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Electronic Member Cards

IIDA electronic Member Cards are here! IIDA believes in sustainability, from our LEED CI Gold Certified headquarters to the publications we produce. In these ongoing efforts, your annual Member Card is now an electronic version that you can print anytime, anywhere. Upon payment of your 2010 dues, your access to IIDA's online [Membership section](#) provides a link to your individual electronic Member Card. Watch for details in your invoice, coming soon to your inbox.



Membership Dues Remain the Same in 2010

IIDA is pleased to announce that Membership Dues will not be increasing for the 2010 Membership year, as previously announced. Last year, the International Board voted on a three-year incremental increase of Membership dues. In light of the current economy they have re-evaluated their decision and unanimously decided to freeze the dues for 2010. IIDA is committed to cultivating Membership by quickly responding to the needs of individuals, combined with initiatives like Re:Work, Leaders Breakfast and informative Principals Roundtables. We appreciate your Membership!



Inactive Status Still Available

IIDA would like to remind Members that Inactive Status is still available to Members in good standing who have recently had a change in job status due to unemployment, maternity leave, relocation or prolonged disability. Only requests received by mail will be honored. Please mail your letter to: Lisa Toth, IIDA Headquarters, 222 Merchandise Mart, Suite 567, Chicago, IL 60654.



9 Members Receive NCIDQ Tuition Reimbursement

The Trustees of the IIDA Foundation are pleased to announce the following Members as recipients of the most recent round of funding from the **NCIDQ Tuition Reimbursement Fund**. Thanks to the generosity of IIDA Members in the 2008 Designing for the Future Campaign, additional funds were allocated to this fund which made it possible to double the number of recipients. Congratulations to:

- Nicole Craig, IIDA/TX/OK Chapter**
- Emily Erickson, IIDA/Illinois Chapter**
- Brittany Huling, IIDA/Delta Regional Chapter**
- Shannon Mitchener, IIDA/TX/OK Chapter**
- Evan Musheno, IIDA/OH/KY Chapter**
- Kimberly Powell, IIDA/VA/WV Chapter**
- Alison Rock, IIDA/Rocky Mountain Chapter**
- Kimberly Zingre, IIDA/Illinois Chapter**
- Samantha Zitter, IIDA/TX/OK Chapter**

Share Your News with *DesignMatters!*

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

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Designing for the Future Campaign

A reminder to Members that the **2009 Designing for the Future Campaign** will begin in early October. If Members wish to donate when they pay their 2010 dues renewal, their contribution will be applied to their Chapter's goal for the Campaign.

Last Chance to Get Your Entry Kit



The deadline to request an [Entry Kit](#) for the Smart Environments Awards is September 24 and the deadline to submit completed entries is October 9; more information is available on [IIDA's website](#).

For an insider's look on the Smart Environments Awards™, read a candid [Q&A with Susan Szenasy](#), editor in chief of *Metropolis*. Along with **Ken Wilson, FIIDA**, FAIA of Envision Design, Susan helped establish the competition in 2006 "as an opportunity to find some of the best projects out there."

IIDA Leaders Breakfast Series



Tickets are still available for the **Chicago Leaders Breakfast** with keynote speaker **Alison Levine** and honoree **Chris Kennedy**. The event will be held on October 21 from 7:30-10:00am at Chicago's Drake Hotel, located at 140 East Walton Place. For more information, check out the [website](#).

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. Click here for [details](#).

Special thanks to **Herman Miller** and **Interior Design** magazine, National Benefactors of the Leaders Breakfast series. Watch for details of the 2010 program, coming soon.

CEU Compliance Period Ending December 31, 2009

The current CEU compliance period for IIDA Members is January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. For more information about the Association's requirement, contact [Ely Padilla](#) at IIDA Headquarters at 312.379.5142. A copy of your official transcript can be obtained on the [NCIDQ website](#) or by calling 202.721.0220. Remember to look for IIDA programs directed toward the Forum-specific areas of practice at upcoming industry shows and other events this fall. Members are also encouraged to check the the new [IIDA Event Calendar](#) for Forum and CEU Events near you.

