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Newsletter



Leadership Transition

Bob Grace ends his term as President of the Board of Trustees and Lauren della Bella assumes the leadership role.

Bob completed his second year as President of the Board in December. During his tenure, the AFC launched its new walking tour app, ArchiTour Cincinnati, and held the inaugural Doors Open event in Over the Rhine showcasing the development of this community behind the scenes. As Lauren assumes leadership of the AFC, she brings her business acumen to the job and is focusing on creating new committees and defining Trustee roles to support the continued growth of the foundation. We thank Bob for his leadership and look forward to great things from Lauren.



Recent Event

The AFC held a Corporate Partner event on February 21 at Messer's new offices on West Court Street.

Corporate partners of the AFC were treated to a networking reception and tours of Messer's new offices followed by a presentation on the development plans for the Uptown Area by Beth Robinson of the Uptown Consortium, Inc. Messer employees conducted the tours and shared some of the challenges in building this facility that is branded with the Messer identity. Beth's presentation focused on the area around the medical campus in Clifton and the new developments that are planned for the community.



Upcoming Events

The AFC will host an event in conjunction with the USGBC on April 4 at the Cincinnati Zoo.

The Cincinnati Zoo has become a laboratory for sustainable design, and attendees will have an opportunity to understand how these sustainable concepts have been implemented in the renovation of the Gorilla World and Wings of the World exhibits. Representatives from HGC Construction will provide tours and share design and green strategies that have been implemented in these existing facilities. They will also share the challenges of renovating these facilities while the animals continue to live in the environment so that they can protect the health of the animals.



Design LAB Learn And Build

The 2017-18 theme for Design LAB is "Food for Thought", and the classroom program is underway.

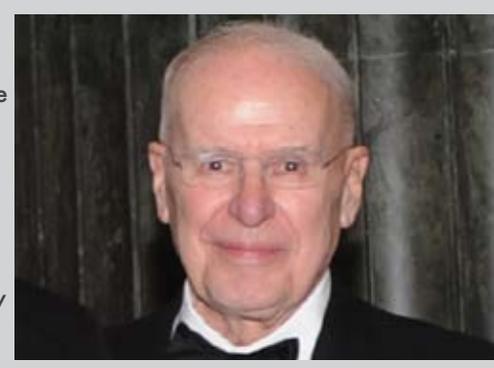
Over 2,000 students in more than 100 classrooms are working with their professional volunteers to design spaces where food is grown, produced, sold or served. This is the first time this theme has been explored, and students are coming up with some very innovative solutions. The fruits of their labors will be displayed at the Design LAB Exhibit the first week of May. Once again, it will be held at the downtown Public Library outside of the Maker's Space, and the award ceremony will occur on Saturday, May 5 from noon to 1pm.



Apple Award Gala

The AFC is honoring Otto M. Budig, Jr. with the Apple Award on May 23 at the Music Hall Ballroom.

Having led the effort to revitalize Music Hall while shepherding the development of the Otto M. Budig Theater for the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company and the renovation and expansion of the Ensemble Theatre, Otto has clearly demonstrated his leadership in developing the built environment in Cincinnati. He has supported virtually every arts organization in the community and helped them stabilize their financial situations while serving on their boards. His leadership has helped create an arts community in Cincinnati that is incomparable in the US. Join the AFC to celebrate Otto and his community leadership at the gala.



Social Media

The AFC has launched a social media campaign to raise awareness of the importance of architecture and design in our community.

Raising awareness of the importance of architecture and design in our community is the primary purpose of the AFC, and today there is no better way to do that than to use social media to deliver our message. The AFC has implemented a coordinated communication plan to inform people about what constitutes good architecture, understand architectural detailing, and identify important works of architecture in our community and why they are significant. Our presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter allows us to deliver our message to a broader audience.



ArchiTour Cincinnati

ArchiTour Cincinnati, the AFC's architectural walking tour app is being improved and expanded.

The app launched in September, 2016 is being updated with a new version that will be more streamlined and user friendly. It will launch this summer and will include additional walking tours of the Covington and Newport areas. This will expand the app's offerings to 8 different walking tours with more to come. In addition, the AFC has had conversations with the USGBC about creating walking tours of sustainable facilities and adding more information to the existing tours about green buildings along the current 7 walking tour paths.



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