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The Iowa Architectural Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1989 to inspire appreciation for architecture and design in everyone. We pursue our mission through youth and adult education, community design charrettes, and public outreach programs. IAF receives financial support from grants, donations, fundraising events and programs. Although IAF's office is donated by AIA Iowa, we are distinct and separate organizations. A volunteer Board of Trustees, composed of architects, allied professionals and business leaders, governs IAF.

OUR VISION

IAF brings architects, designers, educators, students and architecture enthusiasts together to improve the quality of life in Iowa through architecture and design. IAF programs demonstrated the power of architecture to transform lives and improve the places where we work, live and play.

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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear IAF Supporters and Friends:

2019 marked the Iowa Architectural Foundation's (IAF) 30th birthday and we celebrated the occasion with a year full of exciting events! We thank you for your time and monetary support – without you, our mission would not be possible. We have gained much momentum because of all of you, and we hope to have your continued support for many years to come. Among many things in 2019, our volunteers led architectural walking and motor coach tours with several groups, details of which you will find inside this annual report.

IAF collaborated with Knoll, Saxton and Drake University on a signature educational event focusing on the International Modernist movement in the US. We also worked with the Iowa Mid-Century Modern Community to offer a tour of outstanding Mid-Century Modern homes in Des Moines.

Our 30th birthday party took place at the beautifully restored World Food Prize Hall of Laureates, attended by more than 200 people. At the same time, we launched the "Community Enhancement Through Architecture & Design Awards" program, recognizing those entities outside the profession of architecture who have had a significant and positive impact on the quality of life in Iowa through their support of architecture and urban design.

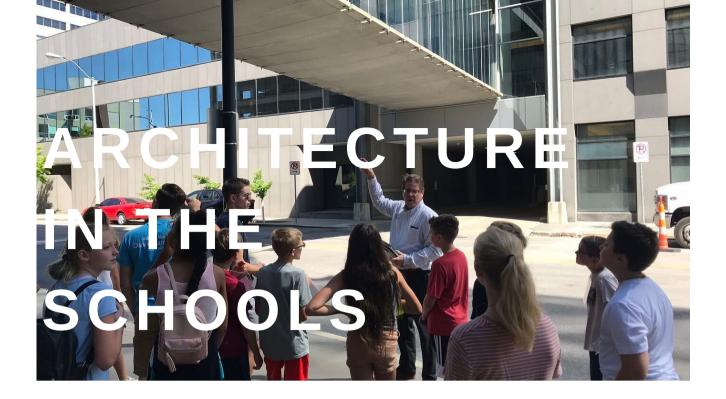
It was the second successful year for Adventures in Architecture summer day camp for young campers. Many benefactors got behind our efforts and made it a week that campers will remember their entire lives.

The last major event of the year was our stellar motor coach tour to Dubuque. IAF partnered with local preservation experts who graciously provided behind-the-scenes tours of the city's rich architectural heritage and how it is being given new life.

Our visibility and impact on Iowa communities grew significantly, made possible by your generous gifts of time and funding. Thank you to our 85+ volunteers our generous benefactors. A special shout out to our top supporters, AIA Iowa and BRAVO! With everyone's support we will continue the great work of the past, and meet the future with focus and energy!

Sincerely,

Justine Bangert Bangert, Inc. 2019 Chair



Student Tours

A group of Brubaker Elementary 5th grade students had a special downtown tour as part of their Career Path Explorers program. The students visited the office of BBS Architects + Engineers. The tour introduced them to the path leading to a career as an architect and also gave them an opportunity to explore their capital city.

Nodaway Valley (Greenfield) and St. Francis of Assissi (West Des Moines) brought groups of elementary students to tour downtown Des Moines. Students enjoyed the tour with the ArKIDtective booklets, where they seek to find architectural elements as part of a game. These popular tours are led by architects who generously donate their time. IAF was founded in 1989 to facilitate the Architects in the Schools program.







Adventures in Architecture Summer Day Camp

The second year of Adventures in Architecture was held in collaboration with the Des Moines Social Club. The students were inspired through the fantastic leadership of AIA Associates, Holly Ernst and Eli Goll. The campers had diverse experiences with engineering, architecture, virtual reality and construction with OPN Architects, Modus Engineering, Graham Construction and Saxton. All these companies provided volunteers who worked with the kids to enhance the camp experience. The John Ruan Trust was a generous contributor. The highlight of the week was visiting the lowa State Capitol, including a tour of the dome.





