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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Greetings fellow AIA members! I simply cannot believe that I am sitting down to write a column for the

1st quarter edition of Leagueline 2022 and that my time as President of the Architects League of Northern New Jersey is drawing to a close. It feels like just yesterday I was nominated to be President-Elect. Where does the time go?

Truth be told, plenty of time and effort was spent coping with the continuing fall-out of the COVID-19 pandemic and safely restarting in-person events. Thankfully, we were able to have our Trade Show, Golf outing, several dinner meetings, and of course, our annual Arthur Davis Lecture in-person, safely and without any major incident. Similarly, the Architects League of Northern New Jersey's Board of Trustees continues to be hard at work planning out a full calendar of traditional events for 2022 and lots more.

I would like to thank Past President Matt Fink, AIA and President Elect Ryan Moran, AIA for their support and assistance during my year as President of the Architects League of Northern New Jersey. Of course, all that we were able to accomplish in 2021 would not have been possible without the hard work of the rest of the League's Officers and Trustees, Leagueline Editors, Committee members, and you, my fellow AIA member. The efforts on behalf of and the dedication shown to our profession and the community at large, put in by all members of the Architects League of Northern New Jersey impressed and inspired me on an almost daily basis while President.

I will forever think fondly back to 2021 and my year as President of the Architects League of Northern New Jersey. It was fun, educational, and personally, very fulfilling. Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity and privilege to be President of the Architects League of Northern New Jersey. Like life, the time spent as President of the Architect League of Northern New Jersey is both short and sweet.

I have great faith that our incoming President, Ryan Moran, AIA, will do a fantastic job leading the League throughout the upcoming year along with the assistance of what looks to be a very strong Board of Trustees. I am looking forward to all that he has planned for next year with great anticipation, and I am eager to continue to help in any way that I can. Lastly, I hope you will all join me in congratulating Ryan and the rest of the Architects League of Northern New Jersey's Board of Trustees at our Installation dinner in January!

**Christopher Henrickson, AIA**  
ALNNJ President 2021



To my fellow ALNNJ members, I would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to all for the opportunity to

be the 2022 President. It is an honor and a privilege. I would also like to thank our past two Presidents, Matthew Fink and Christopher Henrickson, for carrying the League through a once-in-a-generation challenge while continuing to deliver to our members discerning programs and stewardship.

In the coming year, hopefully with an end to the public health crisis and the welcoming back of in-person meetings, we intend to continue our tradition of great speakers, exciting tours, our incredible Leagueline publications, and the potential for hybrid meetings for all League members to attend! We also look forward to our annual Golf Outing, Trade Show, and the return of the Ted Kessler walking tour.

This year we would like to reengage our communities by joining with them in various town programs, joining high school STEM competitions, and promoting our scholarships. Also, I would like to ask those members who may be interested in joining their town's Planning/Zoning Boards, to let me know as I will be contacting as many as I can in the new year to ask them to consider having an architect join their Boards. As our communities grow and evolve into the future, it is imperative that we as architects have a voice in the matter, and starting at the local level directly serves the communities in which we live.

I would like to ask our members to encourage the next generation of Architects in your office, and have them consider joining the League as Associate Members. In addition those on the path to licensure, should be reminded to take advantage of our wonderful EPiC programs and our library of study material. We have a great slate of Officers and Trustees, and I look forward to working with them. Thank you again for the opportunity as we look towards the new year with excitement and anticipation.

**Ryan Moran, AIA**  
ALNNJ President 2022

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## Introduction



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“Any visitor to New York over the past few years will have witnessed this curious new breed of pencil-thin tower. Poking up above the Manhattan skyline like etiolated beanpoles, they seem to defy the laws of both gravity and commercial sense. They stand like naked elevator shafts awaiting their floors, raw extrusions of capital piled up until it hits the clouds,” notes Oliver Wainwright, architecture and design critic of *The Guardian*. Of course, Wainwright is referring to the trend of supertall residential towers that have risen above Manhattan over the last decade, including 432 Park Avenue, Steinway Tower, One 57, Central Park Tower, 53 West 53, and 520 Park Avenue. Whether you agree with Wainwright or not, advancements in construction technology, that have made such towers possible, ensure the trend will likely continue, not only in New York, but in larger cities throughout the country and the world.

In this edition of Leagueline, we look at several of the emerging issues and trends likely to have a profound effect on architectural design as well as the architectural profession in 2022.

