



Hello Members!

I just wanted to write a few lines to update everyone on some general announcements that I have. As the chapter's Communications Director and Chapter Administrator, I am going to be helping the Chapter distribute information throughout the year.

Some of the tasks that I will be in charge of include, but are not limited to: News Brief creation and distribution, Newsletter distribution, membership database management, National communications distribution, mailing list distribution, Directory creation and distribution, Website management and a few more odds and ends.

Due to the long list of items that I am dealing with, I have decided to let you all know of my plan of attack for these items.

News Briefs – these will be distributed on or about the first part of every month. If you would like to include any general announcements in this, please have them to me by the 20th of each month.

News Letter – We are hoping to create 2 of these per year, which will showcase our yearly events and special happenings. As of now, we don't have a deadline or expected publication date for the next newsletter. If you would like to advertise in the newsletter, please contact me.

Membership Database – ASID National has been working really hard to create a new, functional database for us to use. As of right now, they are rolling out bits and pieces. I attended a training in Washington DC last month to learn about it, and once it is complete, it will be a great tool for our chapter. This will enable all members to update their contact & business information through the national ASID.ORG website, which will then be available locally for Communications Directors and Chapter Administrators to use to download rosters and mailing labels with CORRECT information on it. I will be updating you as I learn more about this and as national releases more reports for me to use. For now, if you need to update your contact information, please e-mail me at michelle@doradodesigns.com.

Directory – We will be creating and sending out a new membership directory as soon as national has completed the database and we can use the most accurate information.

I hope this helps you all to know who to contact for all communications issues and updates that you have!

Thank you for your support!

Michelle Hall
Communications Director & Chapter Administrator
ASID AZ South
Designer, Dorado Designs

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE JOY OF DESIGN AT THE ANNUAL DESIGN AWARDS GALA RECEPTION

DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2005
TIME: 6:30 PM
DRINKS & HORS D'OEUVRES TO BE SERVED AT 6:30
AWARDS PRESENTATION AT 7:30
FOLLOWED BY DANCING
- COCKTAIL ATTIRE -

TUCSON MUSEUM OF ART
140 N. MAIN AVE.
TUCSON, AZ 85701
CONTACT PERSON: SALLY CHAVEZ 271-6423

RSVP BY 12/5/05!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Susan Lujan, Allied Member ASID of Aesthetics Interiors INC. & Sandra Keeney, Allied Member ASID of Sandra Keeney Interiors INC. have recently received their State of Arizona Residential Contractors Licenses!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Art Center Design College's Interior Design Department is looking for professional Interior Designers to become part of a flexible dynamic academic environment.

Full and part time instructors are wanted to teach in a comprehensive BA program. (Perfect for freelance Interior Designers). BA in Interior Design or related field required, MA preferred. Possibility of Benefits packages.

Please send your resume to:

The Art Center Design College
2525 N. Country Club Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85704.

Congrats to **Christy Martin and Studio Encanto**
for making the “This Old House Top 40” list!

September 2005

“BEST BUILDING PROS IN AMERICA” MARKS DEBUT OF ANNUAL
THIS OLD HOUSE GUIDE TO TOP CONTRACTORS, ARCHITECTS, DESIGNERS, AND
TRADESPEOPLE

October Issue, on Newsstands September 12, Features
TOH Hall of Fame and Expert Hiring Tips from TOH Crew

Cover Story: “Best Building Pros in America” (page 91) The No. 1 question we get at *This Old House* is “When are you coming to my house.?” Even with two television series, a magazine, a website and live events, we still can’t make it to all the homes we’d like to. So, the editors of *This Old House* magazine have compiled a list of the best building pros in America. Nearly 5,000 phone calls and several hundred portfolio reviews began the months-long process that culminated in scores of interviews and cross-checks. The result is the *TOH* top 40, a list of highly skilled and vetted contractors, builders, architects, designers and various trades and specialties.