Upcoming Shows

ArchLED '09: Shedding Light on the Future of Commercial Lighting

ArchLED '09

LED Lighting for the Built Environment

The Merchandise Mart • Chicago, October 13-15, 2009

Online [registration](#) is now open for the second annual ArchLED'09. The three-day event presented by Construction Business Media – publishers of Architectural Products and Architectural SSL magazines – will be held October 13-15 at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. At the event, you'll hear from the designers and artists transforming the world of illumination. The developers of LED technology will share important information for architectural and engineering specifiers when using this technology. Most importantly, the event will provide an open forum for all parties to ask questions and seek answers about LED lighting.

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, including a view of the latest products, exceptional keynote speakers, 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. Join IIDA at NeoCon East at the IIDA Lounge, Government Forum, and Student Panel and Seminar featuring **Derrell Parker, FIIDA**, **Cary Johnson, FIIDA**, **LEED AP**, and **Deb Steinmetz, FIIDA**, **FASID**.

In partnership with *Contract* magazine, IIDA presents the **IIDA/Contract Magazine Booth Design Competition**, an annual competition recognizing outstanding creativity in booth design at NeoCon East. Each year we have an amazing panel of judges who seek out the top designs at the show. The IIDA/Contract Magazine Booth Design Competition focuses specifically on originality of design, visual impact, effective use of materials and the outstanding use of space, color, texture, lighting and graphics. Access the registration form [here](#).

This year's winning booths will be featured on the websites of [Contract magazine](#), [Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc](#), and [IIDA](#).

Healthcare Design.09

The logo for Healthcare Design.09 features the words "HEALTHCARE DESIGN" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The "09" is enclosed in a green circle to the right of "DESIGN". The entire logo has a subtle reflection effect below it.

Healthcare Design.09 promises to be the largest and most comprehensive Healthcare Design Conference ever. This year's conference will be held October 31-November 3 at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. It will be a four-day, solution-focused experience aimed at delivering successful outcomes for healthcare facilities now and in the future. Highlights include over 60 educational sessions, 21 CEU opportunities, 59 interactive roundtable discussion groups, facility tours, networking opportunities, and pre-conference workshops. Keynote addresses will be presented by Michael Graves, FAIA, Blair L. Sadler, JD, and Christine Malcolm. For information and registration, click [here](#).

Congratulations to Recent Local Award Winners

The **Michigan Chapter** announces the winners of the 2009 Storefront Design Competition, 2009 Michigan Interior Design Excellence Awards (MIDEA), and the Michigan Chapter Appreciation Awards. Select winners include:

Gensler, Industry IIDA
Tina Katikos, IIDA
Kenn Rickman, IIDA
Tracey Gancasz, IIDA
Linda Thomas, IIDA

Member News

Diane Taitt Chandleur, IIDA, Assoc. AIA, ASID has been announced as the Director of Interior Architecture at the Washington, D.C. office of international architecture, planning, engineering, interior design and program management firm LEO A DALY. Ms. Chandleur, who has more than 18 years of experience in interior design, is the recipient of over eight professional design awards and has been featured in numerous publications including *Contract Magazine*, *Interiors & Sources* and *Architecture Week*. Click [here](#) for the full press release.

Michael Ackelbein, IIDA, has been announced as the new Regional Vice President of Sales, Western division, for Inscape Solutions. Mr. Ackelbein's senior sales and sales management experience spanning over 20 years has given him an in-depth understanding of both dealer and end-user perspectives. Mr. Ackelbein will be overseeing three Regional Managers as well as a number of independent representatives in California, Oregon and Washington. Click [here](#) for the full press release.

OM Workspace®, the full-service, national furniture division of OfficeMax®, awarded five design professionals with a year-long Professional level Membership to IIDA. The memberships were giveaways as part of an in-booth and online contest OM Workspace conducted during NeoCon World's Trade Fair in Chicago. The winners were:

Joanna French of Studios Architecture in San Francisco
Christine Tsui of Capital Planning and Design at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill.
Heather Silva of Helmer & Silva Interior Design in San Diego
Kristin Sawicki of C. Rome Design in Chicago
Lori Beeson of University of Illinois in Urbana, Ill.

Click [here](#) for the full press release.

