From the pioneering Smith Tower, the iconic Space Needle, to new models for urban living—innovative and inspiring architecture is the backdrop for life in Seattle. SAF inspires people to deepen their understanding of design and its impact. Whether you have lived here all of your life or are new to Seattle, SAF's programs connect you to the past and encourage you to explore the present and future of Seattle.

From architectural walking tours, youth workshops, and engaging talks and exhibits, SAF reaches more than 6,000 people each year. We are able to do all of this thanks to dedicated volunteers and contributions from people like you! On May 3 (or earlier!) help Shape Seattle when GiveBIG to SAF.

Rooted in Seattle | Global Design
May 17, at the Center for Architecture and Design
Reception at 5:30pm, Lecture 6:30pm - 8pm

Seattle is home to businesses reaching around the globe. Does one size fit all? Join representatives from Seattle's global players and designers as they discuss how they use design to further their missions and brands in multi-national locales, and how the design of their Northwest headquarters communicates to the world.

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Speakers:
Jonathan Chang, MG2
Sarah Holstedt, CallisonRTKL
Mark Mappala, Teague
Mark Nagle, Expedia

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Maximize the Impact of your Gift to SAF and Shape Seattle!
Next Tuesday, your gift to SAF go even further when GiveBIG the Seattle Foundation's day of online giving.

Whether you give $10, $25 or more - donations of all sizes will be matched by a portion of the Seattle Foundation's generous stretch pool.

More than 6,000 people of all ages and backgrounds take part in our programs year-round. From supplies for our engaging youth workshops that connect design to social issues, to the development of new programs like our Neighborhood Exchange series (see below for more information), your gift helps connect people of all ages to the impact of architecture in daily life.

To participate, make your donation through SAF's giving page or make your gift on GiveBIG day next Tuesday!

Be sure to follow along with SAF on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates from the big day.

"My favorite thing about SAF Family Workshops was having quality time with my daughter while letting her take the lead in building something.

Let's do this. Together. #GIVEBIG

Call for Entries for SAF Model Exhibit
Join us at our Upcoming Info Session!

We are pleased to announce the theme of the 19th Annual Architectural Model Exhibit will be (un)Restricted. On view at The Center for Architecture and Design from September 1st – October 21st, this show allows you to learn more about the theme and download our Call for Entries. The deadline for submissions is Friday, June 3.
**Share Your Organization's Impact with the Community**

We invite you to sponsor an SAF program in 2016! To learn more about our sponsorship opportunities, click [here](#).

**Join Us! Shape Seattle!**

Enjoy great discounts and benefits when you become an SAF member. Your support will allow us to continue connecting people of all ages to the diverse architectural landscape of Seattle.

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**The Neighborhood Exchange**

**Advisory Committee for new Series to Kick-Off in May**

Introducing SAF's newest event, the Neighborhood Exchange, that will highlight and share the impactful work of community coalitions that are shaping Seattle and addressing local environmental issues in the process. The Neighborhood Exchange will connect community members from Seattle and community advocates from design professions interested in exploring strategies that community groups use for planning projects, obtaining resources, and getting projects built for their neighborhoods.

Interested in volunteering for the Neighborhood Exchange? We are looking for Advisory Committee members to join us in shaping this series in its early stages. We are seeking advisors skilled in the areas of community development, community engagement, neighborhood advocacy, and marketing. The committee will meet regularly scheduled meetings; the time commitment will be 2 hours a month on average. Meeting locations will rotate around neighborhoods where our committee members reside. Please contact Aletheia Wittman, Exhibit and Public Programs Manager, with questions or to request more information about joining this committee.

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**The SAF Model Exhibit Committee will be hosting an Entry Guidelines Info Session on Wednesday, May 11th from 6pm - 7:30pm. Please learn more about the new guidelines and the layout of the Center for Architecture and Design. We will reserve time for Q & A. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!**

Please contact Aletheia Wittman, Exhibit and Public Programs Manager, with questions!

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**The Seattle Modern Home Tour**

April 30, Various Locations, 11-5pm

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**Donations made 3/1/15 - 4/26/16.**
Youth Design Workshop: Libraries

May 7, Seattle Central Library, Level 4, Room 5, 11am - 3pm

Libraries are paving the way to the future by introducing innovative resources for local communities. At this workshop youth will design creative ways to have the information they want at their fingertips!

