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2021



## WHO WE ARE

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 demonstrate 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

To IAF Friends and Supporters:

2021 was filled with much to be hopeful for, new challenges, and a continued effort to thrive in an ever-changing world. Connecting people to education about and appreciation for architecture and design remained the guiding principle for us at the Iowa Architectural Foundation.

With the understanding that virtual content would continue to be a vital way to reach our supporters, IAF created virtual sessions that expanded our audience beyond Iowa's borders nationally and abroad. We kicked off the year with a 3-part Prairie School in Iowa class on Zoom, with video tours of the Park Inn Hotel and homes by Walter Burley Griffith and Frank Lloyd Wright. This experience was a collaboration with the State Historic Preservation Office for Iowa's 175th Anniversary. Following this was the Mid-Century Homes of Iowa tours, a multi-session series that featured both homeowner and architect discussions. The culmination of our virtual content was the introduction of a new docu-series called ArchiTreasures. The premier release consisted of six professionally produced, short format videos that take viewers into building interiors that are rarely seen by the public. More are planned for 2022!

We were also fortunate to realize a return to some of our favorite in-person events. Adventures in Architecture Summer Camp was held for middle school age students: a week-long educational camp marking our first collaboration with Central Campus in Des Moines. The ever-popular Architecture on the Move summer walking tours of downtown Des Moines returned, with audiences growing to pre-pandemic levels by summer's end. Building off their success, IAF created and implemented a new South of MLK Tour for YPC, as well as tours for Des Moines Art Center docents and BOMA. Finally, IAF proudly continued our annual Community Enhancement Through Architecture and Design Awards program, honoring Principal Financial and Marc Moen for their continued commitment to enhance our communities.

Thank you to all the people and organizations who helped us through another atypical year, both financially and by their generous dedication of time and talent. We would not exist if not for your shared passion.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Shaffer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and last name "Shaffer" clearly legible.

Jeff Shaffer, AIA  
2021 Chairman



## The Prairie School in Iowa A virtual class

The Prairie School in Iowa was an architectural journey through wintry Iowa offered to viewers from the warmth of their own homes. The three-part course, led by volunteers Paula Mohr, PhD and Ryan Ellsworth, AIA, explored some of Iowa's internationally known and lesser-known examples of Prairie School buildings. One, an American Systems Home that was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, was manufactured in Milwaukee and built in Monona. It is the only such home in Iowa. The class also included two spectacular Mason City homes that were designed by Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahoney Griffin, and completed by Barry Byrne. Guests were led on video tours through all the homes, with a discussion including the homeowners and experts at the conclusion. The class included a bonus tour of the Historic Park Inn in Mason City. Thanks to homeowners Jason Loper and Michael Schreiber; Tim & Joan Platz; Gary & Anne Schmit; Joyce Deike with Wright on the Park; Peggy Bang; and Scott Borcharding, with Bergland + Cram. The entire experience was virtual and social, and was viewed by 140 people around Iowa, the US and as far away as Paris and London.



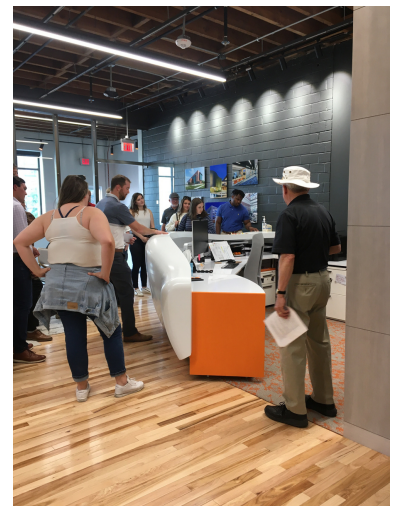


## Custom Walking Tours

In person Custom Walking Tours were offered to docents of the Des Moines Art Center and BOMA. A brand-new tour was developed for YPC with the leadership of Downtown Impact Coordinator, Amal Barre, whose vision was to engage participants in a critical and imaginative exploration of space production, placemaking and human relationship to the built environment. Attendees developed a stronger understanding of how the regular reconfiguration of the built environment transforms the way we remember our past, think about our present and imagine our future. The tour covered historical sites, underdeveloped and newly developed sites in the tour area such as the DICO superfund site and the Gray's Landing Project. It included AP Lofts, Riverpoint Lofts, Rocket Transfer Lofts, CREATE 319, CMBA Architects building, Harbach and Sons Furniture Warehouse Lofts and concluded at the River Center, where guests enjoyed wine and food.

