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Annual Report of Society Activities: May 2012 – February 2013

NSA Executive

Chair - Christopher Sullivan
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OAA Special Project Funding

Originally modeled upon the NSA's remarkably successful 'Domestic Gems' exhibit which celebrated the work Nicholson & MacBeth, the 'Mid-Century Modern' project has evolved beyond a temporary exhibit into an ongoing, online catalogue of noteworthy modernist buildings in the Niagara region. The NSA vetted by vote potential exhibit candidates and settled on a list of 28 buildings to be researched. The OAA Special Project Funding awarded in 2012 was paid to the Willowbank School of Architectural Restoration so that students could be assigned the research as part of their curriculum. Only the buildings about which the most information can be gathered (i.e. permit drawings, photos of original exterior & interior, construction date, names of architect, builder & original owners) will be photographed and have an exhibit (including narrative) prepared.

Niagara Community Design Awards

This annual recognition of new projects with exceptional qualities in the Niagara region is a joint effort of the NSA and the Regional Municipality of Niagara. The NSA directly sponsors the 'Architecture' award which, like the seven other award categories, is adjudicated by architectural peers and other experts in related fields. This event is the largest annual gathering of politicians, design professionals, clients, contractors and government staff relating to construction in the Niagara region and is, similarly, our best local public exposure as architects.

Doors Open Niagara

Though the NSA has sponsored this annual event for several years, the Bi-National Tourism Alliance, which governs Doors Open Niagara, has reorganized its focus and event calendar such that the NSA no longer finds the relationship of mutual benefit.

Student Bursary

The NSA continues to set aside funds every year to sponsor a student of architecture. These funds in 2012, however, were not awarded since the NSA is in the process of revising the parameters of student eligibility.

Regards,

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Chair
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