



AIA Salem

Fellow AIA Salem Members:

A couple of years ago, in the process of updating and filing the chapter's by-laws with National AIA, we learned that AIA Salem was originally chartered in 1962, which means 2012 is the 50th anniversary of the chapter. The board set up a committee, which began meeting in April 2011, to begin formulating a plan and approach for commemorating AIA Salem's 50th Year. Committee members are Craig Carlson, Alan Costic, Bill Foster, Peter Strauhel, and Kirk Sund.

The basic goals established by the committee were to document chapter history and to showcase architecture and the impact of chapter members work on the City of Salem, accomplished through the following objectives:

- The commemoration should be a means to show-case the impact of architects on the local community
- The focus of the commemoration is on the Salem AIA member firms and the work they completed in Salem
- A major part of the commemoration will be a publication about architecture, the chapter, and sample projects
- Work by firms will be organized by basic categories of building types and by decade

At this point, the committee has researched materials available and has developed a list of the various chapter presidents since 1962. A listing of firms that existed during each decade from 1962 until today has also been made, along with a beginning draft of narrative about architecture, the AIA, and the Salem Chapter. Unfortunately, the chapter has not always documented its activities very well, so any help anyone can offer about the history of the chapter would be welcomed, along with any input to verify the information we have assembled.

The next step in planning for the commemoration and publication is to assemble information about projects produced by local firms. The rules for inclusion are:

- Must be a current or past AIA Salem chapter member
- The project must have been constructed in the Salem city limits
- Each firm will have no more than one project per category per decade
- Project categories are: commercial; educational; industrial; residential; governmental; and religious
- No more than five projects per firm per decade

The committee also reserves the right to adjust the rules further based upon how many projects are received for inclusion.

To start on this path, we request that each firm or architect submit a listing of projects that they might like to include, by category and decade. In order to be as inclusive as possible, we request that anyone who worked on a project that might be included submit a form, particularly because it may be more difficult to get the example projects and work for earlier decades where firms may no longer exist. Please submit using the attached form.



AIA Salem 50th Anniversary

Firm Name:

Person Submitting:

Predecessor Names and Years:

Please list the projects you would like to have included as examples of AIA Salem projects by decade and building type (1960's; 1970's; 1980's; 1990's; 2000's; and 2010 to present - commercial; educational; industrial; residential; governmental; and religious):