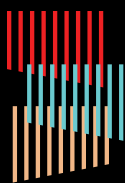


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# THE EVENING

## OPENING REMARKS

Mary Fitch, AICP, Hon. AIA, Executive Director,  
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## INTRODUCTION OF AWARDS

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# OUR MENU

## SPECIALTY COCKTAILS

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## PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES

**Seared Ahi Tuna Pizzette**

*Crisp tortilla, BBQ eel sauce, cherry tomato, serrano chili, scallions, wasabi aioli*

**Smoked Onion & Pecorino Tartlet**

*Pecorino fonduta, leek ash*

**Mediterranean Zucchini Fritters**

*Feta cheese, mint, dill, tzatziki*

**Crispy Panisse Bite**

*Chickpea, vadouvan spiced vegan aioli, fresh dill*

**Smoked Salmon Cone Provençal**

*Herbed cream cheese mousse, salmon roe, herbes de provence cone*

## FIRST COURSE

**Roasted Winter Squash Salad**

*Lemon-herb feta mousse, spiced pepita dukkha, apple, maple-mustard vinaigrette, pomegranate seeds, firecracker mizuna (GF, VEG)*

## ENTREE

**Duck Mole Negro**

*Spiced duck breast, farro, charred cipollini onion, baby turnips, smoked sweet potato puree*

## SPECIALTY DESSERT

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**Lemon Meringue Croustade**

*Crisp puff pastry with white chocolate glaze, lemon pastry cream, yuzu meringue, candied citrus, mandarin coulis*



# UNION MARKET

Between Florida Avenue, Sixth Street,  
and New York Avenue, NE

**1929-39—E.L. Bullock, Jr.**

**1967—Enclosed market building: Architect unknown**

Ten years ago, most Washingtonians would have had no idea where or what Union Market was. Now, it is a booming mixed-use area that is home to some of the city's trendiest restaurants and bars, along with some bold works of architecture.

The complex owes its existence to the demolition of the Center Market, on Pennsylvania Avenue between the Capitol and the White House, to make

way for the Federal Triangle project in the 1920s. A federation of wholesalers purchased this tract in 1928 and built a “model market” over the next decade, combining wholesale, retail, and farmers’ markets plus associated storage and packing facilities. The design of the complex reflected the input of the nation’s leading city planning consultants of the era. An indoor market building—which has now been renovated as the centerpiece of the burgeoning neighborhood—was added in 1967. Although many vendors decamped for the suburbs in the late 20th century, the complex has continued to operate as a market facility even as new development springs up around it.

Contemporary buildings of note in the complex include the Highline at 320 Florida Avenue, NE (2020—Eric Colbert & Associates), composed as an irregular assemblage of projecting and receding blocks; the Batley at 1270 4th Street, NE (2019—Shalom Baranes Associates; Interior architects: Hickok Cole), with its double-height façade grid; and the Signal House at 350 Morse Street, NE (2021—Gensler), notable for the huge notches at its southeast corner. Many more projects are in the works.

*Adapted from 6th Edition of the AIA Guide to the Architecture of Washington DC by G. Martin Moeller, Jr., Assoc. AIA and published by Johns Hopkins University Press.*



# AWARDS FOR GREAT PEOPLE

Each year, AIA|DC and the Washington Architectural Foundation give special recognition to individuals who have performed exemplary work on behalf of the community and the architectural profession.

**The Emerging Architect Award** recognizes individuals of all ages who have shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession at an early stage of their architectural career.

**The Architect Educator Award** recognizes an organization or individual for excellence in the advancement of architectural education at all levels (K-12, University, and/or Post-Graduate) through teaching, design, scholarship, research, or service.

**The Donald B. Myer, FAIA Public Service Award** recognizes an elected or appointed organization or individual, public administrator, or institutional leader who establishes and contributes to the development of laws, regulations, policies, or initiatives that promote excellence in architecture and design in Washington, DC.





**The Partnership for the Planet Award** recognizes an individual, firm, or team which has championed sustainable and/or resilient development in the Washington, DC region. This award goes to individuals, firms, or teams who are doing cutting edge work, going well beyond current requirements, and leading the way to a more sustainable city and region.

**The Glenn Brown Award** honors an individual who has raised public awareness of architecture and its benefits to society and who has improved the quality of life in Washington, DC.

**The Centennial Medal** is the highest honor AIA|DC can bestow upon a member. The recipient must be an architect whose contributions span at least a decade of service to the Chapter, to the community, or to the profession.

# AWARDS FOR GREAT PEOPLE

## The Glenn Brown Award

### Mayor Muriel Bowser

District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser wins the Glenn Brown Award for her steadfast commitment to housing. In 2016, the mayor announced a plan to replace the existing DC General Shelter with eight smaller facilities located in each Ward of the city, supporting the transition of families to subsidized housing. This innovative plan, led by the District's Department of Human Services (DHS) engaged some of the city's most talented Architecture firms to create safe, dignified, and well-designed shelter for families experiencing homelessness. Each building provides a rich array of support connections, including housing search, mental health & employment services, and meaningful activities for children; all with the goal of helping families quickly transition to permanent housing and stability. The Glenn Brown Award honors an individual who has raised public awareness of architecture and its benefits to society and who has improved the quality of life in Washington, DC. The mayor's initiatives have certainly shown how good design can change lives.





