

NEWS & ANNUAL REPORT

APPLE AWARD 2009

RHODA AND MANUEL D. MAYERSON HONORED

The Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati presents its prestigious Apple Award each year to individuals who have improved the local built environment in a significant way. On May 7, crystal apples were given to Cincinnati philanthropists Rhoda and Manuel D. Mayerson.

Manuel D. Mayerson is the founder of The Mayerson Company, and along with Rhoda, the Manuel D. and Rhoda Mayerson Foundation. Mr. Mayerson was a pioneer in the shopping center industry, and an early developer of open and enclosed malls. He owned or managed many downtown properties, including the Central Trust Tower (currently PNC), The First National Bank (Fourth & Walnut), Dixie Terminal, the Provident Bank Building, and Scripps Center at 312 Walnut. Mr. Mayerson also is known for pioneering the lighting up of the Cincinnati skyline and Music Hall.

The Mayersons have contributed their time, talent, and financial resources and served on many of Cincinnati's non-profit boards including FreeStore Foodbank, SCPA, Hebrew Union College, Children's Hospital, and a variety of fine arts organizations, including the Cincinnati Ballet and Cincinnati Art Museum. Their foundation has contributed significantly to hundreds of local non-profits and helped create a number of new non-profits that are unique in the nation.

Sponsors for the gala at the Hilton Netherland Plaza Hall of Mirrors were CR architects + design, HGC Construction, the Kaplan Foundation, and the Mayerson Family. David Arends, AFC vice president and CEO of CR architecture + design was the event chair. Proceeds benefit the educational programs of the foundation. Dr. Neal Mayerson, director of the Mayerson Foundation, introduced his parents. In his address, Manny Mayerson said that development is an exciting career, and he had enjoyed being part of pioneering projects and in revitalizing historic landmarks. He said that good architecture and fine buildings determine the image of a city, praising current local projects such as the Banks and the School for the Creative and Performing Arts. Mr. and Mrs. Mayerson are the 40th and 41st recipients of the prestigious Alice and Harris Weston Apple Award.

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Above: Dr. Neal and Dr. Donna Mayerson, Manuel D. and Rhoda Mayerson, Dawna and Frederic H. Mayerson.

Below: Event chair David and Kristen Arends, AFC president Christine Schoonover and husband, George Verkamp.



Above: Apple sponsors David Arends, CR architecture + design; Dr. Stanley M. Kaplan, The Kaplan Foundation; and Michael Huseman, HGC Construction.



Below:

Linda and Keith Smith, AFC trustee and CEO
Waltek & Company LTD.

Joan Cochran Rieveschl table.

Ken Jones and Robert Grace of Turner
Construction with Steve Leeper, 3CDC.

Thomas R. Schiff and Mary Ellen Goeke.



Below: UC architecture students and
professor Michele Pride were among
the judges for ABC projects.



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AFC GIVES EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

In addition to funding its own education programs, AFC makes grants to area nonprofits for youth and adult out-of-school programs. Grants in 2008-2009 went to Architecture By Children for its in-school program offered by AIA Cincinnati volunteer architects, Cincinnati Preservation Association to print a guide brochure, University of Cincinnati for a Summer CAMP introduction of youth to architecture as a career, and several other education programs. For adults, the foundation sponsored the charrette, changing exhibits, and public forums on design and planning topics.

RECENT EVENTS 2008-2009

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Above: Sandra and Bob Heimann hosted the 2008 Great House Party for sustaining members. Photo taken by Jay Chatterjee.

Below (top): Jeff Raser leads a charrette group.



Above: A Cincinnati Parks sister cities project in China was discussed at one of the three public forums sponsored by AFC and Mercantile Library. Photo taken by Gary Kessler.

