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During her term as Chapter president, Jeanne Crandall wrote, "Above all we want the consumer and public to recognize that the members of ASID are a definitive resource for interior design." I do not believe there is one chapter member who would argue her point. We know



ASID interior designers are "a definitive resource for interior design." We live the profession day-in, day-out. However, the public does not have the benefit of our daily experience as ASID designers. Therefore, it is important that any contact they have with us be both positive and educational. As practicing professionals, we have several methods available to communicate with the public at large: Home tours, show houses and award competitions quickly come to mind, but there is another avenue open to every member. Yes, I'm talking about writing an article or giving an interview to one of the many publications that contact our chapter for interior design expertise. Publications present their readership with new and exciting design ideas and they want a credible source. This offers us the opportunity to present professional designs and ideas to the public on a mass-media level. The next time Pauline e-mails PR opportunities, do not be bashful; accept the challenge. Then when the publication contacts you, respond! The membership has a responsibility to maintain ASID's reputation as "a definitive resource for interior design."

See you at the next meeting!

Greta Guelich, ASID
President

Want to be more involved in our chapter and enhance your depth as a professional? Joining a chapter committee is a great way to round out your skills in the field. I'm looking for motivated and creative people to start a small committee for *Desert Digest*. Now if you think it sounds like hard work, it is, however the challenge is always rewarding once you see what you've accomplished in print! It doesn't need to take up a lot of your time. Something as simple as writing a small article, coming up with a new article or column idea or even taking pictures at one of our many chapter events would help keep *Desert Digest* both informational and fresh. If you are interested in the *Desert Digest* committee, please contact me by phone at 602-537-3827 or email at Allyson.J.Calvert@aexp.com.



Consider the list of committees in this issue, and contact the committee chairs to learn how to get involved. I encourage all to participate in some way, even if it's not a lot of time. Volunteers are what make this chapter so strong and remember, you'll meet new people and have fun doing it!

Changes are also happening to the timing of when *Desert Digest* hits readers, as issue months have changed and this issue of April/May will be followed by June/July, August/September and October/November. By doing so, this will coincide with and enable to us to smoothly transition both the new and past president issues as well as correspond with our chapter events better. Please note the new deadlines for article submissions below:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline for Articles</u>
June/July	April 11, 2005
August/September	June 6, 2005
October/November	August 8, 2005
December '05/January '06	October 10, 2005

Sincerely,
Allyson Calvert, ASID

Election Results Are In!

Your new Board of Directors for 2005-2006 are as follows:

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February Membership Meeting "The ABC's of Making Money"

More than 110 members enjoyed the advice and stories of Charles Gandy, FASID, at the Feb. 17th member meeting held at the Orange Tree Golf Resort in Scottsdale. Gandy's presentation was spiced with many stories from his business experiences as a residential interior designer in Georgia. Although his entire presentation was informative and entertaining, the audience seemed to particularly enjoy the story of how he got into the design profession. If you weren't there you also missed the wonderful "red canoe" story.

Before Gandy's presentation, members enjoyed looking at products and tabletop displays from 19 Industry Partners who we thank for showing their products at our meeting once again. Thanks to our meeting sponsors: Alexander Sinclair, Clare Frame & Art, Christine Piotrowski & Associates and Design Business Resources.



Charles Gandy, FASID, speaker; Greta Guelich, ASID chapter president; and Gera King, ASID



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Industry Partner Tabletops Galore!



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Gretchen Palmer, Allied Member ASID and Jackie Jordan of Sherwin Williams.



Charles Gandy, FASID, speaker

Applauding Success—Winter Tour of Homes

Our first-ever Winter Tour of Homes, held on February 26th, was a hand-clapping success. Committee chair **Sandra Kieffer** and her hard-working committee members, **Linda Gleason** and **Denise Teichert** put together a wonderful tour the chapter was proud to offer to the public. They all deserve several rounds of applause. Our Chapter's event committees work hard to produce such wonderful events and as members, we can become accustomed to such successes. Since this was our first Winter Tour of Homes, there were challenges; however, the committee rose to those challenges. Sandra Kieffer, new to the Chapter, stepped up to take the reigns as committee chair.

