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PR as a Stimulus Package - Making it Easier to Initiate Business



The current economy raises new challenges for our — and every — industry. We've found a partner to help generate more awareness and visibility for your individual design expertise that may help increase future business. IIDA is pleased to announce a partnership with [PitchRate.com](#), a free online service that connects industry experts with journalists from magazines, newspapers, radio, TV and online sources. This new website enables free PR for Members and helps professionals position themselves as knowledgeable experts in particular areas of interest. Journalists use this free service when seeking experts in a wide variety of interests. When you register as a "source" or expert, you have the opportunity to connect directly with journalists seeking knowledgeable designers for their stories.

Concerned about how you may sound when interviewed? PitchRate.com is there to help you prepare for interviews with webinars, PR Happy Hours and daily tips via Twitter for successfully presenting yourself to the media. It is free — and easy — to register. There is no cost to join, so log on and sign up as an expert today. To get started, watch the step-by-step video or email [Shannon Nicholson](#), IIDA's PR Concierge at PitchRate.com. If you have questions, you can also contact [Jeanne Fisher](#), IIDA Senior Director of Communications and Marketing.



IIDA Leaders Breakfast Series



The **San Francisco Leaders Breakfast** is scheduled for September 10 at the Four Seasons Hotel. Majora Carter, President and CEO of Majora Carter Group, community and business leader, will provide the event's keynote address. The honoree of the San Francisco Leaders Breakfast is Daniel Huntsman, Founding Principal and President of Huntsman Architectural Group. [Register online for the San Francisco Leaders Breakfast.](#)

The **Chicago Leaders Breakfast** is on October 21 at the Drake Hotel. Allison Levine, team captain of the first American women's Everest expedition and business leader, is the keynote speaker. The Chapter will honor Chris Kennedy, President, Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. [Reserve your table or seat for the Chicago Leaders Breakfast now!](#)

The **Toronto Leaders Breakfast**, in partnership with ARIDO, is on December 4 at the Four Seasons. Edward Burtynsky, one of Canada's most respected photographers, is the keynote speaker. The event honoree is Joe Pettipas, IIDA, ARIDO, ASID, HOK Canada's Practice Leader – Hospitality and Retail.

Special thanks to **Herman Miller** and **Interior Design** magazine, National Benefactors of the Leaders Breakfast series. For more information on any of these events, visit www.iida.org, or contact communications@iida.org.

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Members, submit information for consideration in a future issue of *DesignMatters* to DM-News@iida.org.

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Smart Environments Awards Call for Entries



Great interiors projects aren't just beautiful, they are smart. **Metropolis** magazine and **IIDA** invite you to enter the 4th Annual Smart Environment Awards™. This competition recognizes individuals and collaborative teams creating excellent, leading edge interior environments demonstrating the best in sustainability, accessibility, and beauty. Interior design and architecture professionals and teams practicing legally in their jurisdictions may enter projects that have been completed in 2009 or have not previously been published. The winners of the Smart Environments Awards will be announced at USGBC's Greenbuild Expo 2009 in Phoenix. Entry information is available on [IIDA's website](#).

Re:Work Upcoming Events



The Mohawk Group - in collaboration with IIDA and *Interior Design* magazine - continues to help fill the industry void, with **Re:Work**, a series of workshops designed to help reposition careers and restore optimism, for displaced interior designers and architects.

Upcoming day long events include: Phoenix/Scottsdale, September 17; Boston, October 20 and Minneapolis, November 19.

NOW, **Re:Work goes virtual!** If you've been unable to attend the full day event, The Mohawk Group is offering a free webinar version. Gain insight on finding your next job with resume writing, interview skills and career coaching information and advice. Four sessions are scheduled for this month; July 23 at 2pm ET and July 28 at 10am ET and July 30 at 2pm ET. [Register today.](#)

To nominate your city as a future host, [visit Re:Work online](#). Be sure to pass this along to a friend or colleague in need!

Upcoming Shows

MAISON & OBJET



MAISON & OBJET, the largest concentration of home decor collections and accessories ever gathered in one location, will take place in Paris, September 4 -8, 2009. This prestigious trade show with 3,000 exhibitors will exhibit in over 1 million square feet and present their finest collections of home décor products and accessories.

