

# Architecture in the Community Committee

The Architecture in the Community Committee (AIC) is charged with extending IAF's mission to the adult public through annual programs such as the summer walking tours, Architecture Month Lectures and Tours, community education courses and special events. The committee also works with the Architecture in the Schools Committee (AIS) to provide children's walking tours.

There are multiple volunteer opportunities to get involved with Architecture in the Community activities. Volunteers can serve on the committee or pick-and-choose events or activities that are convenient with their schedule. We welcome your interest, input, and contribution.

## **Summer Walking Tours**

**What:** An opportunity to showcase downtown Des Moines Architecture to the public.

**When:** Generally they are the second Friday of every month May through September beginning at 5:00pm.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Tour guide:** (architecture or design professional) lead the tours.

**Wranglers:** (architecture or design professional or architecture enthusiast) help keep the tour moving on time.

**Graphic Design:** create annual promotional poster.

**Other:** Registration, Refreshments and Clean Up

**Time Commitment:** 90 minutes to 2 hours per tour evening.

### **Skills Needed:**

**Tour Guide:** Ability to interact with and engage the public and follow pre-designed tour routes. All guides are provided extensive notes for each route that they are expected to learn in advance so they can give the tour with spontaneity, without reading.

**Wrangler:** Ability to interact with the public; good time keeping skills.

**Graphic Design:** Ability to create annual promotional poster and possibly secure donation for printing.

**Get Involved:** Contact IAF Executive Director ([director@iowaarchfoundation.org](mailto:director@iowaarchfoundation.org)) or Champion Tina Rhodes ([trhodes@frk-ae.com](mailto:trhodes@frk-ae.com)).

## **Special Private Walking Tours**

**What:** An opportunity to showcase downtown or other Des Moines architecture to the public.

**When:** Scheduled in advance by private party. Recommended group size is 10+, but private tours will be available to smaller groups if they pay the minimum fee, which is \$150.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Tour guide:** (architecture or design professional) leads the tour.

**Wranglers:** (architecture or design professional or architecture enthusiast) helps keep the tour moving on time.

**Time Commitment:** 90 minutes to 2 hours per tour.

### **Skills Needed:**

**Tour Guide:** Ability to interact with the public and follow pre-designed tour routes. All guides are provided extensive notes for each route.

**Wrangler:** Ability to interact with the public; good time keeping skills.

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### **Student Walking Tours (This originates with Architects in the Schools Committee)**

**What:** An opportunity to showcase downtown Des Moines Architecture to children of various ages.

**When:** Scheduled in advance by schools or art teachers, although most tours are given in the month of May.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Tour guide:** (architecture or design professional) leads the tour.

**Wranglers:** (architecture or design professional or architecture enthusiast) helps keep the tour moving on time.

**Time Commitment:** up to 90 minutes.

#### **Skills Needed:**

**Tour Guide:** Ability to interact with children of all ages follow pre-designed tour routes. All guides are provided extensive notes for the school tour route.

**Wrangler:** Ability to interact with children of all ages; good time keeping skills.

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### **April Architecture Month Lecture Series**

**What:** An opportunity to showcase Des Moines architecture to the general public through lectures and/or building tours.

**When:** Throughout the month of April.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Lecture Committee:** Work to determine annual theme and assist others with lining up lecturers and/or building tours.

**Poster Design:** Work with committee to design poster promoting the lecture series.

**Time Commitment:** Varies for poster design. Up to 2 hours per lecture session.

#### **Skills Needed:**

**Organization:** Ability to work with committee to effectively secure and schedule lectures.

**Graphic Design:** Ability to create promotional poster based on series topic and individual lectures.

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### **Occasional Private Lectures**

**What:** An opportunity to showcase architecture to private groups

**When:** Scheduled in advance by private party.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Lecturer:** Present requested material to groups.

**Presentation Creation:** Craft engaging course curriculum based on architectural topics.

**Time Commitment:** Varies per lecture session.

#### **Skills Needed:**

**Public Speaking:** Ability to present material in public setting.

**Presentation Creation:** Ability to create a PowerPoint or similar presentation based on curriculum topic.

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### **Community Education Courses**

**What:** An opportunity to showcase architectural topics through courses

**When:** Usually Winter, Spring, and Fall sessions.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Lecturer:** Present requested material to groups.

**Time Commitment:** Varies for new curriculum creation. Usually 90 to 120 minutes per lecture session.

#### **Skills Needed:**

**Public Speaking:** Ability to present material in public setting.

**Presentation Creation:** Ability to create PowerPoint or similar presentation based on lecture topic request.

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### **Festival of Trees**

**What:** Ornament design and decorating for IAF's annual tree contribution to the Blank Children's Hospital's Festival of Trees and Lights.

**When:** Ornament design begins August 1; Decorating on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Ornament Design:** Work with select committee members and Festival champion to develop ornament theme. Create ornament design using Illustrator.

**Tree Decorator:** Assist volunteers in decorating tree on the Sunday before Thanksgiving at the Iowa Event Center.

**Time Commitment:** Varies for each ornament design, but usually no more than 1 hour per ornament (usually 4 -6 ornament designs per year). Decorating on Sunday before Thanksgiving usually doesn't exceed 2 hours.

#### **Skills Needed:**

**Illustrator Design:** Ability to design ornaments in Illustrator format.

**Tree Decorating:** Ability to follow directions from Festival Champion on the overall tree decoration.

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