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Celebrate Architecture in Colorado During Colorado Architecture Month, April 2011

Free events and educational activities offered throughout the state during the month-long celebration

DENVER (April 1, 2011) — The Colorado Component of The American Institute of Architects (AIA Colorado) has declared April “Colorado Architecture Month.” Colorado Architecture Month provides a series of events, which are open to the public and are intended to celebrate the importance of architecture in people’s every day lives. Architecture impacts how we live, work, play and even eat. Many of these events are free to the public.

In addition to AIA Colorado, the four local chapters of AIA in Colorado (AIA Colorado North, AIA Colorado South, AIA Colorado West and AIA Denver) will host or sponsor events and programs ranging from Doors Open Denver and Delicious Designs Competition to the ever-popular Box City for Kids events, where children experience the design and construction industry firsthand by requesting permits, ordering materials, designing buildings and constructing those buildings into a cardboard city. For the first time, there will be a Box City for Kids event in Fort Collins, Colo.

“Colorado Architecture Month is a 30-day celebration of our state’s rich and diverse built environment,” said Steven Schonberger, AIA, AIA Colorado 2011 President. “AIA Colorado is excited to host free public events so Coloradans living throughout the state have the opportunity to learn more about architecture and design,”

A total of 12 events are scheduled across the state, beginning on Friday, April 1, and ending on Saturday, April 30. For more information, visit www.ColoradoArchitectureMonth.org.

Friday, April 1 – Saturday, April 30

Delicious Designs Competition

Presented by AIA Colorado

Location: Restaurants throughout Colorado; visit www.DeliciousDesignsCompetition.org for locations

Cost: Varies

This program celebrates architecture through dessert, and is designed to draw attention to the importance of architecture and its impact on our everyday lives. Architecture has an impact on where you live, work, play...and eat!

Saturday, April 2

Colorado Springs Box City for Kids Event (Educational Activity for Children)

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Presented by AIA Colorado South

Location: Academy for Advanced & Creative Learning ([2510 N. Chestnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80907](http://2510.N.Chestnut.St.,ColoradoSprings.CO.80907))

Cost: Free; however, reservations are requested to ensure entry. Call 303.446.2266.

Participate in this unique children’s event that promotes an understanding of historic preservation and urban design by combining art, architecture, creative thinking, city planning, design, construction, fun and learning into one comprehensive educational experience. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade (accompanied by adults) will experience the design and construction industry firsthand by requesting permits, ordering materials, designing buildings and constructing those buildings into a cardboard city. AIA-member architects and design professionals will offer advice and assistance to participants.

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Friday, April 8***Young Architects Awards Gala*****5:30 – 10 p.m.**

Presented by AIA Colorado

Location: Cluster Studios ([3881 N. Steele St., Denver, CO 80205](#))**Cost:** Tickets prices vary; visit www.AIAColoradoYAAG.org

Join novice and veteran architects from across the state for an awards ceremony and gala. The evening's events will honor Colorado's passionate young architects, students and interns through a celebration of their extraordinary achievements in 10 categories. In addition to design awards, special honors will be given to AIA Colorado's selection for 2011 Young Architect of the Year, Intern of the Year, Mentor of the Year and Instructor of the Year.

Friday, April 8***Architecture as Art: "Celebrate Architecture" Exhibit and "Santiago Calatrava's Travels" Film Screening in Steamboat Springs*****5:30 – 8 p.m.**

Presented by AIA Colorado West

Location: The Eleanor Bliss Center for the Arts at The Depot Art Center ([1001 13th St., Steamboat Springs, CO 80477](#))**Cost:** Free

"Santiago Calatrava's Travels" is a film about the award-winning Spanish architect, artist and engineer famous for his sculptural designs of railway stations, bridges, airports and skyscrapers. This documentary by Christoph Schaub observes Calatrava working in his studio, meeting with clients and visiting construction sites.