At the September show, MAISON & OBJET will dedicate an entire hall to Indoor/Outdoor Furniture showcasing the latest international talents and exclusive brands. MAISON & OBJET will also feature an entire section called PROJETS, where interior designers and architects will find products and solutions geared toward the institutional and commercial decorative markets. For additional information and early registration, please visit: <http://www.maison-objet.com/en/index.php?page=commander-badge>

HD Boutique Exposition and Conference



Explore the Uniqueness of Hospitality Design Boutique Exposition & Conference in Miami Beach, Florida September 14-15. [HD Boutique](#) is where South Beach chic comes alive, with over 600 manufacturers offering access to the hottest design products to hit the Americas. Join in on a Keynote Conversation with Jeffrey Beers on creativity, his work, and his affinity for the integration of art and architecture.

Register [here](#) and receive complimentary expo admission or purchase Full Conference for only \$99. All Conference Sessions at HD Boutique 2009 are LU/CEU accredited. Complimentary expo admission included with any Conference purchase.

Special IIDA Pricing for IFMA World Workplace 2009 Conference and Expo



As a participating organization, IIDA is pleased to announce that its Members are eligible for special membership pricing at the International Facility Management Association's World Workplace 2009 Conference & Expo. This year's conference will be held Oct. 7-9 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. To learn more about the conference or to register, click [here](#).

NeoCon East



NeoCon East, the Mid-Atlantic region's premier design exposition and conference, is coming to the Baltimore Convention Center on October 28-29. Attend the show for two full days of inspiration from the latest products, exceptional keynotes, panel presentations and some of the best educational programming in the industry. Don't miss this opportunity to meet industry leaders, network with other A&D professionals, and gain a new perspective on your business objectives. Look for more information and a link in the next issue of DesignMatters.

Foundation News

The Trustees of the IIDA Foundation are pleased to announce the most recent recipients of the Sustainable Design Education Fund: **Lindsey Burghgraef, IIDA**, Illinois Chapter; **Michelle Clark, IIDA**, TX/OK Chapter; **Kathleen Crooks, IIDA**, OH/KY Chapter; **Jacqueline Gommel, IIDA**, Illinois Chapter; and **Lindsay Ishman, Associate IIDA**, Florida Chapter.

A reminder to IIDA Associate Members who took the NCIDQ exam in April 2009: the deadline to submit your tuition reimbursement request for consideration is Friday, August 14. For information and guidelines, please visit: <http://www.iida.org/content.cfm/ncidq-tuition-reimbursement-fund>.

Industry News

Living up to its heritage of environmental stewardship, **Kimball Office** has earned level™ certification for its entire product portfolio – one of the first companies in the industry to do so. level™ is a new rating system that verifies conformance to BIFMA's e3 sustainability standard through a third-party certifier. Kimball Office played a leading role within the group that developed e3 along with BIFMA. The e3 standard ensures a comprehensive and impartial assessment of a product's environmental and social impact.

Leading by example, **Kimball Office** has earned LEED-CI Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for its San Francisco showroom. Designed by Huntsman Architectural Group, the 5,000-sq. ft. facility received 34 points from the USGBC, most notably for its water conservation, energy efficiency, environmentally responsible materials and indoor air quality. The San Francisco showroom is the seventh Kimball Office facility to receive LEED certification. The others are the Jasper showroom (Gold), Atlanta and Chicago showrooms (Silver), New York showroom (Certified), Corporate Headquarters (Silver) and R&D team rooms (Certified).

Member News

Congratulations to **Ken Wilson, FIIDA**, FAIA for an enormously successful 2009 thus far. His accolades include an Interiors Award in Environmental Design for the IIDA Headquarters and induction into the College of Fellows for both IIDA and AIA. Ken's firm was also featured in the June issue of Metropolis magazine for the design of new USGBC Headquarters. This year, he presented the commencement address for Virginia Tech's College of Architecture & Urban studies and also won architecture Firm of the Year from USGBC's National Capital Region Chapter.