Contractors & Builders

Duce Construction Corporation, New York City
Olde York Homes, York, PA
Hull Historical Restoration and Millwork, Fort Worth, TX
Fort Hill Construction, Los Angeles, CA
Allen J. Reyen Inc., Stamford, CT
Fraser Construction, Lyons, IL
Jeremiah Parker Restoration & Construction, Shoreham, VT
Plath & Company, San Rafael, CA
Recreate, Lyme, NH
Tidewater Preservation Inc., Fredericksburg, VA

Architects & Designers

Glenn Keyes Architects, Charleston, SC
Kenneth R. Nadler Architects, Mount Kisco, NY
Dubbe-Moulder Architects, Jackson, WY
Satterberg Desonier Dumo Interior Design, Mercer Island, WA
Hebert Lewis Kruse Blunck Architecture, Des Moines, IA
Studio Encanto, Tucson, AZ
Erica Broberg Architect, East Hampton and New York, NY
European Country Kitchens, Bloomsbury, NJ
Drysdale Inc., Washington, DC
Austin Patterson Disston Architects, Southport, CT

Trades & Specialties

18th Century Fireplaces, Savannah, GA

Robert Tomlin, Hunt, TX

Oehme, van Sweden & Associates Inc., Washington, DC.

River Wood Studio, Frenchtown, NJ

Historic Color Consulting, Ann Arbor, MI

Carolina Joinery Inc., Charleston, SC

Copperworks Corporation, Decatur, AL

Harmonson Stairs, Mount Laurel, NJ

Lucian Avery Blacksmith, Hardwick, VT

E.H. Hutson Plumbing Co. Inc., Savannah, GA

Wells Roofing and Sheet Metal Company, Charleston, SC

Gail Spears Interiors and Landscape Design, Los Angeles, CA

Cianni Painting Company, Bensales, PA

The Kennebec Company, Bath, ME

Todd Radar & Amy Crews Landscape Architecture, Brooklyn, NY

Painted Illusions Studio, Nashville, TN

Whitehead Landscape and Design, Bainbridge Island, WA

Crawford & Associates Historic Preservation Consultants, Savannah, GA

Les Metalliers Champenois, Paterson, NJ

Ceramic Harmony, Huntsville, AL

TOH editors acknowledge the list represents just a fraction of the talented building professionals across the country, so they offer up a six-point plan on how to hire the best, knowing that one of the top 40 may not be in your town, with expert advice from master carpenter Norm Abram, general contractor Tom Silva, heating & plumbing expert Richard Trethewey and landscape contractor Roger Cook.

The October issue also contains how-to info on hanging interior shutters (page 83); design advice on breaking down tiny rooms to make one open, family-friendly kitchen (page 41); an inspiring story on how a homeowner saved \$160,000 on his own remodel (page 118); and product news on hot (no pun intended) vintage ranges.

This Old House is the leading media authority on home improvement and renovation. Host Kevin O'Connor, master carpenter Norm Abram, general contractor Tom Silva, heating and plumbing expert Richard Trethewey and landscape contractor Roger Cook, along with many other noted experts in the building arts and design trades, share their wisdom and their sense of humor with millions of adults every month through award-winning television series, a highly regarded magazine, a comprehensive line of books, an information-driven website and live events.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY FOR DESIGNERS!!

Home magazine is searching for living rooms, dining rooms, and bedrooms by ASID interior designers to profile in its monthly "Designer Look" column. This column provides the opportunity for designers to showcase a memorable project and to tell its story. The rooms featured must be consistent with the *Home* design style: eye catching, comfortable, and clean-not too modern or too traditional.

If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity to have your work profiled in a magazine that reaches more than 1 million readers a month, please send high-resolution **professional** images of the room (The magazine will choose **one** photograph to use in the article. *Home* does **not** photograph the rooms featured.), your professional head shot, and contact information to

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Digital or film images are acceptable. Be sure to obtain permission from your photographer for *Home* to use any of the images submitted. Please do not submit images that have already run in other national publications.

If your project is accepted, you will be interviewed by Ms. Levin regarding the background of the project and the ideas that went into your design of the room. The interview will take between 45 minutes and one hour.

If you have any questions about the submission requirements, please e-mail Michelle Snyder, associate director of public relations at ASID, at msnyder@asid.org.