Dubuque Motor Coach Tour

IAF held its first overnight architectural tour by motor coach to Dubuque in November. The tour sold out, with 50+ guests taking a dive into Dubuque's impressive array of historic preservation projects and listening to the "behind the scenes" stories. Originating in Des Moines, the bus made a stop in Coralville for eastern Iowa guests to jump on. The local tours were directed by experts who have been involved in the successful transformation of this Mississippi River city, including Duane Hagerty, Jason Neises, Emily Sewell, AIA, Mary & John Gronen and Andrew & Emily McCready. Pigott hosted a complimentary cocktail/social hour in their new digs in the Historic Millwork District. A few highlights of the trip were a picnic lunch at Eagle Point Park, with its Alfred Caldwell-designed Prairie School shelters and tours of the Dupaco Voices Building, the historic Bradley House, Steeple Square and much more. Ryan Ellsworth, AIA and Emily Sewell, AIA, were the champions for this excursion. Paula Mohr, PhD, Architectural Historian, joined Ryan in making a slide presentation on the way up. The group stayed at the historic Hotel Julien Dubuque.













Architectural Walking & Motor Coach Tours

2019 opened new opportunities to provide custom tours to groups, including Neumann Brothers, Inc. Design Build Institute of America (DBIA) and Young Professionals Connection (YPC.) A motor coach tour for Ruan Transportation's Drivers of the Year took the spouses to Terrace Hill and the Des Moines Art Center, as well as the Mid-Century Modern 601 Grand (Mies van der Rohe) and AEG (Gordon Bunshaft & SOM) headquarters. Architects volunteer their time to plan and implement the tours.

In addition to custom tours, IAF continued Architecture on the Move, its summer walking tour series, sponsored by Kum & Go. The tours generally follow four routes, covering East, South, North and West. In June, a Western Gateway tour was offered, starting from the new Krause Gateway Center, designed by Italian architect, Renzo Piano. Many people like the tours so much, they come back to take all four.







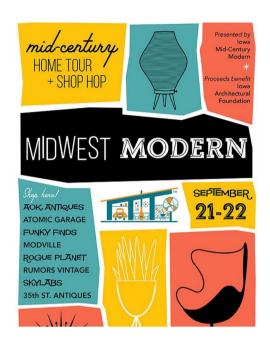
Defining Modern: Masters of Mid-Century Furniture & Design

IAF collaborated with Drake University and Saxton Inc, on an Architecture Month program at Drake's Meredith Hall. The Saturday event featured two presentations. One was by Knoll Studio's Yvonne Baker. She taught us about the master architects and craftspeople involved in the Bauhaus design movement in Germany, who brought the international Modernist concepts and influence to the U.S. around the time of WWII. The other focused on Drake's Mid-Century Modern campus plan and architecture by Maura Lyons, PhD, of Drake. These were accompanied by a display of original Knoll furniture classics by master designers including Florence Knoll, Eero Saarinen, Harry Bertoia, Mies van der Rohe and Marcel Breuer. The presentation was followed by guided architectural walking tours of Drake's campus. Drake is a showcase for the Modernist legacy, including Mid-Century buildings by the Saarinens, Mies, and Harry Weese. Participants had the opportunity to view Allée, a fabulous mural painted in the 1950's by artist Stuart Davis. 120+ people attended this educational session.











Mid-Century Modern Home Tour

The Iowa Mid-Century Modern Des Moines home tour was held on Sunday, September 22. More than half the volunteers were provided through IAF. IAF trustees, John Schmacker and William Anderson, had their homes on the tour and were met with great enthusiasm. Thanks to Suzie Fredregill and Meghan Foshe, of Iowa Mid-Century Modern, John and Bill, and all of the volunteer guides and homeowners. It was a spectacular tour and a day of great fun and conviviality. When it was completed, Iowa Mid-Century presented IAF with a check for the proceeds.





Lustron Homes Lecture

Steve Stimmel, AIA E, presented a lecture about Lustron homes to an appreciative crowd of architectural enthusiasts at the Iowa Center for Architecture in November. Lustron homes were prefabricated steel houses developed as a response to the housing shortage due to returning GI's after WWII. There was a tour of a beautifully rehabbed local Lustron home the following Saturday.





Eat. Drink. Architecture.

Eat. Drink. Architecture. was again sponsored by Full Court Press restaurants, who provided wonderful food and craft beer to our guests. Maytag provided tasting samples of their delicious cheeses. Tours featured the architecture in the Court Avenue and Market Districts, with stops at Iowa Taproom, Royal Mile and Truman's. The event sold out on Eventbrite for the ninth year in a row. Restauranteur and architectural preservationist, Jeff Bruning's family and friends joined the tour as well. IAF volunteers helped in many ways, including guiding the tours.