Many thanks to the members, supporters, and sponsors who have contributed their insights on upcoming trends as we enter the New Year! We appreciate your input.

**Paul S. Bryan, AIA, Editor**  
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## 2022 KITCHEN TRENDS

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### Closing the door on open spaces

Everyone likes the idea of an open floor plan, but with a full year+ of extra home-time, many homeowners are recognizing the benefits of a closed-off kitchen. As a result, we are designing smarter, sleeker, more “concealed” kitchens to make them more multi-functional. We especially like this idea - a glass partition that lets light through, yet “closes off” the space.



### Clever Utility

With kitchen spaces being used for multiple functions, it can be challenging to keep the space neat and tidy when household work still needs to get done. Ancillary spaces, alongside or in the kitchen - call them a utility pantry, a cupboard, a larder, or even...an office - they're getting popular!



### Mixed Media

The artful and sometimes bold use of a mixture of materials and/or styles in a kitchen space is something we are doing more and more. This creates a unique look and adds a special personal touch to the design. The materials available to do this are endless: cabinets, counters, floors, hoods, & backsplashes are all fair game!



### Colors

Clean white kitchens maintain their popularity, but twists on this clean theme abound: creams, grays, and natural wood tones (as well as two-tone combinations of them!) add a sought-after warmth. Color is also being used to create a personal statement - perhaps bringing in the outdoors with greens and blues, or adding drama with blacks and ochres.



### Texture & Shape

Matte, high gloss, wood grain, metals and glass are utilized in a harmonious fashion... along with soft curves and/or subtle lines in, say, a light fixture - whether together or separately - are all being used to achieve a desired look in today's kitchens. Hardware is either a standout jewel to the eye, or disappears completely.



## Supply Chain Issues? Blame COVID and Globalism.

By William Richards

Even if AIA's Architecture Billings Index (ABI) is settling into a productive mid-50s zone, supply chain problems are top of mind for the AEC industry. Key manufacturing components are held up in delayed containers and along broken shipping lanes, which in turn spikes the transportation costs that are absorbed or passed along. But someone always ends up paying. This situation, according to AIA's Chief Economist Kermit Baker, Hon. AIA, isn't a function of COVID, but rather the Achilles' heel of globalism.

Do we have a demand problem driving up costs and stretching timelines or a supply problem?

My sense is that this is fundamentally not a demand problem we're dealing with now. It's a supply problem that might have been there all along and has only been revealed by the pandemic. It's been hard following commodity lines because the pain points are different for everyone and there's no grand narrative. We're now over 18 months since COVID really hit and things are getting ironed out, but we are still hearing new supply chain issues every week. Lumber was the first that saw problems last year – and there was a unique story related to lumber because mill owners shut down their production because everyone thought it would be a while before things would come back.

Buildings use hundreds of products and, in general, whether you're talking about energy efficient windows or HVAC systems, lesson number one is the more inputs you have – as in the number of things you need to source – the greater your risk and likely pain.

What are some of the longer-term issues related to the supply chain that allowed the pandemic to disrupt the system?

There are three things. First is what's called "just in time" inventory management, sometimes known as JIT. It says that I should source materials based on my production schedule, which is in turn based on demand. In other words, I don't stock up materials or parts in an expensive warehouse and wait for them to be needed. Instead, I source things as they are needed. It's a seamless system that operates very efficiently in good times. You can see why in bad times, so to speak, JIT might be problematic.

The second thing is that the source of imports has changed. As recently as 15 years ago, the No. 1 source of imports to the US was Canada and No. 3 was Mexico, and together they amounted to well over a quarter of our imports. While the balance has shifted to China in recent years as our top source of imports, I would say that for a lot of people in the US who need stuff, if they can get it from Canada or Mexico, they'll do it because they don't have to deal with port delays or a problem with crumbling Chinese roads causing delays. Lately, we've seen jumps in imports from places like South Korea, but especially Vietnam. But all that stuff still has to travel over the Pacific Ocean to get to us.

The third thing is globalism, itself, which is to say that if I'm a country, I won't make something that someone else can make cheaper. Going all the way back to 1940, the value of imports to the US was equivalent to 3.3% of our GDP, which has gone up every decade. By 1980, it was 10.3%, and by 2010, it was 15.9%. By last year, we'd stepped back to 13% or so, and that's probably related to the pandemic. But the upward trajectory carried forward by globalism has been well-established over the past several decades. You can see here why, in bad times prompted by a pandemic, globalism might also be problematic.