The public was treated to four unique homes designed by **Angelica Henry, ASID**, of Janet Brooks Design; **Janet Friedman,**

ASID, and **Traci Shields, ASID**, of Friedman & Shields; **Donna Jantz, ASID**, of Jantz Design; and **Oren Bishop, ASID**, and **Mary Bishop, ASID**. The ticket hosts were **Sheri Newton, ASID**; **Christine Piotrowski, ASID**; **Robyn Randall, ASID**; **Susan Nicholson, ASID**; **Linda Gleason**; **Vickie Richie**; and **Susan Kay Schultz**. In addition, **Anita Lang Mueller** provided three of her employees, **Sarah Lelange**, **Peggy Ridgley** and **Jennifer Carlson**, to serve as ticket hosts as well. Thank you to everyone for your all-day commitment to this spectacular event! And speaking of tickets, a special thank you goes to Sandra Kieffer for designing such a unique ticket for our event! We appreciate the house hosts who participated during the day of the tour as their watchful eyes calmed the nerves of our homeowners!

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By Roland Arnold, IP Representative to the Board

In this update, I'd like to take the opportunity to address two obstacles that seem to come up more and more often by fellow IP members.

EXPOSURE. Becoming an IP member and having your firm's name in the ASID AZ North Chapter Directory does not guarantee exposure. But what does? Involvement!

If you want exposure, get involved in Chapter activities and volunteer for a committee. Start small; don't bite off more than you can handle. I know how busy we all are, but no one ever said being a volunteer had to be painful. Volunteering should be fun and mutually beneficial. Try to meet design professionals through attendance at meetings and events. Find out if they're on a committee and volunteer for the same one to help out, which in return, will help you expose your company.

According to a recent Chapter survey, the working design professional is not only looking for new products and materials to use, but just as importantly, is looking for practical and useful information on how to use and properly specify them. Design professionals may be familiar with your products, but may not know your company's service and support capabilities or what additional products are available. The IP's that blend these items and expose that information could become invaluable to your target clientele. Try partnering with another IP whose business or service complements yours for an informational seminar or boxed lunch presentation; the most information given in the

least amount of time works for everyone.

Use the Chapter's tools such as mailing labels, Web site, newsletters etc. to help you target your market for facility tours and demonstrations or anything that can get useful information directly to professionals who need it. Don't forget that students of local design schools are tomorrow's customers!

SPONSORSHIPS. The sponsorship committee has re-issued a letter referring to available functions and events for sponsorships, and it does help with budgets. Pick a topic or function that coincides with your business plan; with all the signage and mentions it receives, it does help associate your company's name with that particular event or speaker's topic. The response has been great and remember this letter has gone to professional and allied members as well. IP members are not the only people that are asked to sponsor events. Sponsorships help attract quality speakers which draw larger crowds. Some recent meetings are a prime example.

Finally, we need to hear from you! Any thoughts or questions? Please contact me. Especially smaller companies, we want to make sure your needs are being addressed.

P.S. Designers- remember to please stop by the tabletops to say hi, and take/leave a card. We want both our IP's and designers to have value for their efforts and remember—the IP's contribution enhances the meetings!