GREAT HOUSE PARTY 2008

Sandra and Robert Heimann hosted the October 11, Great House Party for AFC sustaining members. Guest toured the lakeside house in Indian Hill, which was designed in 1965 by the late Philip Johnson (1906-2005) for the James A.D. Geier family. The Heimanns have beautifully restored the iconic structure and its landscape. Sandra Heimann talked about the challenges encountered in preserving the berm house, which is built into the ground around the artificial lake. Several guests contributed to the lively discussion that followed. Buck Niehoff chaired the memorable event.

AFC COSPONSORS OTR CHARRETTE

AFC, the Bettman Fund of AIA Cincinnati, Brewery District CURC, and Art Academy of Cincinnati conducted a free public charrette at the Art Academy of Cincinnati. More than thirty architects and UC architecture students worked with community members to brainstorm innovative plans for the Brewery District in Over-the-Rhine. AFC trustee Michael Moose, AIA, coordinated the architects. Moose edited and produced the illustrated report, which is available online at www.architecturecincy.org. Corporate sponsors for the January 17th event were CR architecture + design, GBBN Architects, glaserworks inc., and RWA Architects.

CINCINNATI DESIGNS FOR CHINA

Gerald Checco, Cincinnati Parks; Matthew Schottlekotte, GBBN Architects; and Kelly Kolar, Kolar Design, presented an illustrated program on December 8. They highlighted the challenges and opportunities for western designers working in the rapidly urbanizing milieu of China.

ON TOP IN CINCINNATI

Alan Warner introduced his "green" theme—the prominence of Greater Cincinnati as a leader in sustainable design—in a March 5, program. Adam Luginbill, Bob Knight, and Jim Cheng spoke about innovative projects designed by their respective firms: glaserworks inc., GBBN Architects, and EmersionDesign.

COMPLETE STREETS

A June 9, program discussed making downtown streets safer and more inviting to pedestrians and cyclists. Roxanne Qualls, a Cincinnati City Council member who directed urbanism studies at Harvard University and Northern Kentucky University, and Clete Benken, ASLA, principal with Kinzelman Kline Gossman were the presenters.

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION OF CINCINNATI 2008 ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

AFC members met November 20, 2008, at the Foundation headquarters. Vice-President David Arends presided and presented the report of President Christine Schoonover. She thanked Bob Knight, Gary Meisner, and Michael Moose for the programs presented. She noted that the foundation had made great strides with the opening of the AFC headquarters on Ninth Street. Grants Chair Don Junker reported grants of \$11,500 for projects in 2008.

In her report, Sue Ann Painter outlined plans for the new exhibition program and for onsite membership events. She thanked the officers and trustees for their assistance with selecting and outfitting the headquarters, especially Michael Huseman, David Arends, and Gary Volz. She acknowledged and thanked Alice Weston, who has placed her framed architectural photographs on loan as a permanent exhibit. She recognized architectural historian Walter E. Langsam, saying that she was especially proud to report that AFC had edited and published Langsam's *Biographical Dictionary of 19th Century Architects Working in Cincinnati* on its Website.

Arends presented the slate for Christine Schoonover, chair of the nominating committee. The membership elected new trustees Wick Ach, CEO, Hixson Architecture Engineering Interiors, and Robert Grace, Turner Construction Co., and reelected Kelly Kolar, Mark McKillip, Gary Meisner, Nick Rosian, and William



Woodward. Alice Weston was elected trustee emeritus. The board elected its officers: president, Christine Schoonover; vice president, David Arends; secretary, Mark McKillip; and treasurer, Michael Huseman. Past president Michael Moose was named advisory board chair. In 2009, Dr. Stanley M. Kaplan was appointed to an unexpired term.

Following the meeting, Cincinnati Art Museum associate curator Jessica Flores gave an illustrated presentation about architectural trends she witnessed in the Venice Biennale, which CAM director Aaron Betsky chaired.

Board of Trustees at the Apple Award Gala, 2009.

Seated: Michael Kelley, executive director Sue Ann Painter, president Christine Schoonover, and vice-president David Arends.