Kay Sargent, IIDA, CID, LEED AP recently published, A Pivotal Shift: Leveraging for Advantage, a White Paper on how the economic climate creates opportunities for intelligent workplace design. In the paper she references timely topics such as generational diversity, globalization, infrastructure, and sustainability. It also includes tips for increasing space utilization and reducing occupancy costs.

Kim Parsley, Associate IIDA, LEED AP participated with other members of the Interior Architects Seattle staff in authoring the City of Seattle's Quick Guide to Green Tenant Improvement series. This collection of ten guides (available [online](#)) was created in collaboration with the City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development. Each volume covers a sustainability strategy such as green leases, employee well-being, adaptable design, energy efficient lighting, and construction waste management.

Chapter & City Center News *September and October*

The Carolinas Chapter

Please join the **Triad City Center** for their Summer Social on Thursday, July 23 from 6:00-8:00pm at Lucky 32 Restaurant in Greensboro. Enjoy food, wine and conversation among local design professionals and friends! [Click here to view the invitation.](#)

Join the **Triad City Center**, AIA Piedmont and AIA Winston-Salem for "Art by Architects & Interior Designers" on Thursday, August 6 from 6:00-9:00pm. Please join us for this exciting event that embraces local artists while showcasing works of art by our own IIDA & AIA members. As you socialize and view artwork, wine, beer and appetizers will be provided, courtesy of our sponsors. Door prizes will be

The Delta Regional Chapter

The **Mississippi City Center** and **Kelli Stout, Industry IIDA** of Eykon Wallcovering ask you to save the date for a CEU, Summary of Wallcovering, on August 20th.

Save the date: Mick Ann Koratsky with Kimball, OffiSource, and the **Mississippi City Center** will present a CEU, Communication with Styles, on September 17th.

The Illinois Chapter

The **Illinois Chapter** invites you to the 5th Annual IIDA STITCH Fashion and Charity Event at Park West on September 24th. The theme

given and awards will be issued for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and "People's Choice." Come and be inspired! [Click here to view the invitation.](#) [Click here to view the Call for Entries.](#)

Please join the **Charlotte City Center** for their Summer Social at Lake Haigler on Saturday July 25th from 11:30am until 3:00pm. The Rush Pavilion is part of the Anne Spring Close Greenway in Fort Mill, SC. Newly constructed, this pavilion is adjacent to Lake Haigler and is the meeting point of this year's Summer Social. Bring your favorite lawn game, a side dish to share and any additional beverages. Hot dogs, hamburgers and bottled water will be provided. [Click here to view the invitation.](#)

Please join the **Charlotte City Center** on Thursday, August 27 from 5:30-7:30pm for "K-12 Emerging Design Standards" and the "Powerbond Design Awards" sponsored by Tandus, Inc. Tom Ellis, Vice President of Tandus, Inc., is actively involved with the company's focus on indoor air quality and surrounding environmental issues specific to the learning and healthcare environments. He has over 20 years of industry experience in the commercial interior industry. Please join Tandus and IIDA for a fun and informative presentation that will enhance your understanding of how flooring can affect the indoor air quality, comfort and safety of your client's space through evidence-based design. There will also be an awards ceremony for the winner of Tandus's "Powerbond Design Completion." [Click here to view the invitation.](#)

Tandus, Inc. is sponsoring the "Powerbond Design Competition," a floor design and layout competition using the Tandus Powerbond product in an educational setting. Powerbond is Tandus's hybrid resilient sheet floor covering that can be seam welded to create an impervious finished floor. The information session regarding the competition has already been held in Charlotte; however, you may contact your local Tandus representative for more information. This competition is open to the entire **Carolinas Chapter.** [Click here to view the Tandus Powerbond flyer.](#)

Please join the **Triangle City Center** for a panel discussion, Building Codes and Green Design Intertwined, on Friday, July 31 from 11:30am-1:00pm. During this panel discussion, Sean Vance, AIA, Extension Assistant Professor of Architecture, Center for Universal Design, NCSU, Andy Cole, AIA, Project Architect for the Green Square project at NCSU, and **Lisa Feldman, IIDA** with Caragreen, will discuss the implication of green design on building codes. A large portion of our time will be allocated to the audience for questions. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or specific areas of interest before the event. Lunch will be provided. A special thanks to NCSU, Caragreen and Chick-Fil-A for making this event possible! [Click here to view the invitation.](#)