Saturday, April 9***"Citizen Architect: Samuel Mockbee and the Spirit of the Rural Studio" Film Screening and Panel Discussion in Grand Junction*****2 – 6 p.m.**

Presented by AIA Colorado West

Location: The Art Center ([1803 N. 7th St., Grand Junction, CO 81501](#))**Cost:** Free

"Citizen Architect" is a documentary film about the late architect Samuel Mockbee, FAIA, and the radical educational design/build program known as Auburn University's Rural Studio, one of the most prolific and inspirational design-build outreach programs ever established. For more information about this film, visit www.citizenarchitectfilm.com.

Saturday, April 16***Denver Box City for Kids Event (Educational Activity for Children)*****10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Presented by AIA Denver

Location: Wellington E. Webb Municipal Building, Atrium ([201 W. Colfax, Denver, CO 80202](#))**Cost:** Free; however, reservations are requested to ensure entry. Call 303.446.2266.

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Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17

Doors Open Denver - "Modern Architecture: '50's & Beyond" - Expert- and Self-guided Tours

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sponsored by AIA Denver and presented by Denver Architectural Foundation in conjunction with the City & County of Denver
Headquarters Location: Union Station ([1701 Wynkoop St., Denver, CO 80202](http://www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenver))

Cost: Free; however, tickets for expert-guided tours are limited to four per person and two tours per day, per person. Explore Denver from the inside out while visiting some of the city's best-known and lesser-known architectural treasures. Pre-registration for all expert tours will take place at the Doors Open Denver headquarters. These tours have limited capacity and run 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Alternately, self-guided tours may begin at any participating Doors Open Denver location.

For more information, including a map and the complete list of more than 70 participating sites, visit www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenver.

Monday, April 18

"Infinite Space: The Architecture of John Lautner" Film Screening in Aspen

6 – 8 p.m.

Presented by AIA Colorado West

Location: Wheeler Opera House ([320 E. Hyman Ave., Aspen, CO 81611](http://www.infinitespacethemovie.com))

Cost: Free

"Infinite Space" is a documentary film that traces the lifelong quest of visionary genius John Lautner to create "architecture that has no beginning and no end." For more information about this film, visit www.infinitespacethemovie.com.

Wednesday, April 20

"Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House" Film Screening in Frisco

5:15 – 8 p.m.

Presented by AIA Colorado West

Location: County Commons Building, Mt. Royal Room (upper level, across from library) (0037 County Road 1005, Frisco, CO 80443)

Cost: Free

Thursday, April 21

"Aspen's Architecture: Past, Present & Future" Lecture

6 – 8 p.m.

Presented by AIA Colorado West in conjunction with the Aspen Art Museum, the Aspen Historic Preservation Commission and the Aspen Historical Society

Location: Aspen Center for Physics ([700 W. Gillespie St., Aspen, CO 81611](http://www.aspenfilm.com))

Cost: Free

AIA Colorado West, the Aspen Art Museum, the Aspen Historic Preservation Commission, the Aspen Historical Society, and special guests explore Aspen's significant architecture – past, present and future.

Thursday, April 28

"Visual Acoustics: The Modernism of Julius Shulman" Film Screening and Panel Discussion in Aspen

6 – 8 p.m.

Presented by AIA Colorado West

Location: Wheeler Opera House ([320 E. Hyman Ave., Aspen, CO 81611](http://www.juliusshulmanfilm.com))

Cost: Free

Director Eric Bricker will be in attendance for the panel discussion.

"Visual Acoustics" celebrates the life and career of Julius Shulman, considered by many to be the world's greatest architectural photographer, whose images brought modern architecture to the American mainstream. For more information about this film, visit www.juliusshulmanfilm.com.

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Saturday, April 30

Fort Collins Box City for Kids Event (Educational Activity for Children)

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Presented by AIA Colorado North

Location: Youth Activity Center ([415 E. Monroe Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80525](#))

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