Standing: Treasurer Michael Huseman, secretary Mark McKillip, Nick Rosian, Robert Grace, Keith Smith, William A. Woodward, Gary Meisner, Bob Knight, and past president Michael Moose,

Trustees not pictured: Wick Ach, Aaron Betsky, trustee emeritus Donald Junker, Dr. Stanley M. Kaplan, Kelly Kolar, trustee emeritus Gary L. Herfel, H.C. Buck Niehoff, Susan Rissover, Gary Volz, trustee emeritus Alice Weston, and Robert White.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year ending December 31, 2008

Statement of Activities

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Events/programs	\$101,063
Membership	\$17,423
Grants/gifts	\$5,200
TOTAL	\$123,686

EXPENSES

Education	\$40,106
Administration	\$37,000
Operations	\$23,310
Development	\$22,772
Communications	\$16,455
TOTAL	\$139,643

OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE

Interest/dividends	\$624
Unrealized gain/loss	(\$47,090)

Statement of Financial Position

Current liabilities	\$3,090
Restricted funds	\$30,901
Unrestricted funds	\$151,693
TOTAL EQUITY	\$119,547
TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY	\$122,638

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The Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati is a 501 (c)(3) philanthropic organization. Contributions are tax-deductible.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Regular Individual \$45; Dual \$65
Corporate begins at \$500

Donors of \$250 or more will be listed in the annual report and invited to the Great Houses party.

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SCHIFF PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION AND VEGAS BOOK

“Urban Panoramas: Recent photographs Thomas R. Schiff” opened to an admiring crowd on March 19. Schiff talked about his methods and autographed copies for his new book, *Las Vegas 360°*. AFC is grateful to Mary Ellen Goeke, curator of the handsome exhibition and to Mr. Schiff for underwriting the installation and donation of copies of *Las Vegas* and his previous books, which are available for purchase at the Foundation Gallery.

Above: Thomas R. Schiff's recent architectural photographs were featured in an exhibit, which opened in March 2009.

Below: Wright designs for SAMARA will be exhibited Sept. 17 (opening night) through the Nov. 17 Annual Member Meeting.



Frank Lloyd Wright died 50 years ago, having just completed designs for some of his most iconic commissions, including the Guggenheim Museum, which was under construction. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary Wright's last works, the Foundation has organized a number of Wright-related programs.

SAMARA REALIZATION OF A USONIAN DREAM

This is the Greater Cincinnati premier of an outstanding exhibition of drawings, photographs, and artifacts from a Frank Lloyd Wright house in West Lafayette, Indiana. It was Wright's last residential commission, and included many interior design elements. The exhibit, which was created by owner John E. Christian, a retired Purdue University professor and his late wife, runs September 17-November 17, at the AFC gallery. Mary Ellen Goeke, who chairs the exhibits committee, is coordinating the exhibition and AFC's Wright Symposium on October 24. The SAMARA exhibition is sponsored by Thomas R. Schiff.

SAMARA exhibit opening – September 17, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

FREE to members, \$10 others. RSVP to reserve@architectureincy.org.

Call (513) 421-4469 to arrange free daytime tours for students and adults.

Below: SCPA's new facility on Central Parkway will open in 2010.

TOUR SCHOOL FOR SCPA SEPTEMBER 22

AFC members and guests are invited to a hard-hat tour of this new Central Parkway facility, the nation's first public K-12 school dedicated to the arts. CR architecture + design, the architect of record, is hosting the one-hour tour. Guests are invited to adjourn to Lavomatic Restaurant (1211 Vine St.) for cash bar refreshments and discussion. Wear sturdy shoes, and please bring your hard hat if you own one. Hard hats will be provided for those without. Meet at Turner Construction Co. field office, 1112 Race Street just north of the Parkway. Parking available on street, at Gateway Garage, or lot opposite Lavomatic on Vine Street.

SCPA tour – September 22, 4:30 p.m.