Join the **Triangle City Center** for their "Sizzling Summer Social" at Carmen's Cuban Café on Wednesday, August 19 from 6:00-9:00pm where the music will be hot and the moves hotter. Socialize from 6:00-7:00, join the dance lesson from 7:00-8:00, and then Mambo, Salsa and Samba from 8:00-9:00. [Click here to view the invitation.](#)

for this year's runway show is "Black & White and STITCHed All Over" and the pre-sale for tickets begins July 13th. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Click [here](#) for more information.

The **Mid-Atlantic Chapter**

The **Washington Metro City Center** announces the Mini Golf Design Classic, to take place on October 22nd in Crystal City, VA. Committees are currently forming and volunteers are still needed for the event. If you are interested, please contact **Karen Luria, Affiliate IIDA** at KarenLuria@interioridentity.com or 703-329-6262.

The **Northern Pacific Chapter**

The **Seattle City Center** invites you to join them for an informal and friendly luncheon conversation with July's featured "Faces", **Andrea Vanecko, IIDA** of Callison and Helen Brown of Collins Woerman. These award-winning designers will share their professional insights, inspiration, and wisdom as it relates to IIDA and Design on July 23 at FareStart in Seattle. Space is limited, so [register](#) today.

Please join the **Seattle City Center** and design community colleagues to clean up Golden Gardens in Ballard on August 8th starting at 10:00 am. After a brief history of our local park and an overview of Seattle's urban forests, EarthCorps staff will discuss forest structure, native vs. non-native plant species, and environmental restoration. The project includes mulching restoration sites and removing English ivy and other invasive plant species.

EarthCorps supplies gloves, tools, water, and light refreshments. We suggest that volunteers dress in layers of older clothes that include long pants and sleeves and durable closed toe footwear. The event is rain or shine, so please come prepared. Bring a lunch if you would like, as well as a water bottle; please do not wear open toe shoes or sandals. Registration and directions are available on the Chapter [website](#).

IIDA **Northern Pacific Chapter** is pleased to announce our continued partnership with the Buildex Seattle exposition. [Buildex](#) featuring DesignTrends Seattle is a comprehensive trade show with more than 125 exhibits and over 30 educational seminars for professionals from Washington State's Design, Architectural and Construction industries. If you are interested in exhibiting, complimentary corner upgrades (a \$100 value) are available for IIDA Members who register before July 26. For more information email [Dave Tydesley](mailto:Dave.Tydesley) or call 877.739.2112 and press "2".

The IIDA **Northern Pacific Chapter** is proud to present the 6th Annual Inawards, a juried competition for interior design excellence and innovation. Interior designers, architects, and industrial designers from Northern Pacific Chapter region may submit entries of interior spaces and products completed after January 2006. The deadline for entry is September 1 and the form can be downloaded [here](#). More information is available on the Northern Pacific Chapter's [website](#), by [emailing](#), or calling 206.762.6471.

A LEED Interior Design and Construction Workshop is being held at Meredith College in the Wainwright Suite in Raleigh, NC on Friday, July 31. On-site sign-in and registration for the workshop begins at 8:00am and the workshop will take place from 8:30am-5:00pm. Please note that this workshop is based on the LEED for Commercial Interiors 2009 [Rating System](#). [Click here for additional information and online registration](#).

Once you visit the registration website, search by workshop type, "Green Interior Design & Construction: The LEED Implementation Process," and select the workshop in Raleigh, NC for additional information and registration.

At the 2009 Annual Meeting and Tradeshow in Charlotte, NC, Ashley Sehorn and Melissa Bauer, both students at Winthrop University, were named the 2009 **Carolinas Chapter** Student Scholarship winners for the 2008-2009 school year.

Only a sophomore, Ashley brings a sense of professionalism to the classroom. Her greatest strengths are her creativity and confidence that she holds in that creativity. She takes opportunities to go above and beyond course requirements to challenge herself and her classmates.

