to Alpharetta, Georgia in April to see their showroom and a spa day. Sadly, I didn't win, but my roommate for the trip, Amy Gallo of Virginia Chapter won!

2:55 pm DJ Johnson, Director, Chapter Program Development states "It's getting like Oprah in here!"

3:32 pm Stephanie Clemons, ASID Chair (previously known as ASID National President), welcomes us to President's Forum and reminds us that this event is all about making connections.

3:47 pm Stephanie

reminds us that we are

40 Years. One Voice.

THE VOICE. And we all

yelled Happy Birthday

3:48 pm our Keynote

speaker, Holly

Duckworth spoke on

"Lead Different: 6

Solutions That Drive

Positive Organization".

She really touched on

how to lead differently.

4:02 pm Holly reminded

to ASID!



Windy J. Neff at Taliesin West

us all of ASID's why statement "ASID advances the profession and communicates the impact of interior design to enhance the human experience". Everything that we do for the organization should go back to this why statement.

4:31 pm Learned a new term "Pecha Kucha". It's

where you have 20 slides in 5 minutes and doing 3.9 Million Dollars Lighting Talks. Could be a great presentation for 9:01 am Are you aware of WELL (wellcertified.com)? It's a wonderful step that CBRE new headquarters is the very first platinum WELL certified building, a Commercial Real Estate Company.

Career Day or another event followed by Q&A. 4:45 pm Learned about a book by the founder of Zappos "Delivering Happiness: A Path to Profits, Passion, and Purpose" by Tony Hsieh, CEU of Zappos.com. It explains how he created a

corporate culture with a commitment to service that aims to improve the lives of its employees, customers, vendors and backers.

4:50 pm Learned about a contest ASID is having on Twitter and Facebook where you can submit your own 40 celebration images tagged #MakeYour40 CLICK HERE.

#### Saturday, March 2015



8:12 am DJ Johnson guoted

21,

"Humans are the only species that evolve in their 9:44 am The ASID Codes Committee is working on lifetime." getting an app made for our phones that will locate 8:22 am Benjamin Huntington, on the ASID Legislative Advisory Council, stated that "What is so for that area.

where you are and tell you what codes are required nice about all of us here and in ASID is that we are **10:33 am** Christopher Worjcik, Vice President, part of a family. We are not alone, as other's have Membership and Industry Development, explained been through what we have been through." Use to us great news that Membership is on the rise. In you ASID connections/contacts to help each other June at CLC we were told about the decline of our help to solve an issue. membership, so this was wonderful news.

8:26 am Randy Fiser had us stand up for a little 11:03 am Learned another new term WIIFM which morning Dance Party to wake us up after a large stands for What's In It For Me. Many Generation breakfast. Y's are looking for the WIIFM when looking at extra 8:48 am ASID is really pushing for chapters to -curricular activities.

have impact awards rather than just design awards. **1:05 pm** The Pennsylvania West Chapter was Design isn't just about how the final image looks, recognized for participation in the Chapter it's more about the total impact on the end users Challenge which raises money for the ASID and the community as well as the overall human Foundation. If you are interested in donating please experience. CLICK HERE.

8:59 am Through Design we can save more than

12:13 pm Sitting on

Shuttle to go back to hotel, and the shuttle won't start. After 15 minutes we are saved! It starts up and we are on our way back to the Ritz Carlton.

2:05 pm Randy Fiser, CEO welcomes us to Arizona, his home state, and the Presidents Forum is officially kicked off.

9:05 am Randy Fisher reminded us that if someone

asks why they should join ASID you can explain that it's about Professionalism, and that a membership is a hell of a lot cheaper than a Starbucks Coffee every day of the year.

9:14 am Don Davis, Vice President, Government and Public Affairs, provided us a background of ASID and how we started, again part of the background for celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A reminder is that ASID has been

President of Virginia

around since the beginning and helped to form FIDER (now CIDA) and NCIDQ.

**1:30 pm** We started our Round Table Discussions. This is by far my favorite part of the forum. Getting to talk freely with other Chapter Presidents in my region and then around the nation about different issues. It is a great time to gather ideas for different events, slight changes to how we do events and much more. I will be sharing all this information with the Directors of the Chapter.

**4:29 pm** Lynn Vogeltanz, Chair of the Chapter Support Team, explained what it took to be a CST and the application process. This is the support system for the presidents and chapter to contact besides talking to National. It is an immediate past -president and a two year term.

**4:58 pm** one of the President's stated that "If you ever want to be taken seriously, you need to take a seat at the table." It really resonated with me.

#### Sunday, February 22, 2015

**9:02 am** We had a welcome from Sandy Gordon, ASID Chair-Elect, followed by a fire-side chat with Sandy, Randy and Stephanie Clemons, Chair. When asked why she joined ASID, Sandy expressed that it's because "She wanted to know what was happening outside of Madison, WI."

**9:40 am** We learned that between July and September anyone can provide names to National

for recommendations to serve on the various **committee's they have: Emerging Professionals** Advisory Council, Legislative Advisory Council and Student Advisory Council.

**10:11 am** Randy expressed that ASID has had talks with HGTV about possible partnerships and having their programming be more realistic. While HGTV is open to partnering with us, they are not going to change their TV. They see it as entertainment! However, if something aired that had many code issues they will not re-air or stream. Also, they are more open to partnering with us more on their website to provide more educational information for those interested in looking for an interior designer.