[IIDA Welcomes New Members Who Joined During August 2009!](#)

Industry News

Kimball Office recently received a distinguished Red Dot "Best of the Best" award for the company's Hum research book. The 40,000-word Hum research book, written and produced by the ALT Group, describes the creative development of the Hum. Minds at Work. furniture solution. The innovative and award-winning workspace system was designed by Formway, which is sold in the United States by Kimball Office. See the [press release](#) for more information.

Headquarters' News

IIDA Headquarters is pleased to announce two new additions to the Communications team.



Michelle Kraker joins the IIDA Communications team as Manager of Student Marketing and Social Media. In this role, Ms. Kraker will oversee the Association's student marketing efforts -- including Student Mentoring Week and the Student Sustainable Design Competition initiatives -- and provide support for the Association's Campus Centers. In addition, she will work to enlarge the Association's online presence and social media involvement. Click [here](#) for the full press release.



Carmen O'Donnell rounds out the Communications department as Communications Manager. Ms. O'Donnell will manage the day to day operations of the Association's communications and strategic marketing initiatives, including the DesignMatters biweekly newsletter, the Leaders Breakfast series, design competitions, website communications and image/branding communications. Click [here](#) for the release.

Both are based in the IIDA Headquarters in the Merchandise Mart, Chicago.

Chapter & City Center News September and October

The Alabama Chapter

Please join the **Alabama Chapter** on October 1 at their Sponsor Appreciation Party honoring 2009-2010 [Sponsors](#). Event will take place at the Alabama Folk Art Gallery from 5:30-8:00pm. See the [invitation](#) for more details. [RSVP](#) by September 29.

The **Alabama Chapter** is asking for volunteers for their Habitat for Humanity fall event. They are building a house for the Bennett family and need at least 25 volunteers for October 10, 17 and 24. To sign up for a date and time slot please contact [Laurel Brannon, Industry IIDA](#).

The **Alabama Chapter** reminds you to mark your calendars for their third annual Artrageous charity art auction to benefit the IIDA Foundation. Last year's auction raised over \$2200 for the Foundation. This year, the auction will be held on October 22 at Gallery Services. To join the planning committee for Artrageous or sponsor the event, please contact [Anne-Marie Gianoudis, IIDA](#).

The Carolinas Chapter

Please join the **Upstate City Center** for their "IIDA Back to Basics" membership drive on September 17 at Alfred Williams & Company. Network from 11:30 am - noon, and then pull up a chair for an informative Q & A session with IIDA board members. Click [here](#) to view the invitation.

The Northern California Chapter

Join the **Northern California Chapter** for their Student Affairs Kick-off Party on September 21 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Smith Group. Free admission to all, snacks and refreshment will be served. Please [RSVP](#) by September 19.

The **Fresno City Center** presents "Color Forecasting: Trends in Wall Coverings" on September 22 at 5:30pm. 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, IIDA](#).

Join the **Sacramento City Center** for IIDA Neocon Update & Art Appreciation Evening on October 15. Please join us for an evening of urban art, wine, food and some of the latest interior products on the market! The event takes place from 5:30 - 8:00 pm at The Skinner Howard Gallery. Event is FREE to all!! RSVP to [Andrea Jaggers, IIDA](#) by October 1.

Please join the **Sacramento City Center**, your friends and family to work with Sacramento Rebuilding Together on October 3. Rebuilding Together hopes to rebuild 15 homes in the Sacramento region in one day! Members, Non-Members, Students and family members (over the age of 16) are welcome to attend. 7:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please RSVP by September 18 to [Becky Davin, IIDA](#).

Join the **Sacramento City Center** as we tour the new CalSTRS Headquarters in West Sacramento. We will be joining forces with the AIA and IFMA communities to learn about all

The **Coastal City Center** welcomes you to their annual "Kayak Regatta" fundraising event to benefit Operation Home, which will be held at Coastal Expeditions on September 17. Sign up and participate in the kayak race or cheer for your favorite racer from the dock! Click [here](#) to view the invitation. Click [here](#) for the Regatta entry form.

Please join the **Triangle City Center** for their "[Wine Tasting and Membership Drive](#)" at Price Modern on September 22 at 5:30 pm. Network with other designers and learn more about wine and member benefits during this informational evening. Non-Members have a chance to win a year-long IIDA Membership.

