

# Architect coordinates urban renewal exhibit

Eleven architectural and design firms, most with local ties, will participate in an exhibition "Empowering the City: New Directions in Urban Architecture."

The show, organized by Mark Nickita, a Birmingham resident, and Dorian Moore, associates with an architectural practice in Detroit, runs Jan. 12 through Feb. 16 at Detroit Artists Market, 300 River Place (south of Jefferson east of Jos. Campau) in downtown Detroit.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. Hours are 5-8 p.m. opening day.

Admission is free.

"Essentially, I looked at the state of our urban condition and felt it was one of the most acute examples of decay in urban America," Nickita said. "I looked at this as an impetus of new ideas how to address the condition."

"There will be drawings, plans, perspectives, elevations and models as well," he said. "We want something real, something that can actually happen. That's what we're trying to address."

Participants include Studiozone, William Woodworth Architects, Architect's Asylum, Architects Architects, Studio X, McIntosh-Parris, and Smith, Hinchman and Grylls.

Also, a team from the University of Detroit Mercy and Jason Young, a professor at the University of Michigan College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

The exhibition is based on three premises:

■ Detroit has a rich architectural heritage — the Detroit school has helped shape the world.

■ Detroit has fallen further into decay than any other major, western city in 20th century civilization.

■ From within the decay and abandonment, an opportunity exists to generate a new urban reality of unprecedented influence.

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■ **REAL ESTATE INVESTORS** Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland hosts a dinner program on finding properties 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at Jim's Restaurant, 714 S. Washington, Royal Oak.

Dinner is \$15, seminar fee for non-members is \$10. Reservations required at (800) 747-6742.

■ **MARKETING SEMINAR** The Apartment Association of Michigan Property Management Council presents a seminar "Marketing Blast-off for '96" 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 25 at the Relish Grill, 34555 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Topics include short-term marketing plans and competitive shopping techniques. The seminar is designed for on-site man-

agement and leasing professionals. Cost is \$39 for property management council members, \$49 for building industry association and apartment association members and \$59 for non-members. To register, call (810) 737-4477.

■ **HOME SELLING WORKSHOP** Livonia Community Education sponsors a workshop on selling your own house 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Cost is \$39 for one person, \$49 per couple. To register, call (313) 523-9277.

■ **HOME BUILDING SEMINAR** Livonia Community Education

and Oakland Builders Institute of Rochester Hills co-sponsor a seminar to help people build a house, vacation home or retirement home on their own 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 22 through Feb. 14 at Riley Middle School in Livonia. Cost is \$170 and includes a building textbook and course manual.

Topics include reading blueprints, buying property, financing, building codes and permits and insurance requirements. Also, basics of wood frame construction, concrete and masonry, roofing and cost estimating. Registration required by Thursday, Jan. 18 at (313) 523-9277.

■ **CODE PLUS PROGRAM** Several Observer & Eccentric area builders have been included on a list of builders who exceed industry standards in the use of wood for roofs, walls and floors compiled by a professional association.

The builders include John Richards Homes, Birmingham; Chapel Hill Homes, Clarkston; E.V. James, Long Lake Building and Ouellette Carpentry, all Farmington Hills. Also, Creststone Builders, Northville; Fairway Construction, Southfield and MacLeish Builders, Troy.

The program — Code Plus; the sponsoring organization — APA, the Engineered Wood Association.

## Holiday sharing



**Realtors contribute:** Noreen Keating, executive director of Lighthouse in Pontiac, accepts a check for \$3,182 from Bowen Brook, president and owner of Max Brook Realtors. The money was raised during a raffle and auction that took place during the company's annual holiday luncheon. Jane Kasapis and Sandy Bromley, who coordinated the event, and Chuck Sower, a vice president at Max Brook, were on hand for the presentation.

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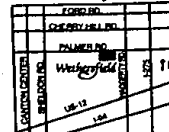
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