Melissa represents a powerhouse combination of technical skills, creativity and professionalism. Above all else, Melissa's greatest strength lies in her lack of fear for the unknown. She has become a beneficial part of the Charlotte design community and the local IIDA family.

Chat with fellow **Carolinas Chapter** Members. Check out the Message Board forum through the Knowledge Center link on the IIDA Headquarters [website](#). A folder labeled Carolinas Chapter is provided for you to post a forum topic.

See what the **Carolinas Chapter** has been up to by checking out the News & Events page on the [IIDA Carolinas Chapter website](#).

The **Georgia Chapter**

The **Georgia Chapter** invites you to the "Post-Chicago" Atlanta Product Show. Join us for a southern style twist on the acclaimed product show of Chicago. Catch an eye full of all the latest and greatest in products and design for the year to come. Enjoy tasty treats, beverages, and CEUs on Thursday July 23 from 4-8 pm on the 4th floor at SCAD, 1600 Peachtree Street. For more information and a CEU registration form click [here](#).

The **Georgia Chapter** invites you to a cooking class, Learn to Cook Gourmet on a Budget, hosted by the Westye Group's Atlanta kitchen design showroom. Join us for a night of delicious food inspired by a beautiful showroom on August 6 from 6-8pm at 1700 Executive Drive South, Suite 400 in Duluth. The cost is \$15 for Members, \$20 for Non-Members, and \$10 for Students. Seating is limited, so please [RSVP](#) by August 3rd.

The **Northland Chapter**

The **Northland Chapter** invites you to attend MinneCon 2009 on Wednesday July 29th at Nicollet Pavilion in Minneapolis. The trade fair, with over 70 vendors, is free to all and the CEU Sessions at MinneCon are Free to IIDA Members, \$20 for Non-members, and \$10 for Students. An evening of networking, drinks, food and entertainment will follow. For more information, click [here](#) or contact [Eric Lovestrand](#), Affiliate IIDA.

Please join IIDA **Northland Chapter** Forums First Mondays for a hard hat tour of the new Twins Stadium! Tours are available on Monday August 3rd at 3:30 and 4:30 pm, please register online for one tour only. Plan to park at the Target Center Parking Ramp A and please bring a hardhat. This event is free to Members and \$20 to Non-Members. Space is limited, cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, and no-shows will be billed at the Non-Member rate. A special thank you to our Forum Sponsor, St. Paul Linoleum & Carpet. Click [here](#) to register online.

The **Ohio Kentucky Chapter**

The **Cleveland Akron City Center** & AIA Cleveland are sponsoring the 1st annual Design/Build Coed Summer Sand Volleyball League. Games will be played Monday nights, beginning July 6th, at 6:30 or 7:30 p.m. at the Battery Park Sand Volleyball Courts. The cost to register for the 8-week league is \$200 per team (3 males and 3 females) and t-shirts are included. For registration, [click here](#). For questions, please contact Adam Yaracs at ayaracs@belsondesign.com.

The **Pennsylvania/New Jersey/Delaware Chapter**

The **Philadelphia City Center** invites you to a Meet 'n Greet at Octo Waterfront Grill, 221 N. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Light snacks provided by IIDA and cash bar. RSVP [here](#).

The **Philadelphia City Center** asks you to Save the Date for our Annual Product Parade that showcases the latest products from NeoCon on October 1, 2009. More information to follow.

The **New Jersey City Center** asks "What inspires you?". Please join us for an evening of inspiration with special guest speaker Suzanne Tick at The Medicines Company, 8 Sylvan Way, Parsippany, NJ on Thursday, September 17 from 5:30-9:00 pm. [RSVP](#) by August 31, 2009.

The **Pocono Mountain City Center** asks you to save the date for the 2nd Annual Specifiers' Showcase that showcases the latest products from NeoCon on September 17 in Scranton, PA. Please email [Greg Marinelli](mailto:Greg.Marinelli) for more information.

