

Architecture and Housing

September 20: Needs-Driven Housing

Michael Geller, President of The Geller Group

Buildings are always the response to needs and Michael Geller, leading off the presentations, will discuss housing needs. Michael Geller is a Vancouver based architect, planner, real estate consultant and property developer with four decades' experience in the public, private and institutional sectors, and also serves on the Adjunct Faculty of SFU's Centre for Sustainable Community Development. His website is www.michaelgeller.ca.

September 27: Design Process in a Large Architectural Firm

May So, Architect, Henriquez Partners Architects

The scale of a project dictates the size of the team and the collaboration and design process. Join us for a look into this process with May So of Henriquez Partners Architects and learn more about how projects such as the Woodward's Redevelopment, Telus Garden and Oakridge Centre came into fruition. Their website is www.henriquezpartners.com.

October 4: The Boutique Architecture Firm

Bo Helliwell, Architect, Blue Sky Architecture

Blue Sky Architecture is small team, award-winning architectural practice recognized for continuing the tradition of west coast modern architecture with sensitive use of wood and respect for the environmental context. Blue Sky specialize in custom residential homes, and some commercial developments such as the Ucluelet Aquarium. Their website is www.blueskyarchitecture.com.

October 11: Building an Energy Efficient House

Bob Deeks, President, RDC Fine Homes

Bob's award-winning firm specializes in building and renovating energy efficient residential houses and small commercial spaces. Bob has a particular interest in designing and building a Net Zero Energy home, meaning that the total amount of energy used by the building on an annual basis is roughly equal to the amount of renewable energy created on the site. Visit the RDC website to see their portfolio: www.rdcfinehomes.com.

October 18: Turning a House into a Home

Ami McKay, President/Creative Director, Pure by Ami McKay, Interior Design

NOTE: This session ONLY will take place in the Multipurpose Room of Westerleigh PARC. Enter through the access door in the parkade.

Multi award-winning interior designer Ami McKay has been featured in dozens of magazines, and been referred to as a design leader and trendsetter. Ami will discuss her process of turning a house into a home using the elements of design, including lighting, scale, texture and colour. Visit her website to see samples of her designs www.purebyamimckay.com.

October 25: The Relationship of Buildings to Their Environment **Mohit Srivastava, Senior Designer, Paul Sangha Landscape Architecture**

Perhaps you've seen a house or building with surrounding gardens that stop you in your tracks with their sheer beauty. Mohit is a Senior Designer with Paul Sangha Landscape Architecture, specializing in dramatic landscape designs; the firm's "...aim is simple: to design beautiful natural environments that inspire and refresh those who use them." Come and learn about the process involved in designing spectacular outdoor spaces that enhance the building. Their website is www.paulsangha.com.