The AFC hosted a book presentation and signing at the Mercantile Library on September 28 for the new book, Home: Visual Conversations, about the career of John Harrison. John Faherty, the Director of the Mercantile Library, interviewed many of John Harrison’s clients and wrote the text for the book that looks at John Harrison’s work. The text reads as intimate conversations with those who know what it is like to work with this talented interior designer. John Faherty presented an overview of his conversations, and John Harrison read excerpts from selected clients followed by a book signing.

The AFC will participate in the Memorial Hall/Soapbox lecture series on October 28. As a reprise of the AFC’s April program at Graydon’s offices, Chris Hermann, Chad Edwards, and Steve Sendelbeck will participate in a pecha kucha style discussion of the issues related to docking on Front Washington Way. Each will offer ideas on different aspects of funding and building the decks that will reconnect the CBD to the Banks and riverfront in a rapid-fire presentation of 20 slides with no more than 20 seconds per slide. The larger lecture series will focus on design issues ranging from kitchen design to urban planning.

The AFC will present Doors Open Over the Rhine on October 29. Our inaugural event will provide public access to more than 25 arts and architectural venues in OTR to showcase the investment that has been made in this vibrant community. The event will run from 12 pm to 5 pm and focus on architecturally significant locations as well as arts venues from Central Parkway to Findlay Market. Some of the venues will provide guided tours inside their facilities, and all will have volunteers who can answer questions about their organizations and why they chose to locate in OTR. Visit the AFC website to learn more about this exciting new event.

The AFC launched its second app, Doors Open OTR, on September 1.

The AFC will offer a construction tour of Union Terminal on November 9. Join the AFC as we get a glimpse of the renovations that are occurring in Cincinnati’s most iconic building. Turner Construction will provide a progress tour of the facility that will reopen next year. Tour guides will explain the process of repairing and restoring this historic landmark as well as the changes in operations that are being made to improve the visitor experience. While parts of the building remain open during the renovation, visitors will be able to see the spaces that are currently closed and get a sense of what the final product will be. Visit the AFC website in mid-October to register for this free event.

The AFC has launched the Design LAB program for the 2017-18 season with the theme, Food for Thought. As we start the fourth year of managing the program, the AFC is targeting the participation of 3,500 students in over 120 classrooms throughout the Greater Cincinnati area. The Advisory Committee has selected a theme that has never been done in the Design LAB (formerly ABC) program to challenge students to think about how food is sourced and prepared and the impact that a location can make on delivering food to more people more efficiently. Christen is recruiting both teachers and classroom volunteers to carry our our most ambitious program to date. Volunteers will be in the classrooms in early January.

The AFC is preparing the eighth walking tour for the app that will focus on the Covington/Newport area.

The AFC is preparing the ninth walking tour for the app that will focus on the iconic architecture of northern Kentucky. The AFC is in the process of gathering the data on the buildings and will determine whether this will be one or two separate walking tours. Look for this tour to be launched in early 2018. Once completed, the AFC will continue to expand the walking tour offerings by looking at the major neighborhoods surrounding the urban core. The AFC has also had conversations with the local chapter of the US Green Building Council about creating a “green buildings” tour.

The AFC wishes to thank our Corporate Partners.