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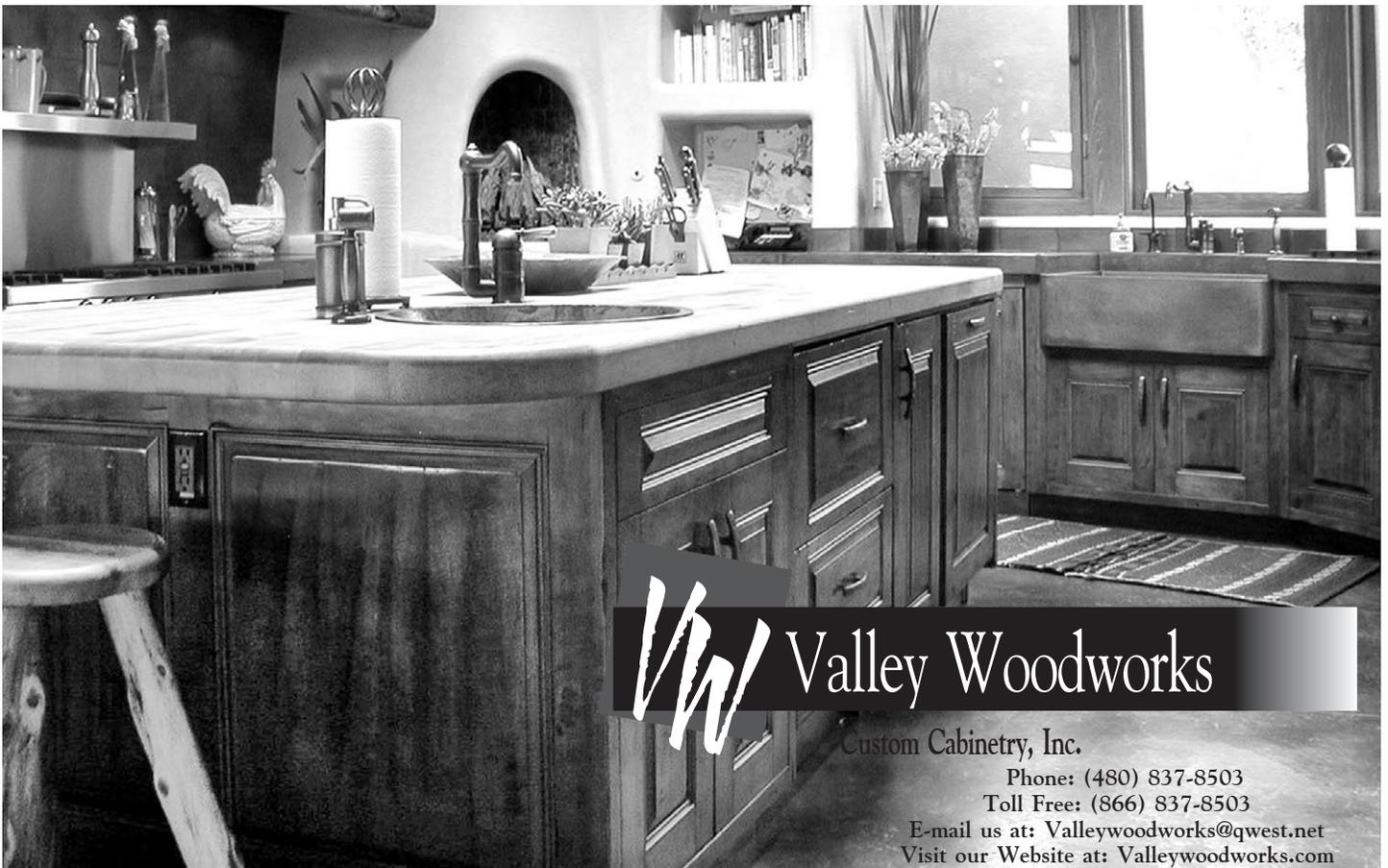


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Book Reports

By Christine Piotrowski, ASID

These recently published books are available at local bookstores and online at amazon.com, bn.com (Barnes & Noble) and other book source sites.

Jain Malkin. **Medical and Dental Space Planning.**

3rd edition. 2002. John Wiley & Sons.

