

TOUR

RDA ANNUAL ARCHITECTURE TOUR
The Splendid Houses of John F. Staub
 Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30
 1 - 6 p.m. each day.
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LECTURES

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston,
 Brown Auditorium
 7 p.m.
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SANFORD KWINTER

*Far From Equilibrium: Essays on
 Technology and Design Culture*
 A program by the MFA,H Bookstore
 Wednesday, April 2

GWENDOLYN WRIGHT

New York City
 Co-sponsored by RDA and Houston Mod
 Wednesday, April 9

THOM MAYNE, MORPHOSIS

Santa Monica, CA
 The 2008 Sally Walsh Lecture Program
 Co-sponsored by RDA and AIA Houston
 Wednesday, April 16

BOOK SIGNING

WM. T. CANNADAY

The Things They've Done
 A book about the careers of selected graduates
 of the Rice University School of Architecture
 Thursday, April 10
 5-7 p.m.
 Farish Gallery, M.D. Anderson Hall, Rice University

EXHIBITION

DESIGNED BY ARCHITECTS: METALWORK

From the Margo Grant Walsh Collection
 March 15 - August 3
 The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston



NEWS

RDA BAY AREA STUDY TOUR

RDA members toured San Francisco in February, visiting new architecture by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Stanley Saitowitz/Natoma Architects, Leddy Maytum Stacy, Morphosis, and Herzog & de Meuron as well as Bay Area landmarks by Bernard Maybeck, Julia Morgan, and Willis Polk.

COMPETITION

99K HOUSE COMPETITION

Rice Design Alliance and AIA Houston announce finalists.

IN FEBRUARY, FIVE FINALISTS WERE SELECTED FROM 182 entrants proposing a sustainable, affordable house that addresses the needs of a low-income family in the Gulf Coast region. Each will receive a \$5,000 award and the competition will move forward to Stage II.

and adaptability to reproduction as well as design. The winner will receive an additional \$5,000 stipend. The City of Houston through the Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority (LARA) initiative has donated a site for the house located at 4015 Jewel Street in Houston's historic Fifth Ward, a residential area northeast of downtown. Once constructed, the winning house will be sold or auctioned to a low-income family.

Five jurors, representing expertise in design, sustainability, construction of affordable housing, and Houston's Fifth Ward, selected the finalists and will also judge Stage II of the competition:

Bryan Bell, Jr., Founder and Executive Director, Design Corps, Raleigh NC; Richard Farias, Executive Director, Tejano Community Center,



The following entrants were chosen from a field representing 29 U.S states and 16 countries: Stephanie Eugster, Houston TX; Paul Stovesand and Rebecca Cox, Chicago IL; Kirby Mears, Walter Murphy, Kyle Humphries, Jamie Miller, and Gina Lyons with Murphy Mears Architects, Houston TX; Robert Humble, Joel Egan, Ben Spencer, Owen Richards, Tom Mulica, and Kate Cudney, with Hybrid / ORA, Seattle, Washington; and Gail Peter Borden and Brian D. Andrews, with Borden Partnership, Los Angeles, CA.



In Stage II the five teams approved for continuation will have an opportunity to refine their projects and must complete a set of comprehensive construction documents. The Jury will review these resubmissions for pricing by a Houston-area home-building expert allied with the competition organizers. The Jury will select the winner based on bids

Houston TX; David Lake, FAIA, Principal, Lake | Flato Architects, San Antonio TX; Michael Pyatok, FAIA, Principal, Pyatok Architects, Inc., Oakland CA; and Rocio Romero, Owner and Principal, Rocio Romero, LLC, Perryville MO.

Bryan Bell weighed in on the process: "Sustainability is not just about protecting our

TOP: Kirby Mears, Walter Murphy, Kyle Humphries, Jamie Miller, and Gina Lyons with Murphy Mears Architects, Houston TX

BOTTOM: Paul Stovesand and Rebecca Cox, Chicago IL



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fragile environment, but includes the financial sustainability of home owners and the stability of neighborhoods. This competition asked designers across the world to use their great creativity to address critical social, economic, and environmental challenges faced by many here and across the Gulf Coast.”

The competition, announced in October 2007, called for a single-family house with up to 1,400 SF, including three bedrooms and one-and-a-half to two bathrooms, to be built for \$99,000 or less. Designers and architects were challenged to design a sustainable, affordable house, with special consideration given to affordability, longevity, energy savings benefits, and appropriateness for Houston’s hot, humid climate. The competition objectives are to broaden awareness of green building strategies applicable to affordable housing, generate and publicize buildable examples of sustainable, affordable houses, and construct an exemplary sustainable, affordable house prototype.

Sponsored by the Rice Design Alliance and AIA Houston, the competition was supported, in part, by generous grants from Houston Endowment Inc. and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information, please go to the competition Web site, the99khouse.com.



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