Are there constants within the global supply chain that are reliable and immune to things like pandemics?

We've discovered during this pandemic that the answer is no. If I have a labor force that's going to show up and I have inputs that are rock solid and ready to deliver, there's no way I could have predicted a delay in the Suez Canal and, moreover, there's nothing I can do about that delay. Lately, I've been hearing that it was the storms in the Louisiana area that caused a recent slowdown in building materials for a bunch of homebuilders within the United States. That had to do with delayed ships in the Gulf of Mexico. That had to do with port damage and clean-up. That had to do with inland transportation connections. So, even if something only has to get from New Orleans to Dallas 500 miles away, before and after it hits the unloading dock, it is still subject to the effects of globalism and, increasingly, climate change.

What lessons are manufacturers looking at in order to move forward?

I've seen the term "supply chain resiliency" and "inventory resiliency" popping up a lot lately. Becoming a concept and a buzz word gives these things credibility, but they still point to a basic idea about reducing risk and improving efficiency. To that end, a first and very simple lesson is that we might want to back away from this popular "Just In Time" inventory management system and actually begin to stockpile materials to draw from in order to respond to demand.

Secondly, more and more companies are going to add domestic, meaning North American, production that includes Mexico and Canada. That gives me a buffer to deal with problems and it doesn't make me vulnerable to a Suez Canal backup or a tsunami in the Pacific.

Three, I've heard a lot about vertical integration recently, which means if I'm a window manufacturer, I source my glass from X, my wood from Y, and my latches from Z, then I'm going to start to want to control more and more aspects of this chain. I'll either buy a latch manufacturer, for instance, and if the price isn't right, I'll become one.

<https://www.aia.org/articles/6440186-supply-chain-issues-blame-covid-and-global>

## FLOORING TRENDS

The landscape of flooring is changing dramatically. Laminate, wood and VCT sales are flat. The sheet goods volume is growing as well as Luxury Vinyl tile and plank. Broadloom is declining but carpet tile is experiencing growth. Rigid Core, including SPC and WPC are having exponential growth. These are rigid vinyl flooring types that are softer underfoot as well as more forgiving with subfloors that are not perfectly smooth. They are pre-finished and need only damp mopping (minimal maintenance).



Carpet tile use is growing and the shapes of the tile itself are trending toward planks. Some are 18 x 36 inch some are 12 x 48 inch and others are diamond shaped or octagon shaped. This allows for designers to create patterns like herring bone and chevron or simple installations like monolithic, brick and ashlar.



Other new design trends involve the use of metallics inserted into resilient flooring and carpet. Gold, silver and bronze threads run through the carpet as well as streaks of metallic in the resilient wood looks.

Natural finishes, like unfinished wood looks, stone looks, and sealed concrete vinyl products are more prevalent in resilient flooring. In carpet, more textured products are being seen with accents of bright colors.



Tonal small scale patterns are trending in both carpet tile and resilient products. Grays are still very much in style with warmer grays, blues and greens being used more as well as brighter colors for branding.

The corporate design market is still predominantly carpet tile while Education and Healthcare markets have moved to almost 90 percent resilient, a lot of which is wood look LVT and sheet goods.

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## BLACK WINDOWS: A Residential Design Trend Here to Stay

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Timeless and modern, black windows are the perfect dichotomy in residential design. Only growing in popularity amongst homeowners over the last decade, black windows are proving to be a trend that is here to stay. The bold color underscores every aesthetic. From contemporary to traditional and farmhouse, every home can benefit from the modern touch of the color black.

On a residence's exterior, black window frames create a distinguished look with undeniable curb appeal. On the interior, black window frames can serve as accent points, creating contrast between lighter colored walls. Their neutral color is versatile and can be cohesively incorporated with all home décor styles.