At SAF Teen Workshops, youth (ages 11-16) are introduced to key connections between design and social issues. Workshops kick off with a community guest or designer introducing an issue and then you are challenged to use your creativity to come up with a responsive design. Workshops are supported by SAF volunteers, students to plan, build and present a physical or digital study model that represents how their design could promote a better city for all.

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Architecture in Action! SAF Summer Camp
August 22 - 26 at the Center for Architecture and Design, 9 - 12pm

In partnership with the Northwest School, this hands-on summer camp experience for youth entering
grades 5th – 8th will introduce participants to how architecture and designs impacts everything in our environment! Students will begin each day at the Center and will tour buildings new and old along the Waterfront each day. Students will also explore the Center’s upcoming exhibit, BOOM: Changing Seattle, to learn about the architecture and design of Seattle’s neighborhoods from past to present.

Learn more about our one-week summer camp and other our other summer camp offerings at the Northwest School.

Questions? Email Minh Nguyen or call 206-667-9184.

SAF Tour of the Month: Greatest Hits

Saturday, May 14, Rainier Square, 10am - 12pm

It’s a new riff on the city as we focus on the construction, context, and culture which shaped our skyline, from golden oldies like Kirtland Cutter’s Rainier Club to popular favorites like the Rem Koolhaas’ asymmetric, cantilevered Central Library. You’ll develop an appreciation for the social forces which shaped Seattle and our built environment. Featured stops include the Fifth & Madison Condominium/901 Fifth Avenue Plaza and Seattle City Hall.

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Upcoming SAF Events

Visit our calendar and start exploring Seattle! Private tours available for groups of 10 or more. Email us for more information.
• Seattle Modern Home Tour - 4/30
• Design Details Tour: Lions, Griffins and Walruses, Oh My! - 4/30
• Pioneer Square Tour: Wilderness to Metropolis - 5/6 & 5/28
• Architecture 101 Tour: Windows on Seattle's Style - 5/7
• Mt Baker Tour: More Than a View - 5/7
• Harvard/Belmont Tour: The Rich Life on Capitol Hill - 5/7
• Teen Design Workshops: Libraries - 5/7
• Hidden Spaces/Public Places Tour - 5/13
• Saturday Family Events: Creative Streets - 5/14
• Greatest Hits Tour: Chart Toppers and Heart-Stoppers - 5/14
• Design In Depth Lecture: Rooted in Seattle | Global Design - 5/17
• Art + Architecture Tour: Let the Streets Be Your Museum - 5/20
• Queen Anne Tour: The Evolution of an Urban Neighborhood - 5/21
• Diamonds & Gold Tour: The Art Deco Skyscraper Northwest Style - 5/21 & 5/28

Thank you to the City of Seattle Office of Arts and Culture for their support of our tour season.

Visit Our Tour Calendar

Events at the Center for Architecture and Design

Living Small: Ideas for Living in the City
Presented by AIA Seattle
April 21 - June 11, Opening Reception, May 5, 5 - 8pm
This exhibit of micro-living spaces in dense urban environments in Copenhagen, New York, Stockholm, and Tokyo explores what other growing cities can teach us about housing for our future.
More Information

Urban Design Forum Presents: Designing a Seattle Streetcar System: The Center City Connector
Presented by AIA Seattle
April 27, 6 - 7:30PM
Join Urban Design Forum as we discuss Seattle's evolving streetcar system. Hear from representatives from SDOT, Gustafson Guthrie Nichol, and Parsons Corporation about their plans for the future.
More Information
LISTENING Seattle Book Signing + Reception
Presented by Bohlin Cywinski Jackson
May 3, 5:30-8:30pm
This conversation and book signing in celebration of Listening: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, will explore the nature of designing houses and the intricacies of the client-architect relationship. A book signing and reception will follow.

More Information

Visit the Center's website for more information about upcoming events!

Community Events

Lid I-5 Neighborhood Design Charrette
May 7, Capitol Hill Housing, 8-1pm
To kickoff the public campaign for lidding Interstate 5 and to generate ideas and goals, this event will bring together neighborhood residents, businesses, community leaders, and professional designers with the goal of demonstrating widespread support for closing the divide caused by I-5 in Center City and beyond.

More Information

InterUrban: Project Belltown-Imagining Possibilities
May 29, Union Stables, 5:30-8pm
Join Historic Seattle and Friends of Historic Belltown for an interactive visioning exercise that will consider a real-life case study in the neighborhood: a designated historic landmark and adjacent property. The visioning process brings people together to listen, brainstorm ideas, and create a common plan of action.

More Information

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