## Architecture on the Move

IAF was able to re-instate in person walking tours of Downtown Des Moines, once again sponsored by Kum & Go. Tours were offered on the second Friday of months May through September. The season started off slowly, as people were still avoiding social activities, but picked up to near normal levels by midsummer.





## Mid-Century Modern in Iowa Virtual tours of architect-designed homes

IAF offered a week of home tours to celebrate Modernism Month. Mid-Century Modern Homes of Iowa was attended by 145 people, many from outside of Iowa. Dan Welk, Click! Photography and IAF Executive Director, Claudia Cackler, completed the video shoots at the four homes and offered the tours on YouTube. The class concluded with a homeowner's discussion by Zoom, which included now deceased David Block, AIA. Thanks go to the Iowa Mid-Century Modern Community, who helped in planning and promotion and financial sponsors, Pigott and ModHouse. The videos can be seen on IAF's YouTube Channel. Thank you to homeowners Peter Maunu and Irmi Maunu Kocian, Laura and Mike Sweet, John and Donna Hallstrom and Don and Heidi Scandrett.











## ArchiTreasures

IAF created a new video series called ArchiTreasures in response to the need to continue to fulfill our mission during the pandemic. The amazing architecture of Greater Des Moines inspired us to create videos that would take viewers into the interiors of six buildings they would not ordinarily have access to. The ArchiTreasures collection was created to demonstrate the emotional experience of architecture through creative, mysterious stories and gorgeous visuals. The project involved two full days of video shoots at the various sites, with a team composed of videographer Bruce James Bales, video assistant, John Baker, new IAF Trustee Linh Huynh, Ben Brown, and IAF Executive Director, Claudia Cackler. BRAVO Greater Des Moines, its governmental and community partners and IAF sponsors made this work possible. IAF will keep adding to this collection to build an archive by which to remember some of Iowa's finest architectural treasures. This first round of short-format videos is being promoted for programs at retirement communities and schools.

Above L to R: Temple of the Performing Arts; Polk County Courthouse; Iowa Des Moines National Bank; State Capitol Catwalks; American Republic; Drake Municipal Observatory. Large photo: Trustee Linh Huynh and cinematographer Bruce Bales.

# Volunteers

Without our volunteers, none of our work would be possible!

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# ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS

## Adventures in Architecture Summer Day Camp

After the heartbreak of having to cancel 2020's Adventures in Architecture summer day camp due to the pandemic, IAF's Architecture in the Schools Committee (AIS) was thrilled at the success of the 2021 camp. It was a first-time collaboration between IAF and Des Moines Public Schools. The camp offered students entering grades 7th – 8th grades a hands-on design experience, providing valuable insights into the role architects and designers play in our communities. The campers worked on projects that challenged them to problem solve ways to make their homes, school, and neighborhoods better places to live, work, and play. Students learned about the tools and technology architects use to solve design problems, like 3D printing, virtual reality, computer modeling, and hand drawing, while developing their own problem-solving skills.

The camp was headed by directors, Eli Goll, Assoc. AIA and Stacey Hanley, AIA. Two ACE Mentor students – Luz Flores-Maciel and Rosie Becicka - served as camp assistants. Special guest instructors came from Saxton, OPN and Neumann Bros. Construction. The group took two field trips: a downtown architectural walking tour led by Tom Wollan, AIA and Matt Coen, AIA and a tour of OPN Architects and the State Capitol, led by Scott Allen, AIA. On the last day, Central Campus held a “Campfire Celebration” that included Sonya Smith and Clinton Gadbury, from DMPS, who talked about the opportunities Central Campus offers for high school students who are interested in pursuing architecture in high school.







# COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT THROUGH ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARDS

## IAF Recognizes Principal Financial and Marc Moen

The Foundation honored two recipients of its prestigious Community Enhancement Through Architecture & Design Awards. Principal Financial Group, the global insurance company with its headquarters in Des Moines, and Marc Moen, Moengroup, of Iowa City, were the honorees. IAF ED Claudia Cackler accompanied videographer, John Hansen of RDG Planning & Design on the video shoots in Iowa City and at Principal Financial campus in Des Moines. Tiffany Johnson, of Pyramid Theatre Company, was the Master of Ceremonies. The virtual presentation included interviews of the winners and architectural tours to admire their many contributions to our architectural landscape. This unique awards program recognizes those individuals or organizations outside the architectural profession, who have demonstrated consistent and effective leadership, vision, and support for architecture which has contributed to the betterment of Iowa communities. Quality architecture and urban design can play a big part in making communities more livable, affecting our environment, sustainability, health, culture, identity and economy. The selection process included a statewide call for entries and selection of the finalists by a jury of five, including Connie Wimer, owner, Business Publications; Paula Mohr, PhD, Bentonsport Preservation; Shelby Doyle, AIA and Rob Whitehead, AIA, Iowa State University; and Jessica Rowe, The Des Moines Public Art Foundation.



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BRAVO Greater Des Moines and its Government Partners, including the cities of Altoona, Ankeny, Bondurant, Carlisle, Clive, Des Moines, Grimes, Indianola, Johnston, Norwalk, Pleasant Hill, Polk City, Urbandale, Waukee, West Des Moines, Windsor Heights; and Polk County; and Cultural Partners including Capital Crossroads, Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization, Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, Greater Des Moines Partnership, Iowa Arts Council, Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and The Tomorrow Plan.

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*Pictured above: Architectural enthusiasts watching the launch of ArchiTreasures at Capital Square*

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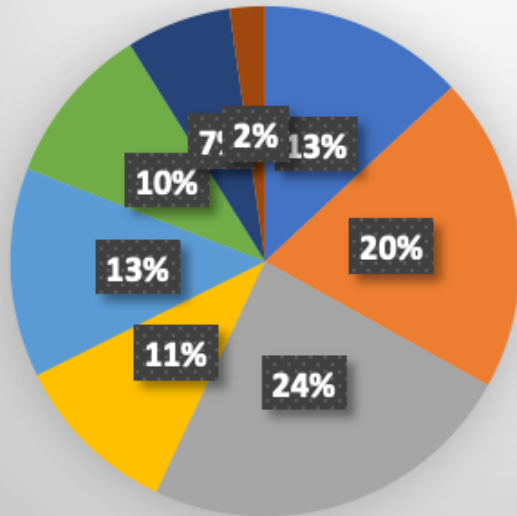
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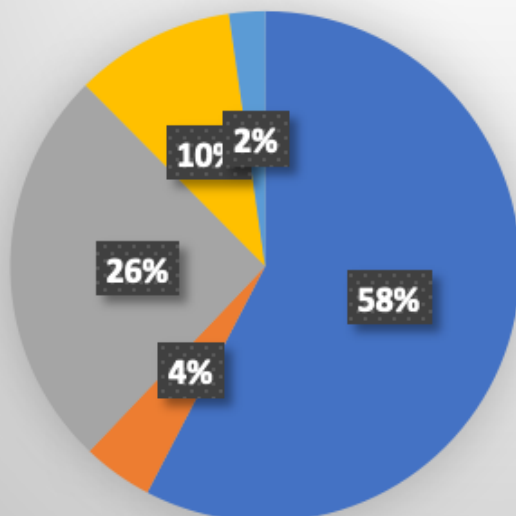


## 2021 Revenue \$116,712



- Architecture in Community - \$15,250
- Allied/Corporate - \$23,350
- Architectural Firm - \$27,950
- Individual - \$12,388
- Private Grants - \$15,500

## 2021 Expenses \$100,434



- Staff Salary - \$57,900
- Staff Other \$4,471
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The American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter (AIA Iowa) recently established the Impact Endowment to benefit the Iowa Architectural Foundation (IAF). An initial gift of \$50,000 provides a steady financial resource for the IAF's programs and events that inspire public appreciation for architecture and design. This support furthers AIA Iowa's mission of promoting the value of good design and advocating for the health and safety of the public.

The IMPACT Endowment was made possible by the extraordinary support for AIA Iowa by its members and those allied to the profession of architecture over the past 115 years, as well as a culmination of efforts from volunteers and staff related to the programming and services that the Chapter provides.

As a 501 (c) (3) organization, we hope other donors will contribute to the endowment so IAF may continue to increase public understanding of this most public art. Individuals or businesses interested in making a gift to the endowment should contact the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, which is managing the sustainable endowment. All gifts will be eligible for the Endow Iowa Tax Credit. Annual distributions of 5% of the endowment will be made to IAF and distributed indefinitely.



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