When considering black windows for your next residential build, consider the window material. Black windows can be achieved in almost every window material to help keep



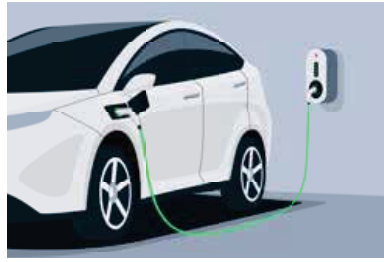
## Benjamin Moore COLOR TRENDS

This past fall, Benjamin Moore announced its 2022 Color Trends, featuring the 2022 Color of the Year, October Mist, a gently shaded sage green that quietly anchors any space, and the 14 coordinating hues of the 2022 Color Trends palette. Other standouts within the palette include Mysterious, a bold, hazy blue-black, and Wild Flower, a dusty pink-red with plenty of character, and the perfect choice to lend a pop of color that feels right at home in an otherwise neutral bathroom. Rounding out the palette are: Hint of Violet, Morning Dew, High Park, Collector's Item, Venetian Portico, Pale Moon, Steam, Fernwood Green, Quiet Moments, Natural Linen, and Gloucester Sage.



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## Is It Time to Add Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to Your Property?



According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, electric vehicle (EV) sales are on the rise in the United States. As such, charging stations are becoming more prevalent and in-demand every day.

The New Jersey Energy Master Plan prioritizes electrifying transportation as a key strategy to improve the state's air quality and reduce health care costs. To that end, state legislature passed a comprehensive law that makes it easier for multifamily residential building owners to install or access onsite charging stations for their electric vehicles ([www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/PL20/108\\_.PDF](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/PL20/108_.PDF)). Plus, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities recently launched a grant program for electric vehicle charging at tourism destinations ([www.njcleanenergy.com/ev](http://www.njcleanenergy.com/ev)).

An EV charging station supplies electricity to recharge electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles. Just like any other electrical installation, the charging systems for electric vehicles are required to comply with the construction codes adopted by the State of New Jersey in the Uniform Construction Code (UCC).

Some factors property owners/managers and architects must weigh include:

- The building's electrical capacity, upgrades may be necessary
- Station placement
- Level of charging station (120V, 140V, or DC)
- Financial incentives
- Billing options

As the demand and incentives increase, you might consider adding EV charging stations to your property or future designs.

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## LIGHTING TRENDS

The costs and complexity of networked lighting controls have left many building owners and operators wary of taking them on. Whether it's the perceived cost vs. value, or the complexity of maintaining the system, some facility managers stick with the "less is more" approach to lighting control. However, despite this perception, the use of networked lighting controls has continued to increase, driven by increasingly rigorous code requirements, and in some markets, by utility incentives.

In fact, the use of fixture-integrated lighting controls is growing faster than the total category of networked lighting controls, likely fueled by three key factors:

**Increased reliability & maturity.** Advances in wireless mesh-networking, new UL standards governing cybersecurity, and innovative system architectures that eliminate cumbersome gateways are simplifying the design, install and operation of building-wide systems. This is critical to adoption/retention by Facilities and IT.

**Reduced cost.** In-fixture wireless control costs have declined by almost 30% over the past three years, with the average cost of an embedded smart sensor averaging around \$50/fixture. In addition, utility rebates are offsetting a considerable portion of these costs. Further, the use of embedded controls means no additional installation labor.

**Newer technology is easier to maintain.** New systems are leveraging mobile phone applications to simplify configuration and usability – transforming the process into something akin to programming a smart home device. Add to it that the last few years have forced most people to get more comfortable with technology as way of doing business, and newer lighting controls appear easier than ever to those who use and maintain them.

While the current use of fixture-integrated lighting controls is less than a few percent today, a recent study by the DOE forecasts that by 2035, more than one third of all controls sold into commercial buildings will include some form of integrated fixture control. This explains why so many companies have entered this race, and why in time, networked lighting controls will become standard practice, even for those that might not feel they want them today.

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## Trends noted by ALNNJ members...

### Flexible work space

A trend in residential design is flexible design. Because we are working from home due to COVID, flex spaces for a home office or different seating arrangements within a single room to accommodate multiple family members together are helpful when we're all at home.

Now that people are entertaining at home, they are furnishing their patios and couches to spend time with others and dine outside.

Emma Greenberg, AIA, NCARB



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### Open Floor Plan?

Over the last few years, open floor plan designs have become very popular. Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are now told to stay home in order to prevent the spreading of the virus. Spaces for working from home and homeschooling our children is now a necessary feature of our home's design. Open floor plan design, under these circumstances, can create stay-at-home issues. The ability to separate activity into spaces conducive for working from home and home schooling will be an important consideration in post pandemic home layout discussions.