The **Columbia City Center** is pleased to announce their "[Eight Minute Membership Date with Cupcake](#)" at 1215 Lincoln Street at 6pm on September 22. Learn all about the benefits of becoming an IIDA member in a quick and easy speed dating format, while enjoying a cupcake to celebrate! Non-Members have a chance to win a year-long IIDA Membership.

The **Charlotte City Center** invites you to join them on September 24 at Design Within Reach for "Pecha Kucha" and socializing. "[Pecha Kucha](#)" is a method to encourage young designers to network and showcase their work in an interesting and engaging format. Members and Non-Members welcome. Click [here](#) to view the invitation.

Please join the **Triad City Center** for their "[Membership Drive and UNCG Urban Studio 02: My Sister's House](#)" presentation on September 24. This meeting presents us with an opportunity to learn about UNCG's Department of Interior Architecture's exciting second Urban Studio project, which is a community-oriented design-build effort to provide a home for five mothers and their children.

The **Delta Regional Chapter**

The **Mississippi City Center** invites you to their CEU event titled, "Communication Styles" at OffiSource on September 17 from 12:00-1:00 pm. Members: FREE, Non-Members: \$15. Please RSVP to [Tammy Patridge, IIDA](#).

The **Baton Rouge City Center** invites you to their September meeting at Juban's on September 23 from 11:30 am-1 pm. This meeting's sponsor is Shaw Contract Group, and the presentation topic is the chemistry of materials. 0.1 CEU units.

The **New Orleans City Center** invites you join us on September 24 for an evening of wine and cheese at the NEW Mediterranean Marble & Tile Showroom. Please RSVP to [Jennifer Mitchell](#) by September 21. 5:30-7:30pm. Members: FREE, Non-Members: \$20.

The **Delta Regional Chapter** announces DeltaCON 2009, a regional exposition organized through a volunteer alliance between the Delta Regional Chapter and ASID. DeltaCON 2009 will take place October 15 and 16 at the Jackson Convention Complex. Thursday evening will feature a Cocktail Party at the Old Capitol Inn and Friday will feature the first DeltaCON exhibitor's tradeshow as well as ten unique CEU opportunities. Click [here](#) for sponsorship forms.

aspects of the building. The tour will take place on September 17 at 5:30pm. Members: \$20, Non-Members: \$30, Students: \$15. Please [RSVP](#).

The **Northern Pacific Chapter**

The **Northern Pacific Chapter** is calling all Student Members! We have partnered with Wilsonart International to bring you the 2009 Student Portfolio Scholarship. Submissions are due by September 22, so get inspired and put together a portfolio that could win \$1250 for the Best of Senior category, \$750 for Best of Junior category, or \$500 for Best of Sophomore portfolios category. Visit our [website](#) for all of the details.

The **Northern Pacific Chapter** is proud to present the 6th Annual [Inawards](#), a juried competition for interior design excellence and innovation. The event will take place on October 6 at McCaw Hall in the Seattle Center.

The **Northland Chapter**

The **Northland Chapter** is commemorating its 10th annual FUSION event this year! Please join us at Epic in downtown Minneapolis on October 9 at 7:00pm. Introduced in 2000, Fusion unifies charity and design as a social event to raise money for a local charity. This year, IIDA has proudly chosen to benefit People Serving People, a local homeless shelter for families. Visit the chapter [website](#) for more information and to order tickets.

The **Ohio/Kentucky Chapter**

The **Akron City Center** and CIDLO invite you to "Ultimate Pairings," a Membership and tasting event at Bracco. The event is from 5:30-8:00pm on September 24. Attendance is free and there will be a raffle of one free IIDA Membership to a Non-Member. RSVP by September 18 to [David Fox](#).

Join Team IIDA **Toledo City Center** in the Race for the Cure on September 27. [Register](#) by September 16. [Email](#) IIDA Toledo your t-shirt size.

Save the Date for the **Ohio/Kentucky Chapter's** Annual Conference taking place on October 16 at the House of Blues.

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

The **Pocono Mountain City Center** asks you to Save the Date of September 17 for the 2nd Annual Specifiers' Showcase in Scranton that showcases the latest products from NeoCon. Please email [Greg Marinelli, Associate IIDA](#) for more information.