The **Southern California Chapter**

Join the **Southern California Chapter** for Catalyst 2009: Ideas for Breakfast on July 23

The **Great Plains Chapter**

Join the **Greater Omaha City Center** on August 27th for the 2nd Bi-annual Cruise for a Cause. Event to include Silent Auction, Live Band, Socializing and a Cruise down the Muddy Mo on the new River City Star Riverboat. Profits to benefit League of Human Dignity and IDCN. To buy tickets or sponsor the event click [here](#) or email shoemaker@bcdm.net.

The **Northern California Chapter**

The **Northern California Chapter** presents Color Forecasting: Trends in Wall Coverings on September 22 at 5:30 pm. The event will be hosted by Darden Architects at 6790 North West Avenue in Fresno. Sponsor Koroseal Interior Products Group will discuss upcoming color trends in Wall Covering Finishes as well as Color and Regional Trends and Influences. Please RSVP to [Leslie Arnold](mailto:Leslie.Arnold).

The **Northern California Chapter** invites you to Make the Connection: A joint mixer by SMPS, IFMA, and IIDA on July 30th from 5 pm-8 pm at the Knoll Showroom in San Francisco. The cost is \$10 per ticket and proceeds benefit Philanthropy by Design. For sponsorship opportunities contact Jude at jude.wellington@gmail.com or Robyn at robyn.isom@cort.com.

The **Northern California Chapter** and Innerspace Industries invite you to tour the Innerspace Industries Factory on August 12th at 6:00 pm. The facility is located at 4628 East Thomas Avenue in Fresno, and **Leslie Arnold, IIDA** can be contacted for RSVPs at lesliea@dardenarchitects.com.

The **Northern California Chapter** and **Sacramento City Center** will host their 10th Annual Golf Tournament on August 20th at Apple Mountain Resort in Camino with a 10am Shot Gun Start. This year's theme is "Your Favorite Cartoon Character or Animated Movie". [Register here](#), or contact Amanda at 916-316-4701 or amanda_mccracken@att.net for more information.

Save the Date for the IIDA **Northern California Chapter's** 4th Annual Rock N' Bowl Fundraiser on November 7th. The event will be held from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Strike Zone at Fort Shafter. This year, the annual event will take on a 70's theme.

The **Silicon Valley City Center** is proud to host its 2nd Annual Members Only Event on August 6th at 337 Willow Avenue in Menlo Park. This year's event features the Michelle Kauffman designed Sunset Breeze pre-fab home of **Michele Chadwick, IIDA** and Jose Coto, AIA, managing partners of CAS architects. They will discuss their process from the demolition of the existing structure to moving their family in to their new home. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served, please [RSVP](#) today and bring your IIDA Membership Card to the event.

The **Southwest Chapter**

Remember to contact your city center directors and to check out the [chapter calendar](#) for

at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City. Joel Cohen, writer and Co-Executive Producer of the Simpsons, will present The Business Tao of Homer: Lessons in Creativity and Innovation from The Simpsons at 8:00 am. Breakfast will be served with a DVD signing to follow. Catherine Curry-Williams and Tiffany Harris of Shane's Inspiration are the event Honorees. This year's Gold sponsors are Bentley Prince Street, InterfaceFLOR, Knoll, Shaw Contract Group/The New Patcraft and DesignWeave, Tandus, and Teknion & Sidemark. The event is also a CEU and tickets are available on the [Chapter website](#).

The **Southern California Chapter** presents the Gamble House Private Tour on Saturday August 22nd beginning at 10:30 am at 4 Westmoreland Place in Pasadena. Light refreshments will be provided. Please wear broad-heeled flat shoes to protect the flooring. Tickets can be ordered [online](#) and are \$20 for IIDA Members, \$25 for Non-Members.

The **Los Angeles City Center** presents a speaker series beginning on August 6th with "The Changing Nature of Work" at Tandus in Culver City at 5:30 pm. Tickets are available on the [Chapter Website](#) and cost \$10 for Members, \$20 for Non-Members, and are free for Students. Please register by July 30th. Other presentations include Benny Chan on September 17th and "The Evolution of Organizations" on October 7th.

Orange County City Center Committee Meetings will be held at 7:30 am on August 5th, and September 2nd at CBI in Irvine. Visitors are welcome.