### Front entry and rear mud rooms

We need to rethink exactly how we actively enter the home living space. Entering the home can be reimagined with enhanced entry halls and mud rooms. These spaces would contain cabinetry including hand wash sinks, gloves and mask storage. This will allow persons entering a chance to immediately wash hands for maximum health safety. Removing shoes upon entering the home is also a good strategy. Shoe trays with ultraviolet lights above will act as shoe sanitizers. This reduces the chance of unwanted particles from being carried in and beyond the entry door area.

### Touchless entry and exit

Hand operated hardware may no longer be practical. Touchless entry hardware on doors and the use of no-touch operated hardware may be a better alternative. Cell phone apps are available that allow for the locking and unlocking of secure exterior doors. Foot or elbow triggered door latches could be operated with a push bar or a foot pedal. These touchless entry systems do not require hand operation and thus will be more sanitary.



### Food storage

We may need to reconsider food storage spaces. Large pantry rooms with separate refrigerators and freezers will become very useful. This type of room will reduce trips out to grocery stores for food essentials by increasing storage capacity and lengthening food preservation times. The situation of family members crowding around the kitchen fridge may also be reduced since drinks and snacks can be stored in areas separated from the kitchen.



### Larger laundry room

The laundry room in your home will be more than a place for just getting out the stains. The laundry room can be divided into clean and not-clean spaces. The separation will prevent the clean from being exposed to what comes in on your clothing. New detergents and anti-bacterial appliances may need more space to function. Effective decontamination for your clothes will mean much more than just being clean.



### Fresh air and natural light

Fresh air and light considerations can affect your mental and physical well-being. Windows that allow control of fresh air directly into rooms is beneficial. The natural light from outside coming into the home has effects on sleep patterns and mental well-being.



### The front porch

Social distancing has separated us from our friends and neighbors. While video computer teleconferencing can help, it is not the only solution that should be considered. Staring at screens to see our friends has implications for our health as well. Social distancing enhancements can be accomplished through front porch design of homes that allows friends to visit yet stay an appropriate distance away. This allows for a real, in place connection with friends and visiting relatives.



### Package delivery

Front porch design will also change to better accommodate mail and package deliveries. Secure package boxes with ultraviolet light sanitizers may be coming in the very near future.





## Privacy and nature

Staying inside buildings for long periods of time also has negative implications. Rear porch, patio and deck design can allow family members to be exposed to sunlight, get fresh air and experience the natural world for a portion of the day and still social distance, protected from the weather. Healthy solutions like this can be incorporated into post pandemic design solutions. The lessons learned during a time a public emergency can be quite profound. It is healthy for us to consider lifestyle changes for a better future. It is also important to remember that health care professionals remind us our immune systems do need to be challenged from time to time. We should not seal ourselves up so tightly that we then become less healthy in the process. We should consider everything, including design changes, in relative moderation.

William J. Martin, AIA



## Requests for substitutions

While requests for substitutions are nothing new during the construction phase, it is unusual to see such requests after contractors' submittals of the specified products have already been approved. The supply chain crisis has severely impacted lead times for construction items, and substituting the specified product with an easier-to-get alternative is lately a necessity to maintain adherence to the construction schedule.

Paul S. Bryan, AIA



## What's Next?

From the AIA

The Great Resignation and the Great Migration are the unexpected twin post-pandemic trends currently remodeling the workforce – and architecture. Both shifts will have lasting implications for how architecture firms recruit and retain talent. But they also have important ramifications for business development, design, and best practices in our industry. Below, we address the challenges firms face in attracting and retaining talent, as well as the opportunity they have to design workplaces that address changing priorities and remote work environments that are more sustainable, serene, and satisfying.

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The pandemic has necessitated enormous creativity and ingenuity to reimagine virtually every aspect of our lives. Architectural design is no exception. How will we design spaces that enable people to fulfill their newfound appreciation of outdoor spaces and experiences? What new solutions will be revealed as we repurpose and revitalize abandoned structures to meet post-COVID needs for housing, flexible workspaces, and sustainability? And, finally, how can we appropriately memorialize the millions of lives lost to COVID-19?



The ongoing office exodus is changing our industry – in part because office priorities are changing rapidly. From tiny garden office spaces to cutting-edge facilities like Uber's Mission Bay HQ, designing an office means rethinking the built environment's relationship to wellness and job satisfaction.