ISBN: 0-471-38574-3. \$185.00

If you design medical or dental facilities—or would like to—this text is definitely something you should have on your bookshelf despite its high price. It is an outstanding reference written by an interior designer who has specialized in this field for many years. Filled with numerous photos, drawings, floorplans and a color insert, this work covers design of many specialty medical office suites and provides valuable information on psychological impacts of health care design and environmental planning topics such as codes and lighting. I like this book!

Mark Karlen and James Benya. 2004.

Lighting Design Basics. John Wiley & Sons.

ISBN: 0-471-38162-4. \$45.00

This book provides a concise treatment on lighting design for any type of interior. This highly visual book is filled with drawings and photos, including a color insert to help explain lighting design concepts. Design discussions on 20 different spaces illustrate important concepts in residential and commercial spaces' lighting design.

James Benya will be our speaker for the June 23, 2005 member meeting. Happy reading!

OOPS!

We inadvertently neglected to acknowledge **Don Nottingham of Design One International, Inc.** for his contributions to Tour de Noel. Don supplied the accessories and florals for one of the homes on the tour. Don, thank you for supporting Tour de Noel!

People on the Move

Marianne Green Seeger, ASID; Sheri Newton, ASID; and Greta Guelich, ASID were interviewed and featured in the February 2005 issue of *Arizona Woman Magazine*. Make sure to check out the great article and congratulations!

Naomi Anderson, publisher of *Sources+Design*, Industry Partner member, has been posted as an instructor for the ASID, CEU course "Getting Ink: Being Your Own PR Person." For more information on this course, please email the ASID Education Department at education@asid.org.

Design For Hire

SPRING DESIGN FOR HIRE is a new opportunity for the ASID North Chapter to raise funds and introduce interior designers to new clients. Throughout April, ASID will offer a two-hour design consultation with an ASID designer for \$75 per hour, which will be paid directly to our chapter. If you work with a client for longer than the two-hour period, your fees apply and you'd be paid directly. **...Three Birds With One Stone**

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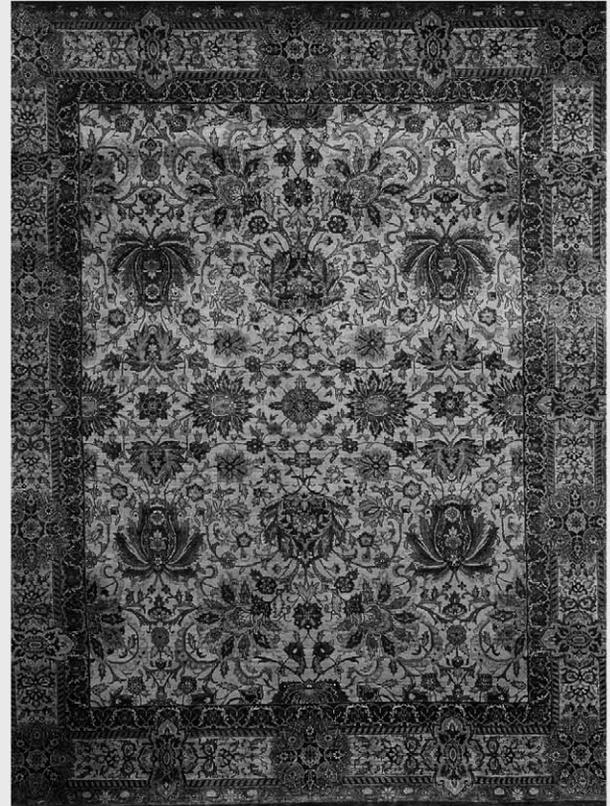
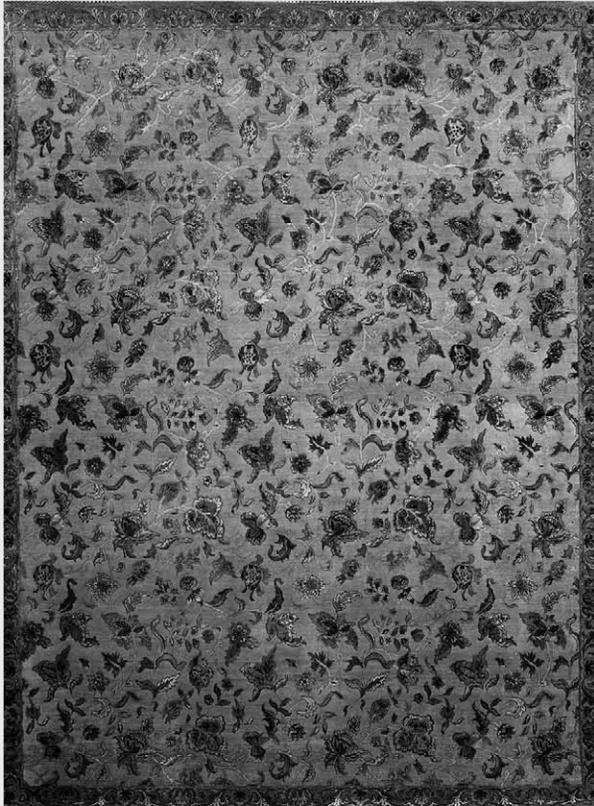
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One of the qualities that makes a successful professional is a strong foundation in what's current. Waves of changes bombard us and the tide is never-ending; products, trends, business practices, legal issues and code requirements are just a few of the things we must adapt to to stay strong and competitive. Professional development should be in everyone's annual business and personal plan. Here are three tips to keep up-to-date in the profession.