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**Kathryn Garrett**  
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## The Emerging Architect Award

Gozde Yildirim, AIA



Gozde Yildirim has demonstrated exceptional skill and leadership in her architectural projects. Her work on the Cedar Hill Regional Medical Center (2021-2025) shows her ability to manage complex processes effectively. Yildirim coordinated with various consultants and engineering teams, ensuring project documents were consistent across disciplines. Her leadership in the Building Information Modelling (BIM) workflow has been instrumental, involving the standardization of model development and resolving coordination issues in multidisciplinary Revit models. Her contributions extend beyond her projects. She has been recognized for her exemplary work, receiving the Rising Star Award from Women in Healthcare (2024) and from Healthcare Design Magazine (2023). She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Women in Healthcare Washington, DC Chapter, where she organizes events aimed at improving health outcomes for underserved communities. Yildirim is a 2025 scholar in AIA|DC's Christopher Kelley Leadership Program and has been a member of AIA|DC's Equity Committee. Her dedication to promoting women and diverse leadership was recognized when she was a Lead Moderator and Speaker at the AIA2024 Women's Leadership Summit.

15 Union Market  
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## The Donald B. Myer, FAIA Public Service Award

Lance Davis, FAIA



For 20+ years, Lance Davis was the sustainability architect for the U.S. General Services Administration in Washington, DC where he led the development of sustainable policy, performance requirements, and tools. He is credited with developing the nation's most comprehensive sustainable performance policy with P100, Facility Standards for the Public Buildings Service. He authored key federal legislation and executive orders including the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Energy Independence and Security Act, Executive Orders 13423, 13514, 13693, 14057, and the Inflation Reduction Act. He developed new tools for GSA including the Integrated Design Review which helped GSA projects receive an unprecedented 9 AIA COTE Top Ten Awards. He has a Bachelor of Architecture from Mississippi State University where he is a Fellow. He is also a Fellow of the AIA and a LEED Fellow. He chaired the LEED Steering Committee for the development of LEED v5, creating a 20-year roadmap in the Future of LEED. He was an original member of the ASHRAE Decarbonization Task Force focusing on carbon sequestration. He was appointed to President Biden's Climate Smart Infrastructure Working Group, co-authored Sustainability Matters, and is featured in the book, The Rise of Living Architecture.



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## Architect Educator Award

Nea Maloo, FAIA



As a faculty member at Howard University, Professor Maloo has led the development of innovative, interdisciplinary architectural education. Her signature courses — Building Decarbonization: Theory to Practice, Environmental Justice + Health + Decarbonization, and Managing Sustainable Design Projects — not only push the boundaries of traditional pedagogy but also prepare students to design for real-world complexities. Her Environmental Justice course was honored with the ACSA Course Development Prize, a testament to its relevance and innovation. In 2023, Professor Maloo was elevated to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects — an honor that reflects her lasting influence on both practice and education. Other distinctions include the 2022 Educator of the Year Award (PAVE Global) and the DOE Zero Energy Design Designation for advancing carbon-neutral education. A highlight of her recent achievements is the 2025 Faculty Recognition from the U.S. Department of Energy's BuildingsNEXT™ (formerly Solar Decathlon). This prestigious honor underscores her long-standing leadership in sustainable architecture education and mentorship. Her role in guiding student teams to international recognition — including a third-place finish in 2023 — demonstrates her ability to translate complex design challenges into transformative student opportunities.



## Partnership for the Planet Award

Gregory Plavcan, Assoc. AIA

As Gensler's Regional Climate Action+ Sustainability Leader and one of the firm's inaugural Climate Action Studio Directors, Gregory Plavcan is at the forefront of shaping a more sustainable built environment.



A Senior Associate with over a decade at Gensler, Plavcan is a catalyst for meaningful climate progress-leading cross disciplinary teams, driving design innovation, and integrating ambitious sustainability strategies into projects at every scale across the United States and abroad. Beyond project work, Plavcan shapes industry dialogue and policy. For over five years, he has served as Co-Chair of NAIOP DC/MD's Sustainable Development Committee, where he leads advocacy for forward-thinking codes and educates the real estate community on the evolving business case for sustainability. His leadership has helped bridge the gap between environmental responsibility and commercial value, advancing the adoption of sustainable practices throughout the development lifecycle. Outside the firm, Plavcan's longstanding volunteerism at the National Building Museum and leadership in the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC reflect a deep commitment to community engagement and inclusive leadership.