FREE to members, \$10 others. RSVP to reserve@architectureincy.org.



Above (top): AFC members and guests will tour the dining room at the Westcott House.

Above (bottom): The Boswell house was one of Wright's last commissions.



Above: The living room at Samara will be discussed at the Wright Symposium.

TOUR WESTCOTT HOUSE SEPTEMBER 26

Deluxe motor coach excursion from Cincinnati to Springfield for a special guided tour of this splendid Frank Lloyd Wright house—his first residential commission in Ohio. Burton Westcott's Springfield plant produced luxury motorcars. The house, grounds, and outbuildings have been restored and the site is open to the public. The bus will leave from the parking lot at the Grand Baldwin Building, Gilbert Ave. and Eden Park Dr. Free parking that day for tour participants. Space is limited, so reserve soon.

Excursion to Westcott – September 26, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Members, \$45; others \$50. RSVP with check or charge card information to 127 W. Ninth St. 45202. Or call (513) 421-4469 or register online at www.architectureincy.org.

GREAT HOUSE PARTY 2009 OCTOBER 11

Sustaining members (\$250 and above) receive complimentary invitations to our annual "Great Houses" party—always a unique and delightful event. This year we visit a newly restored Frank Lloyd Wright house in Indian Hill.

Wright designed the house for the William Boswell family. Our hosts are Eugenio Bassan, CEO of the owner, Salvagnini America Inc., and his architect wife, Antonella. The Bassans, who come from Palladio's Vicenza, are admirers of America's most celebrated architect. Invitations will be mailed in September. Join the foundation or upgrade your membership now to attend the tour and party.

WRIGHT SYMPOSIUM OCTOBER 24

"The Architect and the Client: The Domestic Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright," a symposium held in conjunction with "Samara: Realization of a Usonian Dream" exhibition at Architectural Foundation Ninth Street Gallery.

Presenters are: Mary Ellen Goeke, symposium moderator and AFC exhibitions curator, Linda Eales, associate curator, John E. Christian House, West Lafayette, Indiana; Marta Wojcik, curator of interpretation, Westcott House, Springfield, Ohio; and Janet Groeber, owner-curator, Boulter House, Cincinnati. Samara client-owner, Dr. John Christian hopes to attend. The exhibit at AFC Gallery will be open 11 am. 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 24.

Wright Symposium – October 24, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

CHCL Main Library, Downtown Cincinnati, Walnut & 8th streets entrance, Reading Garden Lounge. Free to all, reservations requested: reserve@architectureincy.org or (513) 421-4469.



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**AFC ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING
AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**
Tuesday, November 17, 5 p.m.

Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati
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Architecture in Cincinnati: An Illustrated History of Designing and Building an American City by Sue Ann Painter, Beth Sullebarger, and Jayne Merkel was produced by the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati and published by Ohio University Press. Environmental artist Alice Weston contributed more than 200 color photographs. The book may be purchased at the AFC Gallery, Cincinnati Art Museum, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati Museum Center, Mercantile Library, and fine booksellers. AFC is selling books through its Web site and with quantity discounts. Submit requests online at www.architecturecincy.org for this book and those of Thomas R. Schiff.

AFC HAMMER AWARD AT CDA

AFC will make its third annual Hammer Award at the Cincinnati Design Awards banquet on Friday, November 13. AFC members will receive invitations to the CDA in September.

Fall-Winter EVENTS 09



September 17; 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Wright's SAMARA opens

September 22; 4:30 p.m.
SCPA Hard-hat Tour

September 26; 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Westcott House Tour

October 11; 4:30-6:30 p.m.
**Great House Wright
Member Party**

October 24; 1-4 p.m.
Wright Symposium

November 13; 6:30 p.m.
**CDA Dinner and
Hammer Award**

November 17; 5 p.m.
Annual Meeting

CINCINNATI DESIGN AWARDS

CDA 13