



Membership E-Blast: January 4, 2009

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January

- 14th Thursday Lunch & Learn **“Wireless Design Solutions: Show Your Work in its Best Light”**
Location: IMS, Conference Room B
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
Speaker: Marc Huebner, Industry Partner Representative for Enhanced Home Systems
Topic: Add some "wow" to your client's home by enabling them to wirelessly control lights, shades and audio-visual devices. Learn how recent advances in wireless technology allow for quick and convenient installation of control systems that operate simply, quietly, and reliably. We will discuss how to create "scenes" of light, so you can create just the right mood or ambiance for any activity - and do it with stylish products that will complement your client's home decor. Discover the energy saving benefits of a control system that goes beyond simply dimming or switching the lights. Ideal for retro-fits and new construction.
CEU: None
RSVP: RSVP: info@asidmn.org or 612-339-6003. Reservations are limited to twenty-five attendees. When you register, please remember to attend as a courtesy to our hosts. Thank you.
- 19th Tuesday Monthly Meeting **“Technology Program”**
Speakers: Don Schwartz
Topic: Quickbooks 101 for designers from the proposal to cash
Time & Location:
5:30pm – 6:15pm: Networking/Appetizers provided and hosted by CAMBRIA, Suite 167
6:30pm – 7:30pm: Presentation in IMS Suite 512
Cost: \$20, Members, \$10 Student members, \$30 Non-Member*
RSVP: info@asidmn.org or 612-339-6003
*Reimbursements will not be given for prepaid events.
- 22nd Friday **Registration for our Spring STEP class is now available.**
Deadline to register for Spring STEP class is January 22, 2010
ASID has long recognized the key role that the NCIDQ examination plays in design practitioners' career plans. Passage of this rigorous test signifies the hallmark of professionalism in the interior design community, and alerts the public to the expertise and experience of the designer who has met this challenge. To that end, ASID created the STEP program to provide a broad perspective of the issues and information pertinent to the NCIDQ exam. The STEP workshop is comprised of 20 hours of instruction over a 2 1/2-day period. Participants have the opportunity to experience practice exams patterned after the newest NCIDQ and, with the guidance of experienced instructors, determine which areas require further preparation. Workshop participants are provided with a comprehensive workbook that includes practicum exercises and multiple-choice sections similar to those in the NCIDQ exam. These practice tests are administered and thoroughly reviewed during the workshop. The workbook also includes helpful practice exams that participants may take home with them.
Location: University of Minnesota Campus, McNeal Hall, Rm 475, St. Paul, MN 55108. For a map, directions and parking instructions please visit: <http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/maps/McNH>.
Date/Time: Friday February 5, 2010: 2:00pm to 8:00pm;
Saturday February 6, 2010: 8:30am to 6:30pm;
Sunday February 7, 2010: 8:30am to 5:00pm
Price: Full Class: Member \$325, Non-Member \$445
Practicum A La Carte: Member \$260, Non-Member \$325
Deadline to register: January 22, 2010
To register please visit: <http://www.asid.org/bcdevelopment/step/stepworkshops.htm>
For NCIDQ deadlines and requirements please visit: <http://www.ncidq.org>

28th Thursday
.1 CEU Lunch & Learn **“Hardwood Flooring – The Right Choice”**
Location: IMS, Conference Room B
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
Speaker: Debbie Neely, Industry Partner Representative for Lon Musolf Distributing, Specifier Service Representative
Topic: Upon completion the course participants will understand the dynamics of hardwood flooring products and finish coatings. We will discuss the sustainable and renewable nature of using hardwood flooring along with harvest methods used today to preserve our forests. In conclusion we will discuss the healthy aspects of hardwood flooring and how they impact our everyday lives.
CEU: .1CEU
RSVP: RSVP: info@asidmn.org or 612-339-6003. Reservations are limited to twenty-five attendees. When you register, please remember to attend as a courtesy to our hosts. Thank you.

February

5th **Student Expo** – Save the date
The Student Expo is a collaboration between ASID, IFDA, IIDA and IMS. Sign up to eat lunch with a student, be a vendor or sponsor. Visit www.imsdesigncenter.com/calendar/ for full details and opportunities.

11th Thursday Lunch & Learn **“Conserve Energy, Not Style”**
Location: IMS, Conference Room B
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
Speaker: Carla Warner, Industry Partner Representative for Warners’ Stellian and Angela Warner, Appliance Expert
Topic: What is EnergyStar and what are its standards for energy efficiency? We’ll show you what’s new in appliances that offer energy savings, top performance and attractive styling. Also, learn about manufacturers’ and local dealers’ efforts to conserve energy and reduce waste.
CEU: None
RSVP: RSVP: info@asidmn.org or 612-339-6003. Reservations are limited to twenty-five attendees. When you register, please remember to attend as a courtesy to our hosts. Thank you.

16th Tuesday Monthly Meeting **“Carpet Installation 101”**
Sponsor: Fabrica
Speaker: Quentin Allison, Rugs & More, Industry Partner of ASID. Becker Brothers Inc. and Beckers Rugs & More have over 50 years in the floor covering industry. Quentin has been in the flooring business for over 16 years and is the installation representative on the Minnesota Floor Covering Association Board of Directors.
Topic: Trouble Shooting Before There is Trouble – Carpet Installation 101
Time: 5:30pm Social, IMS Suite 512
6:30pm Meeting, IMS Suite 185
Cost: \$20, Members, \$10 Student members, \$35 Non-Member*
CUE: None
RSVP: info@asidmn.org or 612-339-6003 by Friday, December 11th
Thank you to Intersource, Inc. for hosting the Annual ASID Holiday Social!
*Reimbursements will not be given for cancellations or no-shows.

Member Events & Etc.

The following events are listed as service to ASID members. The event listings are summaries and do not contain full details. For reservations and full event details, please contact the event host.

January 6th **California Closets invites you to join the for a New Year’s Open House.**
Wednesday, January 6th, 2010; 4:00 – 7:00pm.
Come and discover how California Closets can help simplify your client’s home and life! Appetizers will be served. Please bring a friend. For more information please call California Closets at 952-844-0004.

ASID MN Survey **Watch your inboxes for a Membership Survey in early February!** Catherine Harrington, ASID President of the MN Chapter ASID is developing a survey to solicit your valued feedback on various aspects of the Minnesota Chapter.

Reminder to all Practitioner members (Allied and Professional): ASID now requires 6 hours of continuing education (.6 CEU) every two years. The next two-year period ends on December 31, 2011.