

# Law

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first occupancy after Jan. 26, 1993, also must comply.

Seminars, workshops, lectures and continuing education courses are ways ASID members can learn about the law.

"We must educate our members on what it is... It's important that our members be educated and educate their clients."

Besides the ADA, there has been a significant demand for designs that meet special needs. Barrier-free design, effective space planning, a universal design approach and planning "lifestyle design" can answer this.

For example, homes are often designed to accommodate a resident from birth to death. They are flexible so they can change as the resident grows older. Lighting and color are taken into account to accommodate visual impairment from aging.

The ASID has a position paper on universal design, and Michigan's strict access laws already in effect have put the state ahead in this matter.

"We've been on that tack for a long time now."

"The wonderful thing is that all this... is on a continuing basis. ASID has been working with universal design for a long time."

"Good design in a sense is universal design," said Harrell Scarcelllo, president of the Michigan chapter of the ASID.

"You're making products and environments that are suitable... at any stage of their life, any stage of physical impairment."

One example is a lever instead of a doorknob. A lever that you push down is easier to handle than a doorknob if your arms are full of

packages or if you have arthritis. It's important for building owners and managers, architects and interior designers to help they recognize the need and are making necessary changes to comply.

"We're just really getting the reality of the thing in to our clients," Kennedy said.

"It doesn't need to be a horrible thing for them, economically or disruption-wise."

Kennedy advises designers to have someone with a disability go through a building and check everything.

Wide aisles, carpet thresholds that aren't more than one-half inch high, and carpet pile with a thickness that won't impede a wheelchair are examples of good features. A building can still have stairs but alternative means must be offered for disabled people.

Signage and graphics are more affected than other features. They must be a certain size and have Braille.

"It's all very logical, nothing to be frightened of... but to get in and find out," Kennedy said.

"Our challenge is just... (be) sure that the information gets out there."

"None of this is particularly new (except) signage. There is so much universal design that can be done today for someone with a disability."

The United States is ahead of other countries on this matter, Kennedy said. He told about visiting a hotel in South America that had steps with no railing, and attending a conference in Canada in a place with single steps that would make it inconvenient to move a wheelchair.

# Tour

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The houses show a variety of styles. They are in the Holy Name neighborhood, north of Maple and west of Woodward.

The ticket price of \$15 includes a Harvest Tea 2-4:30 p.m. at the Community House, 380 S. Bates, which is sponsoring the tour. For more information, call the Community House at 644-5832. The tour is expected to sell out this year.

Ollie Weidokol's house, where he has lived for 26 years, is a copy of a Cape Cod cottage. It is nestled in its own cozy pocket, so secluded that many people don't know it's there, he said.

"The house is small so everything has to be very neat and fit right in," said Weidokol, an interior designer who formerly worked in Troy and now works at the house.

The friendly, snug house gives an 18th-Century Williamsburg feeling. Colors are deep coral and white. Weidokol called "Williamsburg blues," with off-white accents and ceilings. In one room an area carpet features all three colors.

All of the floors are pine from an old warehouse. Beams are from a house in Vermont. Wrought-iron latches are at hand. Some doorways between rooms contain two narrow doors instead of one regular-size door.

The kitchen features new tile counters and rails along the counters. Adjacent to the kitchen is the

"keeping room," a sort of family room. An English pewter cabinet there houses a stereo and TV. Material gathered at the top and bottom makes up the front of the cabinet doors.

The family enjoys the "dining porch," with its brick floor and large windows. It can seat 10 people. A space heater, situated out of sight under the windows, helps warm the porch in winter.

The dining porch looks out at a lush yard featuring the Rouge River and the sound of a nearby waterfall. Terraces with rose bushes slope from the patio that runs the length of the house. Tiles with fleur-de-lis and other designs have been incorporated into the patio steps.

Other plants growing in the yard include a Japanese maple planted 21 years ago ("our pride and joy") and chrysanthemums. Ivy forms a large fan against the side of the house.

The house was built in 1951 by a woman.

"Structurally everything was here... She thought of everything in such a little house."

Karen Smith is changing the decor of her Tudor style house from country to English. Smith and her family have been living at the house for eight years.

A curving brick walkway leads to the front door, and the driveway circles in the back.



Tour attraction: The Smith home in Birmingham is one of eight featured on the Downtown Living Tour this month. The houses present a variety of styles, inside and out.

Smith's favorite room is the den, which features beams from the Old Mill Pond and a painting in the center of the ceiling that resembles an antique map.

"You can see the lake from this room," she said.

In one bedroom, the bedspread, wallpaper and stencil design along the top of the wall all match.

Mary Aljian's house is an island in a garden sea. The grounds border with a variety of plants, including five boxwoods, a hawthorn, lilacs and the original peonies from the 1920s residence. Ninety percent of

the plants are perennials, said Aljian, an artist who has lived in the house for 22 years.

Inside, a sunken living room is in the English or northern European style, Aljian said. Beams in the room came from the barn of the Quorton estates. The room features a fireplace and a coat of arms on opposite walls. Pewabic tile and built-in storage space are among other features of the house.

"I tried to stay with the house, in keeping with the house. I didn't want to do contemporary in this kind of house."

# Address

with style

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts offers a one-day adult workshop, envelope addressing and decorating, noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22.

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