The **Pittsburgh City Center** asks you to Save the Date for the 15th Annual Sinker at Grandview Golf Club in North Braddock on September 18. Please [email](#) for sponsorship or event registration. Please arrive at 11:00 am to golf. Click [here](#) to see the invitation. Click [here](#) to register.

The **Philadelphia City Center** invites you to our Annual Philadelphia Product Parade

Click [here](#) for exhibitor forms.

The **Delta Regional Chapter** is asking members to help sponsor a student team from McGehee's School in this year's [Canstruction](#) event. Individual or company sponsorship will get your name or logo on signage and programs and a ticket to the gala. The deadline for sponsors is September 18. The Canstruction build-out is October 2 and the gala is October 3, both taking place at The Shops at Canal Place. For more information please contact [Dru Lamb](#).

The Georgia Chapter

The **Georgia Chapter** presents Trash to Treasure, Benefitting Public Art for the BeltLine. You are invited to join other members of Atlanta's creative community and participate as an artist on September 17 at 7 pm in the Knoll Showroom. For more information, visit the [Trash to Treasure blog](#) or click [here](#).

The Illinois Chapter

The **Chicago City Center** will be hosting the 5th Annual STITCH fashion show on September 24 at the Park West in Chicago. This year's theme is "Black & White and STITCHed All Over." For more information and to order tickets click [here](#).

Save the Date for the **Chicago City Center's** 3rd Annual SketchtoberFest sketch bar crawl on October 22. For more information check out our [website](#).

The **Illinois Chapter** will host CEU "[Wallcovering: A History](#)" on October 7 presented by Art Libera in conjunction with NEWH hosted by Koroseal Studios & Humanscale at 351 Merchandise Mart.

The **Illinois Chapter** needs their Members' help in creating a new logo for their Chapter. The contest is open to Illinois Members; visit the [homepage](#) for submission rules. Deadline for submissions is October 28; Members will vote on the winning design.

The Michigan Chapter

The **Michigan Chapter** invites you to their [Third Thursdays Happy Hours](#) taking place on September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17 from 5:30-8:30 pm. Locations: Metro Detroit: Rosie O' Grady's in Royal Oak, Grand Rapids: Grand Woods Lounge.

The **Michigan Chapter** announces its new and improved website! Check it out today!

The **Michigan Chapter** is calling for committee members for two upcoming events: Finish2Fashion and Can-Art 2009. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact info@michiganiida.org.

The Mid-America Chapter

The **Mid-America Chapter** invites you to join them for Color + Couture on September 25. Doors open at 6:30 pm at the Kansas City Convention Center Ballroom. All tickets will be sold prior to the event. Purchase tickets online [here](#). Members \$25, Non-Members \$30, and Students \$20. For questions please contact

on October 1. The event showcases the latest products from NeoCon, and will be held at The University of the Arts, Dorrance Hamilton Hall, from 5:00-8:00 pm. Admission is FREE. Please [RSVP](#).

The Rocky Mountain Chapter

Join the **Colorado Springs City Center** and Rick Dubey with Tri-Kes for a CEU presentation titled "Wallcovering Then and Now." During this presentation you'll learn a history of how vinyl wallcovering has evolved and improved over the last 40 years. Event takes place at RTA Architects on September 16. Meet and greet at 5:30 pm, presentation starts at 6:00 pm. Members: free, Non-Members: \$5. Please [RSVP](#).

Save the date for the **Rocky Mountain Chapter's** Fashion Remix event on October 22. Opportunities still exist to join sponsors Interface, Haworth, Knoll, Teknion, and DesignTex. Three levels of sponsorship are available. For more information visit [Fashion Remix](#) online.

The Southern California Chapter

The **Southern California Chapter** invites you to their 2009 Speaker Series event with acclaimed architectural photographer Benny Chan on September 24 at Steelcase. [RSVP](#) by September 17. Members: \$10, Non-Members: \$20.

Join the **San Diego City Center** for their 2nd Annual Haute Couture a la San Diego fashion show on September 23 at 6:00 pm. This year's reformatted event will be held at The Prado at Balboa Park, Grand Ballroom. Members & Non-Members: \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door; Students: \$10. Advance tickets must be purchased by September 18. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

Save the Date for the **Los Angeles City Center's** "Get Your Pumpkin On" event and enjoy cocktails, appetizers and a Membership giveaway. Event to take place on October 1 at the Teknion Showroom in Santa Monica from 5:30-8:30 pm. Please [RSVP](#).

