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Hickok Cole Transforms Aronson & Company

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Hello everybody and welcome back. Since the last issue of the AIA |DC News, we've experienced two major events in the design community, the highly successful DesignDC and a stimulating Architecture Week. Hopefully the momentum will keep your brains working at peak efficiency for the rest of the year.

For the past two years, the October issue of the News is typically themed around "surfaces" – interesting materials used on planes and forms. For whatever reason, this month found the In-Box filling up with architects talking to me about art and artists talking to me about architecture.

So, we're still doing surfaces but many of the surfaces are adorned with art. We have an artist talking about how and when art should be added to your latest project and an architect who's taken up wearable silk paintings. The cover features a mixture of simple surfaces designed for art placement. We have some Gothic Revival surfaces in the Photographer's Corner, and an art consultant in the Affiliate's Profile. We also have an updated calendar, new Vendor News, lots of Member News, and special news about the Chapter House from Mary and AIADC President, David Daileda.



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ABOUT THE COVER

Aronson & Company HQ by Hickok Cole

Image Courtesy of Ron Blunt

Hickok Cole Architects announces the completion of 75,000 square foot corporate headquarters for Aronson & Company. The nationally-ranked accounting and consulting firm hired Hickok Cole Architects to transform their inherited, dark office spaces into a light-filled open office. Glass front offices, an alternating cluster plan, and an open transaction stair allow natural light to flood into the space while creating activity hubs and spaces promoting casual encounters.

The design concept focuses on the interaction between positive and negative spaces and passing plains expressed through mill-work accent walls, ceiling details, and other design components. With a declining economy, Hickok Cole Architects interior designers helped ease budgetary needs by choosing standard-sized sliding glass doors and windows, saving \$100,000.

Responding to the client's request for equal finishes for all, Hickok Cole Architects delivered a design with equivalent amenities throughout the entire 75,000 square foot space. Aronson plans to display their own employee's artwork. The firm held a juried photo art contest with Hickok Cole employees participating in the jury process.

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Gensler (DC) received the prestigious Pinnacle Award, the highest honored bestowed by the IIDA, for Cassidy & Pinkard Colliers' new office in downtown, Washington, DC.

H Hickok Cole Architects proudly announces that Kenyon Square has been awarded a Maryland / DC NAIOP Award of Merit for best first floor use. The Hickok Cole team also won first place in the USGBC National Capital Region Natural Talent 2009 Design Competition — [Re]Facing the Capital. Hickok Cole's design of the corporate headquarters for Blackboard, Inc. was featured in the May 2009 edition of Interior Design (Magazine) in an article titled "Chalk it up to Imagination." Urban Land Magazine featured Hickok Cole's 1050 K Street, NW in the May 2009 article "Regional Spotlight: Mid-Atlantic."

Shannon Kraus, AIA, ACHA, LEED AP, was named healthcare practice leader for the HKS Washington D.C. office. He is responsible for continuing to expand the firm's Atlantic States healthcare practice by building on the personalized service that HKS is known to deliver. In his new role, he will oversee the healthcare design and planning team and cultivate existing and new strategic partnerships.

With a focus on smart design, Kraus' team approach to projects results in innovative solutions that balance lean

operations with cutting-edge healing environments. As a result, his projects deliver great value to the client and have received national attention, including three Modern Healthcare design awards. Using this philosophy, he has been an integral part of the design and planning of over 20 million square feet of healthcare projects all over the globe.



Shannon Kraus
of HKS

K Jamie Leclerc, ASID, LEED AP, Director of Interiors at Karn Charuhas Chapman & Twohey will be speaking at NeoConEast in Baltimore, MD on October 29, 2009. Leclerc presenting a seminar entitled, "Programming: The Numbers Game," discussing the basic skills needed to calculate space correctly and ensure plans will fit accordingly into a project space. Additional topics include types of space, space calculation, net and usable area, data collection and data compilation.