IAF Volunteers at Blank Children's Hospital Festival of Trees

IAF volunteers, led by former IAF Executive Director, Kristin McHugh-Johnston and Des Moines coordinator and AIC Committee Co-Chair, Tina Rhodes, participated in Festival of Trees to benefit Blank Children's Hospital. This year's theme was Blank's 75th anniversary. Unity Point was thrilled with the tree and promoted it on Blank Children's Hospital Social Media sites. The tree was displayed in the Blank Children's Hospital lobby. Huge thanks go to ASI Signage and Pat Mescher, who built an amazing backdrop for the set, a realistic model of Blank Hospital, and The Mohawk Group who generously provided flooring material.

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IAF Celebrates the First 30 Years!

IAF turned 30 in style on June 15 at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates! The gala was a success in many ways, in that it gave everyone an opportunity to celebrate the restoration of a stellar lowa landmark, it drew in many new architectural enthusiasts and sponsors and it raised much needed funding for foundation programs. We celebrated with a new awards program, honoring organizations who have made lowa better through architecture and design. Connie Wimer, founder of Business Publications, presented the awards. There to accept the award for architecture for the University of Iowa was Don Guckert, Assoc. VP Facilities Management; from the Ruan Family for landscape architecture, Janis and John Ruan III; for the Greater Des Moines Partnership, urban design, was President Gene Meyer and for the City of Des Moines, Mayor Frank Cownie. Many trustees and volunteers who have served over the past 30 years were in the audience, as was Kristin McHugh-Johnston, who served as IAF Executive Director from 2011 to 2013. Thank you to everyone who put in many hours to make this event and the awards program such a success, including our two co-chairs, Jeff Shaffer, AIA (BNIM) and Josh Braby (Neumann Brothers, Inc.); Cassie O'Brien (Prodash); William Anderson, FAIA (WA Architecture), Justine Bangert (Bangert, Inc.) and Caitlin Sheeder (Mohawk); Michelle Cunliffe, AIA (RDG Planning & Design); Tim Bungert, AIA (BBS Architects + Engineers).









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The Central Iowa Architects Section of AIA Iowa (CIAS) held a fundraiser for IAF on August 21. It included an entertaining day of golf and fellowship at Willow Creek Golf Course. Thank you to the sponsors and the 79 golfers participated in 18 holes, finishing up over dinner and awards at the club house. CIAS/AIA Iowa generously donated \$3200 from the proceeds to support IAF's educational programs.

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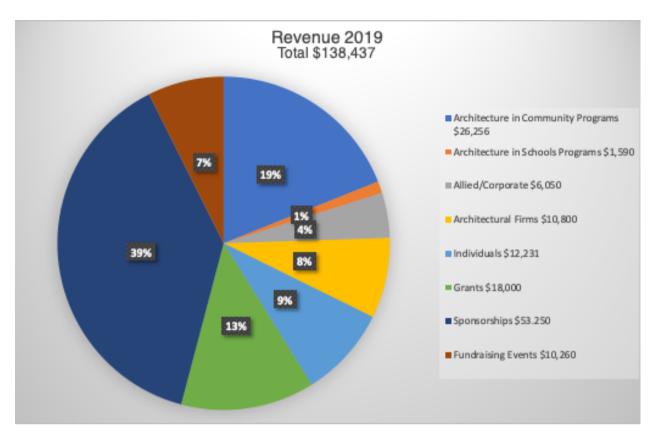
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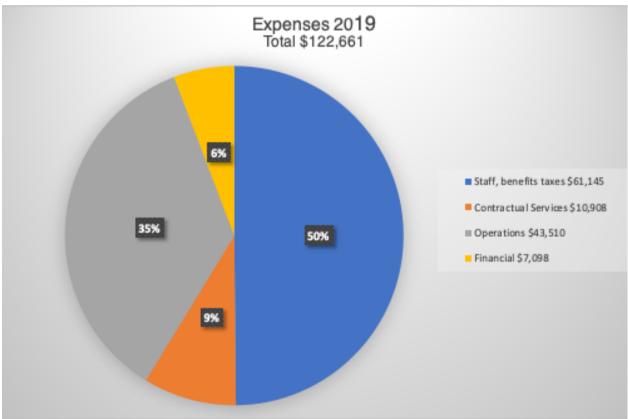
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