Save the Date for the **Los Angeles City Center's** Haunt Couture event to take place on October 28 from 6-11 pm.

The Southwest Chapter

The **Phoenix City Center** presents Re:Work, sponsored by Mohawk, on September 17 from 8:30am-5:00 pm. Please RSVP for this free seminar on getting your resume and interviewing skills polished. Visit the Southwest Chapter [website](#) for more information.

The **Phoenix City Center** asks to you Save the Date for the UnVeiled trade show on September 17 from 4:00-8:00 pm in Scottsdale. Contact [Gigi Connolly](#) for more information.

[Megan Lovelace](#), Affiliate IIDA.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter

The **Mid-Atlantic Chapter** announces a Sustainable Product Knowledge Workshop to be held on September 17. The program will be held at Allsteel Showroom, Washington, DC. 6:00pm registration; 6:30pm program start. Members: FREE, Non-Members: \$10. Please [RSVP](#) and enter GREEN PRODUCTS in "Subject" line.

Please join the **Mid-Atlantic Chapter** on October 28 for a CEU titled "Mid-Atlantic Economic Recovery: An Update on the Downturn." John McClain, fellow, The Center for Regional Analysis and **Valerie Hassett, IIDA**, AIA will speak. The event will take place at NeoCon East, from 10 am-12 pm. Cost: \$30. Please click [here](#) to register. .2 CEU credits.

The **Washington Metro City Center** presents the Mini Golf Design Classic, to take place on October 15 at 2121 Crystal Drive in Arlington, Virginia. The festivities will begin at 5:30 pm. Download the Partnership form [here](#) if you are interested in being an Event Partner. Raffle Item Donors are invited to donate products and services which will be on display throughout the event. The donation form can be downloaded [here](#). For more information, contact [Karen Luria](#), Affiliate IIDA.

The New York Chapter

Back by popular demand and overwhelming success, the **New York Chapter** is launching its 2nd Annual [Speed Mentoring Event](#) matching NY design students with leading Architecture and Design professionals based in New York City. This event is scheduled for November 10 at the Knoll Showroom in New York City. Click [here](#) to register.

The **Phoenix City Center** reminds you that the deadline for Couture design team applications is September 18. Contact [Alesha Nichter](#) for more information.

The **Las Vegas City Center** invites you to the event titled "Ever Changing World of Design" on September 16 from 1:30-3:30pm at the World Market Center. Join us after for wine and cheese.

The **Tucson City Center** thanks all who participated and sponsored our Tucson City Center Membership event on September 3 titled "GEAR UP FOR IIDA." Our next event will be a wine & cheese event sponsored by BDD, Inc on September 24 from 5:30-7:00pm.

The **Tucson City Center** wants you to get ready to start planning the 2010 Tucson City Center Masquerade Gala. The planning committee will be holding its first meeting on October 27.

The Texas/Oklahoma Chapter

The **Houston City Center** asks you to save the date of September 17 at 6:00 pm for its annual Membership Social. This event is open to the design industry and admission is free. If you plan to attend or have questions, please contact [Lauren Von Drehle](#).

The **Tulsa City Center** participates in the 5th annual PARK(ing) Day on September 18 with a mad hatter's tea party: "Alice in PARK(ing) Land." PARK(ing) Day is an annual, one-day, global event where artists, activists, and citizens collaborate to temporarily transform metered parking spots into public parks. Location: in front of Urban Furnishings, 3638 S. Peoria Ave. The event runs all day.

The Virginia/West Virginia Chapter

The **Virginia/West Virginia Chapter** would like to welcome you to the 6th annual "Front Porch" event on October 22. Previously an AIA event, this year IIDA, CSI, ASLA, and AIA Richmond will come together for an event you won't want to miss! Enjoy networking, dialogue, food and drinks from 5:30-7:30 pm at Odell located in the Lucky Strike Power Plant. Members: free. Non-Members: \$20, payable at the door. Contact [Robin Morrison](#) to RSVP.

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