In August, some 4.3 million people quit their jobs in the U.S., contributing to the 10.4 million job openings tallied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Atlantic's Derek Thompson points out that the Great Resignation has been accelerating for months, with new records being set in April, July, and August. Unfortunately, the reasons for the mass exit are complicated.

What is clear is that as workers gain leverage, employers must prepare for a "revolution in expectations" that will outlive the pandemic. If the continuing investment in technology is any indication, most firms are preparing for a long haul of remote or at least hybrid operations. And if wooing workers back to the centralized workplace is even possible, employers will have to do more than improve air filtration. There will be new policies and procedures to formalize and navigate, including those related to vaccination. As Gensler's Andy Cohen notes, winning the talent wars will require "improving the start-to-finish experience of being at work."

Within architecture, young practitioners will have decisions to make about how they balance the unique pros and cons of communal working. So will every employer.

Last September's ABI score was one of the highest of 2021, and ABI scores over the prior eight months were among the highest since 2008. While most firms (68%) reported making moderately high to very high investments in communication and collaboration technology solutions, just 12% reported doing the same for energy/carbon/building performance technology solutions (54% reported "very low" investment in this area). Firms that have invested significantly in energy/carbon/building performance report that it has helped their firm "achieve better environmental performance, create better design, and keep up with/stay ahead of the competition."

The House of Representatives passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework. Thanks to AIA members' tireless advocacy over the last 10 months, this federal legislation recognizes that buildings are infrastructure and makes meaningful investment in building energy efficiency and resilience.

The passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework is an important step forward, but there is still much more that needs to be done to address issues in the built environment, including funding for climate action, resilience, and affordable housing.

AIA members and staff are working hard to advocate for federal infrastructure investment to buildings as part of AIA's Buildings Are Infrastructure campaign. Learn more about AIA's infrastructure campaign and how to make an impact at the AIA Federal policy issues page: <https://www.aia.org/pages/6347502-federal-advocacy-outreach>

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## BATH TRENDS

Bath trends for 2022 confirm that utilitarian bathrooms are a thing of the past. Rather, today's baths they are seen as personal retreats that are beautiful, functional and improve quality of life. Here are the trends that make up this on-going movement:

### Design Defining Lighting and Technology:

Utilizing the versatility of LEDs, lighting is being used to enhance design elements, whether to highlight structural features or by adding unique pendants, sconces or other whimsical lighting to the bathroom, to enhance style and glamour. Coupled with this, tech upgrades such as LED mirrors, colored lights in the shower and/or smart showers, bidets and smart toilets are all gaining popularity.



**Showers vs. Tubs:** Sought-after free-standing tubs of last year are giving way to a focus on showers as we move into 2022. Larger showers, walk-in showers, showers that share a wet-space with a tub and sink (and even tubs in the bedroom!?) are all of interest as we seek bathrooms that are spacious, comfortable and easy to clean. To complement the larger showers, dual shower heads, hand-helds, body sprays, steam and other luxury features go hand-in-hand.

**Tall Storage:** To maximize storage and eliminate countertop clutter, homeowners are opting for tall tower cabinets, sometimes with open shelving or glass fronts. These (along with drawers) are preferred over the traditional medicine cabinets that offer only shallow depth storage. (We like to recess medicine cabinets and give them a modern, stylish façade when we design and install them.)



### Reinventing Uses and Mixing Materials:

The reinvention and creative use of different materials is bringing some bold new styles into bathrooms. Often this is done with color and texture, and is particularly popular in surfacing and tiling – countertops are chunkier; tiles are edgier, and are installed in new and different ways – think vertical vs. horizontal, hexagon, chevron and/or metallics coupled with the creative use of color.



**Colors and Patterns:** As with kitchens, white bathrooms will always be in style, but we're seeing the white now mixed with color – sometimes in a monochromatic theme of soft grays or wood-tones, but often in very bold color splashes such as modern twists on retro blues and pinks, black trims and fixtures and more and more, entire walls and floors are used to feature color and patterns in tiling and wallcoverings. Color, texture and scale are all used to add depth and drama.

**Nature-Inspired & Organic:** This trend incorporates the use of glass walls, woods or wood-look materials, live plants, and even bold prints with leaves, flowers or other things found in nature in combination. Soft wood or stone textures coupled with other colors of nature such as blue and green create a beautiful and serene space. This trend often incorporates a number of the elements mentioned above.



