

JA Welcomes Five Additions In Recent Months



From left: Mia Tran, Cheryl Jacobs, Ginger Garff, Rob Spooner, Sarang Gokhale.

We would like to welcome five additions to the JA team over recent months.

Sarang Gokhale is an intern architect currently involved with the KCLS Bellevue Library Parking Garage project. He holds a graduate degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and has previous experience working with UrbanAdd, Inc.

Ginger Garff is a designer with a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Montana State University.

Ginger worked with Weber Thompson in planning and landscape prior to joining Johnston Architects. She is currently working on the Casa Latina project in addition to several residential projects.

Rob Spooner is an intern architect with a Master in Architecture from the University of Oregon. Rob has worked on the new Village Theater in Issaquah and the King County Parks Maintenance and Operations Facility for NW firms. He has recently worked on the Sammamish Boys & Girls Club, the Duvall Library, and several private residences since joining Johnston Architects.

Cheryl Jacobs is a registered architect whose most recent experience was at Perkins+Will. She is originally from Northern California and earned a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Oregon. Cheryl is an active member of the AIA Committee on the Environment and enjoys the crossover of landscape into architectural design.

Mia Tran joins JA as the new receptionist and office assistant. She recently returned from Morocco where she worked as a Small Business Development volunteer for the Peace Corps.

Buster Simpson Selected As Artist For Bellevue Library Addition

An artist-selection committee met this Spring to review submittals and portfolios of dozens of artists for potential participation in design of the Bellevue Library parking Garage. Ultimately, Buster Simpson was chosen to provide an integrated art piece. Ongoing design meetings promise to generate exciting results.

In a recent artsjournal.com article, Robert L. Lynch, president of Americans for the Arts, is quoted as saying, "Buster Simpson has helped define contemporary and environmental public art. He is an accomplished artist and an exemplary leader in community arts. His innovation and dedication has been recognized regionally and nationally in the public art field."

Upcoming issues of JA Perspectives will describe the specific installations planned for the garage project; in the meantime check out www.bustersimpson.net/ and prepare to be inspired.

The Economy of Space: Part IV - Sustainability

By Ray Johnston, AIA, MAIBC

Sustainable spaces house functions essential to community. They accommodate essential activities such as learning, eating, exercising, commerce and even sleeping. Or, they are important conduits between spaces that house these activities.

In many parts of the world the structural and finish nature of space is created from relatively immutable materials. Resulting spaces sustain themselves to a greater degree than materials that decay over time. Yet, there are plenty of examples of physically sustaining

spaces that have not been sustainable in terms of use over time. Why not? Because sustainability works best in concert with other categories of spatial economics. A long life concrete box might not have the appeal to be usable by anybody. Add texture and color to the same box, give it golden section proportions, punch openings that spill light across opposing space and suddenly the unappealing harsh box takes on somatic, sensual, spiritual and social characteristics.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 13th Annual Architecture Model Exhibit. Showing through July 31st. Mon - Sat 10:30am - 3pm Free admission. seattlearchitecture.org

JULY 10/11 10th Annual Seattle Outdoor Theatre Festival, Volunteer Park. Free, greenstage.org

JULY 18 West Seattle Garden Tour showcasing eight gardens and a noontime lecture. \$15 (children under 12 are free). westseattlegardentour.com

AUG 19 Auction of Washington Wines 2010 - to benefit Seattle Children's Hospital and the Washington Wine Education Foundation. 4 pm. Chateau St. Michelle. auctionofwashingtonwines.org

AUG 7 Round Up Hunger - Collection Barrel Decorating Contest, 10 am-7 pm sponsored by North Helpline Food Bank. projects@northhelpline.org.

AUG 23-29 The Boeing Classic Golf Tournament Snoqualmie Ridge, boeingclassic.com

Single Family Explorations



Renderings of Proposed Residential Projects

JA is actively engaged with a number of residential clients. These houses range from rural to urban, but all combine the needs and desires of the client to the specifics of the site and the universal elements of great design and sustainability. With construction starts for several this fall, stay tuned for further development!