The **San Diego City Center** and USGBC welcome you to the Hotel Indigo-LEED Hotel Mixer and Tour on July 30th at 5:30 pm. Drew George & Partners and Phelps Development are sponsoring a panel discussion with the project team, tour, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and networking. For \$15 Member and \$20 Non-member tickets, [order online](#) by July 27th. All tickets are \$25 at the door.

If you missed NeoCon, please join the **San Diego City Center** for its NeoCan't Trade Fair on August 27th from 8:30 pm at the San Diego Wine and Culinary Center.

Save the date for the **San Diego City Center's** 2nd Annual Haute Couture a la San Diego fashion show on September 23rd at 6:00 pm. This year's reformatted event will be held at The Prado at Balboa Park, Grand Ballroom.

The **San Diego City Center** Committee Meeting will be held on October 1st at 11:30 am at A-DWRD on India Street. Please [RSVP](#) and bring a brown bag lunch.

Please join Form Magazine and Valcucine Los Angeles in presenting Valcucine's new All Glass Kitchen, a totally sustainable design recently featured at MoMA. The event will be held at the DOM showroom in Beverly Hills on Thursday July 30th 6-9 pm. Complimentary parking is available and hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and fresh, healthy, flavorful Asian Cuisine will be served. Don't miss special cooking demonstrations by celebrated chef, TV personality, and Everyday Chinese Cooking author Katie Chin. [RSVP](#) via email by July 28th

upcoming events.

For **Phoenix City Center** summer events, please contact City Center Director [Catherine Pieratt](#).

Save the date for the **Phoenix City Center** Government Forum on July 30th. The event will be held at the KI Showroom at 2234 West University Drive, Suite 103 in Tempe. John Fitzpatrick, KI Government Sales Manager, will be the guest speaker. [Stacy Bolen, Associate IIDA](#) can be contacted for more information.

Phoenix City Center also asks to you save the date for the September 17 Un-Veiled trade show from 4:30-8:30 pm at Scottsdale Galleria. Contact the Phoenix City Center director [Marissa Matusow](#) for more information.

Las Vegas City Center Members, please contact [Jonelle Vance, IIDA](#), LEED AP for information regarding upcoming events in the Las Vegas area.

The **Tucson City Center** invites you to its 2nd annual Membership Event on September 3 from 6:30-8:00 pm. For more information email the Tucson City Center director, [Chrise Eddy, IIDA](#).

The **Tucson City Center** planning committee for the 2009 membership event is forming. If you are interested in participating, please contact [Chrise Eddy, IIDA](#) for more information.

For additional **Tucson City Center** summer events, please contact Center Director [Chrise Eddy, IIDA](#).

including name, company, title, phone, and email address.

Southern California's emerging commercial interior designers are welcomed into the professional design community at the Coming Out Party 5-9pm on August 13 at the Allsteel and Haworth Water Garden showrooms. RSVP is required, tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and are available along with additional information on the event [website](#).

The **Rocky Mountain Chapter**

Save the date for the **Rocky Mountain Chapter's** Fashion Remix event on October 22, 2009. Opportunities still exist to join Sponsors Interface, Haworth, Knoll, Teknion, and DesignTex. Three levels of sponsorship are available and the pre-sale for general tickets begins July 13th. For more information visit [Fashion Remix](#) online.

The **Texas/Oklahoma Chapter**

Please join the **Texas Oklahoma Chapter** at METROCON 2009 August 13-14th. There is no cost for IIDA Members to attend the show and your total CEU requirements can be met for \$35 if you are a Member, \$100 for Non-members. Over 200 exhibitors are registered and a happy hour event on Thursday will include beverages and assorted foods. Click [here](#) for registration and more information.

The **Wisconsin Chapter**

The **Wisconsin Chapter** announces On Par with IIDA Wisconsin, a golf outing on Thursday August 20th at Whispering Springs Golf Club in Fond du Lac. The all-day event begins with registration at 10:00 am and a shotgun start/best ball scramble at 11:00 am followed by a social, dinner, awards, and a raffle. Send an email for [more information](#).

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