1. READ DESIGN TRADE MAGAZINES AND PUBLICATIONS RELATED TO YOUR SPECIALTY.

Product ads raise awareness and articles provide valuable information. Invite our chapter's Industry Partners to visit you and utilize their wealth of experience and knowledge. (IP members can also help you write specifications when detailed product information is required for your project documents.)

2. ATTEND MAJOR TRADE SHOWS. Neocon West in Los Angeles and the ASID Interiors '05 conference in San Diego, both held in March 2005, are examples of the education you should pursue. Look into Neocon World Trade Show in Chicago June 2005 or other regional and national trade shows and conferences offered around the country. You will become familiar with new products and

have your pick of seminars on a wide range of topics that are tailored to beginners, the “old salts” and everyone in between!

3. ENJOY EDUCATION DAY ON APRIL 21! Learn from experts in design trends, business and specialties and let our IPs show you their new products.

Although seminars are worthwhile simply because they're personally and professionally enriching, they should be taken to earn continuing education unit (CEU) credits as well. CEU seminars have been reviewed and approved for credit and are offered at conferences. Not all seminars have been approved in this way. ASID does not require CEU classes—yet. Registering your participation is a tangible record of your attendance and some clients may ask you to prove your professional updating; CEU registration (handled by NCIDQ) gives you this evidence.

Education is important for all interior designers at all levels and yes, all ages. Whether you update by taking seminars and registering the CEU credits, attend trade shows and conferences, read trade magazines or have good informative visits with industry representatives, continual professional development helps you evolve into a more well-rounded interior design professional, which makes you a more valuable asset to your clients!



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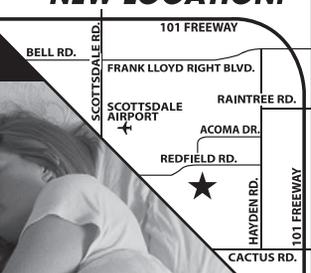
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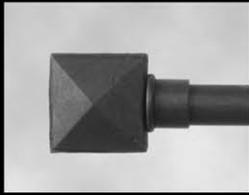
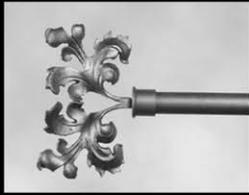
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campus buzz

by Sheena Geohagan,
Student Representative to the Board



Scottsdale Community College

Design students at Scottsdale Community College have certainly been busy! Through the summer and into last fall, SCC ASID student interior designers renovated 19 apartments for elderly victims of domestic violence as part of the DOVES project, which is sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging and Vice Mayor Peggy Bilsten of Phoenix. The apartments were completely renovated, and the students were able to see the entire remodel process. Our students designed interiors, none of which had a budget! They solicited donations from Industry Partners and from the community, such as Home Depot, Copenhagen as well as private donations from citizens. Students painted walls and furniture, made window treatments, reupholstered, and installed the apartments. The residents were thrilled! Thank you to all student designers, faculty and donors.



