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## **America's Favorite Architecture**

### **AIA 150 and Greenville County Library System present Interactive Exhibition and Events**

**Greenville, SC** – The Hughes Main Library is proud to celebrate National Architecture Month in April by hosting an exciting exhibit from AIA along with educational programs for all ages.

#### **Exhibition:**

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As part of their 150th anniversary celebration, The American Institute of Architects has designed a traveling exhibition, titled "America's Favorite Architecture," based on the results of an AIA member and public opinion poll.

This exhibition consists of beautiful, oversized photographs of the 150 selected projects encased in a sustainable structure. To highlight the AIA's commitment to environmentally sustainable principles, the exhibit designers (C&G Partners, LLC of New York) incorporated sustainability and reuse into this traveling exhibit. The structural members are mailing tubes of 100 percent postconsumer, recycled paper supplied by Yazoo Mills in New Oxford, Penn. Joints and lighting structures are made from FSC-certified, managed forest Baltic birch of ¾-inch plywood with a raw finish. Lights are 20-watt, low-mercury, compact fluorescent flood bulbs (equal to the light from an 85-watt incandescent) from Philips. The lighting sockets are standard "clamp lamps." The fixtures and the mailing tubes can be immediately repurposed locally when the exhibit finishes traveling. Finally, the entire exhibit is lightweight and packs efficiently, greatly reducing the fuel needed for shipping.

The exhibit also includes an interactive voting element that allows guests to vote for their own top five projects and compare their results with the nationwide poll.

#### **Events:**

**The following events will be held at the Hughes Main Library, 25 Heritage Green Place**

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## **America's Favorite Architecture Kickoff Celebration!**

**Monday, March 31 5:30p – 7:30p**

This reception will kick off a month of programming and a library-wide AIA exhibit on America's favorite architecture. Remarks begin at 6:00p. Free and open to the public. Call 527-9293 for more information.

### **Lecture: Bill Eubanks**

**Tuesday, April 15 12:00p – 1:30p**

Join the Director of Urban Design at Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. as he discusses various aspects of landscape design.

### **Windows for Dummies**

**Saturday, April 19 1:00 – 3:00p**

In this hands-on workshop (not related to computers!) Join Preston Inglee of Andersen Windows as he explains the ins and outs of window construction, installation, energy efficiency, and more. AIA continuing education credit possible.

### **Lecture: Marie Cusato**

**Tuesday, April 22 5:30p-7:30p**

Join architect and author Marianne Cusato as she discusses the value of design and the importance of sustainability in our homes, communities, and everyday lives. AIA continuing education credit possible.

### **Lecture: Jori Erdman**

**Tuesday, April 29 12:00p – 1:30p**

Join associate professor and director of Clemson University's graduate architecture program as she discusses her research. AIA continuing education credit possible.

### **Cardboard City: Children's Event**

**Saturday, May 10 10:00a – 12:00p**

Participants ages 8 to 12 will design their own building and negotiate with other "architects" to develop a plan for the new "Cardboard City."

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For more information on AFA Exhibit and Events please contact Adult Programming at 527-9293. All programs are free and open to the public.

The Hughes Main Library is located at 25 Heritage Green Place, Greenville.

### ***About the Greenville County Library System:***

*Founded in 1921, the Greenville County Library System operates 11 facilities, a bookmobile, and a website that provide information, materials, and engaging programs delivered with world-class technology and a customer-centric approach. The Library System offers free access to resources and experiences and continually strives to be the community's destination of choice for exploring the world. For more information, visit the Library's website at [www.greenvillelibrary.org](http://www.greenvillelibrary.org).*

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