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## The Centennial Medal

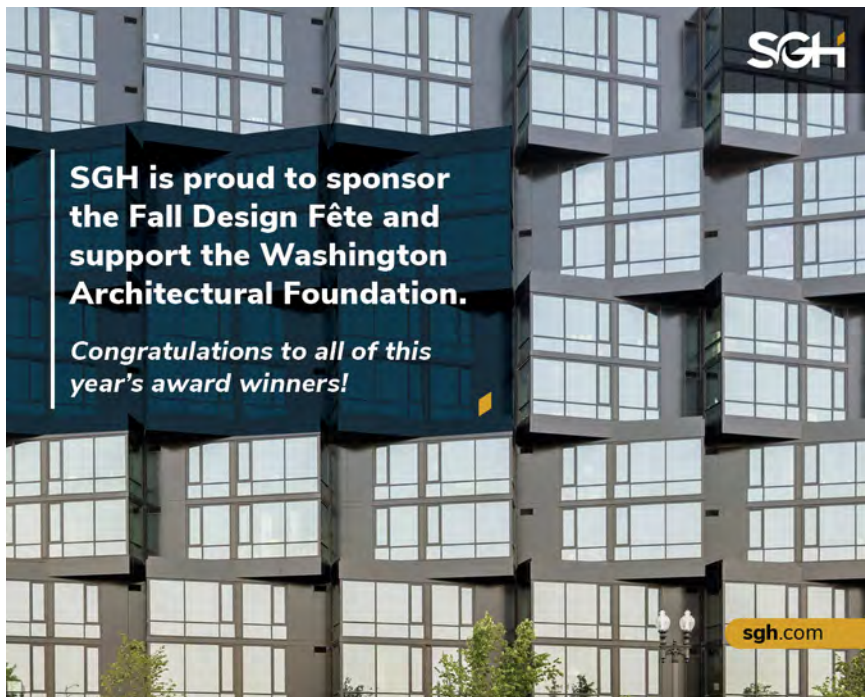
### Jonathan Penndorf, FAIA

Jonathan Penndorf is an Associate Principal in Perkins&Will's Washington DC office, serving as Director of Regenerative Design. He also serves on the firmwide Innovation Committee and co-directs the firm's Resilience Task Force. His service to the Chapter



includes the AIA|DC Board of Directors, including serving as President in 2012. He founded the AIA|DC's Emerging Architects Committee two decades ago. Penndorf is a member of the AIA| DC Fellows Public Programs Committee and the DC Committee on the Environment. At the national level, he serves as the Regional Representative for the AIA College of Fellows and will Chair the Regional Reps in 2026. Penndorf previously served as an Advisory Group member for the AIA Committee on the Environment, the chair of the Young Architects Forum, and represented the Middle Atlantic Region on the AIA Strategic Council. He was also the local chair for both AIA National Conferences that were held in DC, in 2012 and 2024. Penndorf has spoken at numerous national events including Greenbuild, the AIA Conference on Architecture, Neocon, and the CoreNet Global Summit and is adjunct faculty at the Catholic University of America School of Architecture and Planning.





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# WAF PROGRAMS

The Washington Architectural Foundation is dedicated to educating and engaging the greater DC community, focusing on students, teachers, and the public to demonstrate the transformative power of architecture.

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR KIDS:

**In the Classroom:** Architecture in the Schools (AIS) matches volunteer architects with public school teachers to enrich the learning experience of any subject, K-12. While reinforcing core academic skills, AIS teaches children how to exercise their analytical and creative skills through the architectural design process.

**At DAC:** Our District Architecture Center Kids programs (DACKids) reach children of all ages. These include programs related to our exhibitions such as Islamic Architecture for Kids and Schools of the Future; Tools of the Trade, a multi-part introduction to architecture; DACKids Summer Camp, a week-long adventure in architecture; and the Design Like a Girl Mentor program which pairs young women interested in the design and construction industry with practicing professionals.



## **The Barbara G. Laurie Architectural Scholarship**

is a multi-year scholarship providing \$5,000 a year to a DC high school graduate studying architecture. As long as the student remains in an architecture program, he or she will receive \$5,000 each subsequent year until graduation. WAF currently supports three remarkable young architects who attend the Columbia University, Penn State and the University of Pittsburgh.

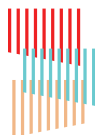
## **EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:**

**Lectures and Tours** including exhibition openings, book signings, and panel discussions as well tours of exhibitions and buildings happen monthly at DAC. Our Architecture Month celebration in April includes kids' programs, exhibitions, tours, and special lectures.

**CANstruction** is a nationwide program that aims to raise awareness about hunger. In DC, CANstruction is organized by the Washington Architectural Foundation as a creative design-build competition that benefits the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) through donations of canned goods. Teams from architecture and design firms from Washington, DC use their skills to build sculptures out of cans of food. The nutritious shelf-stable food is donated to the CAFB for distribution to those in need after the event. This program has donated more than 450 tons of food. CANstruction starts this year on November 23!

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