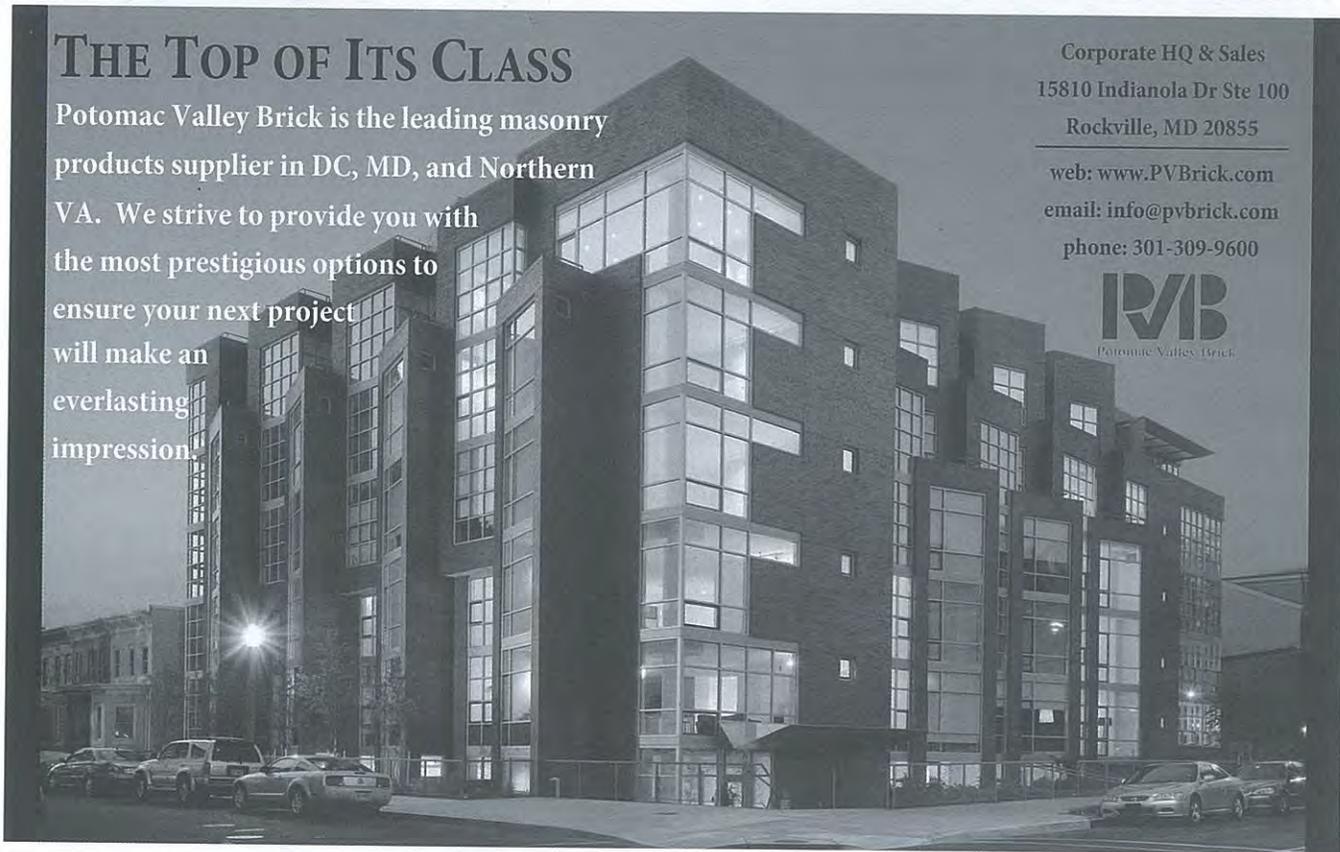
Jamie Leclerc of Karn
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Complete: Aronson & Company

75,000 sf Corporate Headquarters — Rockville, Maryland

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- Passing Plains
- Positives
- Negatives



Translucent glass gives the office a more open feel while still retaining privacy in the conference rooms behind.

Awards

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Hickok Cole Architects in the News

- **Blackboard Featured in *Interior Design*:** “Chalk it up to Imagination”, May 2009
- **1050 K Street, NW Featured:** “Regional Spotlight: Mid-Atlantic”, *Urban Land Magazine*, May 2009
- **Rebuilding Together Featured:** “Member News”, *AIA/DC News*, May 2009

Low-resolution files are attached. If you would like hi-resolution files for press purposes, please ask!

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