**11:00 am** Meeting officially ended.

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## Expanding Your Knowledge: A Day of Continuing Education

#### By Kelsey Ziegler, ASID PA West Director of Professional Development



ASID professional and allied members are required to receive a minimum of 10 continuing education credits (CEUs) every two years. In order to help our members achieve that required number of CEUs, ASID PA West hosted its annual event Expanding Your Knowledge: A Day of Continuing Education. This year's event was held Thursday, February 26th at Vangura in North Huntington. This all day event allowed members to receive up to six CEU credits while having the chance to network with other designers and tour of one of the largest countertop manufacturing plant in North America.

At 9:45 a.m., Dominic Gillot from Kholer presented our first CEU: Sustainable Kitchen and Bath Design. Dominic presented Sustainable Kitchen & Bath Design. This course discussed the various ways to design a healthy and sustainable kitchen and bath by selecting sustainable products and being able to integrate water conservation plumbing products. Katrina Hogan from Steelcase provided the second CEU of the day, Workplace Wellbeing. This intriguing CEU discussed the habits of today's society and how to design the workplace to promote wellbeing in the

employees therefore helping an organization attain the business results the desire. The final CEU presentation for the morning session was presented by the president of Tambient Lighting, David Pfund . David presented Lighting & the Collaborative Work Place. Attendees learned how occupant aligned lighting strategies can improve indoor environment gualities. They also learned that these strategies can also help support focus, and productivity.

After the first three presenters completed their presentation, everyone broke out for a lunch break. The boxed lunches were provided by Kings Family Restaurant and those in attendance were able to enjoy their yummy lunches amid Vangura's fabulous showroom. After the lunch break was over, it was time to dive back into our remaining CEU presentations.

Bill Ludwig, with Patcraft, was the first presenter of the afternoon. He presented a CEU entitled, Carpet Diem III. This presentation covered the sustainable aspects of carpet, while teaching designers how to write a sustainable specification for carpet. It also evaluated the





materials and manufacturing process that goes into some dinner and the happy hour/networking portion of the day. While everyone enjoyed some boneless wings, producing the carpet we walk on everyday. Mark Krejchi chicken tenders, and other munchies, those with Wilsonart provided the second CEU of the afternoon in attendance had the opportunity to get a tour of entitled, Surface Solutions: Understanding the Materials Vangura's manufacturing facility and mingle with of the World. This CEU provided a greater understanding fellow industry members. Overall, the event was a huge about a variety of materials that are frequently used in success and well attended. Vangura was an amazing host and sponsor of this great event. Not only did they interior spaces be explaining their chemical and open their doors and allow us to host our event at their sometimes hazardous properties. The presentation also facility, they raffled off Starbucks gift cards, through out addressed the fundamental health, safety, and welfare the day, covered all food and beverage cost, as well as issues involved in sustainable design. Our final CEU of raffled off 2 tickets to a Penguins game in their box the day, Understanding Quartz Surfacing Materials, along with dinner with the owner of Vangura, Ed Vangura. presented by Silestone/Consentino, presented by Robert Vertes from Vangura discussed the role quartz We would like to extend a big thanks to all our has played throughout history, as well as its physical sponsors for this event: Vangura, Cosentino, Kohler, Patcraft, Repco II, Silestone, Steelcase, Tambient properties and manufacturing process. Lighting, and Wilsonart! Without amazing sponsors this Once all the CEUs were completed, it was time for event would not have been such a huge success.



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#### **CEU PRESENTERS**

Cosentino/Silestone Kohler Patcraft Tambient Lighting Steelcase Wilsonart

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### "Come tour a Historic Icon of **Renovated Beauty**"

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Designed by William Halsey Wood, The Braddock Carnegie Library was the first Carnegie Library in the United States. It was built in 1888 and dedicated by Andrew Carnegie in March 1889. The library was named a National Historic Landmark in 2013. The 1893 addition doubled the size of the library and included many more amenities, such as a music hall, gymnasium, swimming pool, and two-lane duck pin alley. The library was slated for demolition in the late 1970's when neglect and the lack of funds for repair forced its closure. Restoration of the library is still taking place, however the library for the adults and children have been restored.

Matthew Falcone is the current president of Preservation Pittsburgh, a community-based organization devoted to protecting our region's structural and cultural heritage. He will be speaking about "Exploring Interior Design & Historic Preservation's Dichotomic Union."





#### **MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015**

#### **EVENT SCHEDULE**

5:00pm- 6:30pm	Registration & Refreshments
6:30pm- 7:30pm	Presentation by Matthew W.C. Falcone,
	President of Preservation Pittsburgh
7:00pm– 7:30pm	Presentation by Vicki Vargo,
	Executive Director of the Braddock Library
7:30pm-9:00pm	Tour of the Braddock Library

#### **EVENT COST**

\$10 STUDENTS

- \$25 ASID MEMBERS, FAMILY, & FRIENDS \$40
- NON-MEMBERS & PAY AT THE DOOR

Contributions or gifts to the Pennsylvania West Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.

#### **RSVP BY MONDAY APRIL 13TH**

Registration and payment to: www.eventbrite.com/e/asid-pa-west-chapter-braddock-library-information-tickets-16179235529 www.asidpawest.org P: 412.884.4424 E: asidpawest@gmail.com

#### LOCATION

**PRESENTATION:** 

Braddock Library **419 Library Street** Braddock, PA 15104

#### PARKING:

On Street Parking Available as well as a Parking lot diagonally across from the library

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It was great to see so many of our designers, industry partners and friends at the Home & Garden show! Check out this link for an article about the designers and their spaces: http://www.post-gazette.com/life/homes/2015/03/07/American-Society-of-Interior-Designers-Pittsburgh-Home-Show-Nancy-Drew-Nancy-Sakino-Spears-Erin-M-Faith-Nicole-Santella/stories/201503070015

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