Student designer Julie Fregien taping off her DOVES apartment.

Marker and 3-D CAD workshops were held on Saturdays last fall for our student members. We also held a design contest to refresh our building's lobby. Congratulations to Carol Michael and Jane Bertram, whose space plan and design were selected. In February our chapter sponsored a volunteer workshop to reupholster the lobby furniture at a local custom furniture workshop.

Last fall was busier than a year ago with a visit from FIDER in March for national accreditation. Preparations are under way with our ASID student chapter helping with banners and cabinet displays of student work. We've also scheduled volunteer workshops to get our students involved with these preparations. Our ASID student group has planned two chapter meetings, several workshops and is beginning to look at end-of-the-year activities. Our first chapter meeting was a great success because we introduced our new Student Board of Directors, discussed upcoming events, and had guest speakers. Three full-time faculty instructors spoke about advisement and FIDER. Designer Lynne Beyer of Lynne Beyer Designs spoke about "Accessorizing a Client's Home Using the Valley's Resources."

*Written by Sabrina Susini, SCC ASID President-Elect

The Art Institute of Phoenix

The Art Institute of Phoenix started the semester with a Career Day on Tuesday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Gallery Cafe. Chris Natale spoke about furniture design, furniture marketing, and his own furniture business. He has an extensive portfolio. Natale's diverse background is evident in his furniture; they are truly works of art. Our competition on Wednesday, March 9th was for the design of a girls group home.

Northern Arizona University

There were events almost every week in February at NAU and more on the horizon now! The Navajo Reservation's school renovation project began Feb. 2. A tour of the Riordan Mansion was on Feb. 10 and model-building workshop on Feb. 26.

Phoenix College

The chapter opened the semester with a membership drive in the afternoon at the Arizona Biltmore on Sunday, Feb. 6. The event kicked off with lunch at the Biltmore Grill and concluded with a guided tour of this famous Phoenix resort and spa. The student chapter at Phoenix College will contribute design charity work for the Ronald McDonald House, and we hope to have a lot of community involvement and provide enjoyable, educational events for design students.

Mesa Community College

MCC is ready for a great semester ahead! Donations were made to the Sojourner Center during Winter Break, and activities are planned for the upcoming months. A model-making workshop and workshops on Adobe PhotoShop, Illustrator, PDF Maker, and InDesign will be interesting. Student Career Day is Friday, April 8 and the professional ASID Student Scholarship fundraiser, the Sample Sale, was on Saturday, March 12. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Student Buzz Congrats

Congrats to Karen Mandarino for "Fastest Turn-Around in History!" Assignment: Distribution of 2500 postcards for the Designer Sample Sale. Received Feb. 8th a.m. and distributed Feb. 8th p.m.!



DOVES apartment bedroom by student designer, Cat Oliver.



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April 1-2	NCIDQ Exam
April 8	Student Career Day 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. SunWest Distributing, 8370 S. Kyrene Dr., Tempe
April 21	Education Day '05 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Westin Kierland Resort & Spa Scottsdale, AZ 602-569-8916
April 20-22	EnviroDesignR 9 Marriott Marquis, New York, NY For more conference information, visit www.envirodesign.com
April 28	New Member Meeting 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Alexander Sinclair 7781 E. Earll Dr., Scottsdale
April 28	Design Competition Review 2 p.m. at Alexander Sinclair 7781 E. Earll Dr., Scottsdale

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