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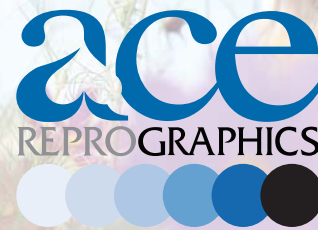
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# Events



## October 2021 Member Meeting

This past October, ALNNJ was back at the Porcelanosa Showroom in Paramus, celebrating our Emerging Professionals with a course on “How to Pass the AREs” followed by a presentation by PhD Consulting LLC / iVDC LLC: “Implementing Laser Scanning, Photogrammetry and PointCloud Modeling into Architectural Project Workflows”. The presentation covered the emerging trend of utilizing laser scan technology and photogrammetry to capture existing conditions data, and build a usable, accurate 3d BIM model from PointCloud information, for use in the Architectural, Engineering and Construction trades.

Many thanks to Donna Levy and the Porcelanosa team for generously sponsoring this annual event!



## November 2021 ARTHUR L. DAVIS LECTURE

On November 18, ALNNJ held its annual Arthur Davis Lecture at Maggiano’s in Hackensack, featuring sculptor Sabin Howard. Howard discussed his role and work on the National World War I Memorial Design, a 58’ long bronze relief to be installed in Washington DC in 2024.

A world-renowned master sculptor, Howard is regarded as the foremost practitioner of, and authority on, Modern Classicism. His works are owned by museums and private collectors all over the world, and they have been favorably reviewed by The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Epoch Times, American Artist, Fine Arts Connoisseur, American Arts Collector, and The New Criterion, as well as many other journals internationally. Together with his wife, Traci L. Stratton, they authored The Art of Life, a book that explores figurative sculptures from the earliest times to the present. It also details Sabin Howard’s clay-to-bronze process, his philosophy, and his drawings.

The Arthur L. Davis Lecture Series is an annual signature event of the Architects League. Its mission is to feature a speaker of notable importance in the profession and/or a topic of notable architectural importance.



## International Panel on Common Issues in Practice: US/UK

Design, Clients, and Process – UK and US – available now on the AIA NJ YouTube channel:

This dynamic program which was held November 10th, engaged small firm professional practitioners, AIA members from the US and RIBA members from the UK. All with similar practices, panelists compared and contrasted the profession on both sides of the Atlantic.

The program provided actual project examples from residential and commercial work and answered questions related to management, client relations, professional regulations, design, contractor dynamics and business. Sustainable design issues were discussed as well.

The content provided practice experiences from both continents demonstrating the move to a more global way of thinking.



## New Jersey New York State Pennsylvania Tri-State Conference December 8, 9 & 10, 2021

The 2021 Tri-State Conference: Return to the Future was the third collaboration between AIA New Jersey, AIA New York State, and AIA Pennsylvania. The interactive virtual program offered nationally recognized personalities and subject matter experts who addressed key topics related to the profession and practice of architecture. Highlights included compelling keynote presentations, diverse education tracks, networking opportunities, a virtual expo to preview the latest products and services, and the Tri-State Design Awards.



## New Members

- Barak Alberro-Letemendia, International Assoc. AIA
- Shane Byrne, AIA
- Jongseob Choi, Associate AIA
- Efram Ghobrial, AIA
- Emily Gutierrez, Associate AIA
- Walter Adolf Plusas, Associate AIA
- Stephanie Tabares, Associate AIA
- Conner Thackara, Associate AIA

The Architects League looks forward to your involvement and participation. Please introduce yourself at the next live meeting or event.

## AIA New Jersey

### 2021 Service Award Winners

#### Young Architect of the Year Marissa Iamello, AIA



Marissa has had the pleasure of leading her local AIA section – as Immediate Past President, President, and President Elect, through many of life’s ups and downs: a pandemic, two pregnancies, and cancer treatments. With each term, she has strived to bring successful programs to her peers as well as ample sponsorships through vendors

#### Architect of the Year Andrew Thompson, AIA, NOMA



As an architect, Andrew reflects more on the service and mentorship he has given back to the profession and views that as his lasting legacy more than the buildings he has worked on.

#### Firm of the Year RSC Architects



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#### Distinguished Service Award Richard P. Tokarski Jr. AIA, LEED AP



Richard embodies what a servant leader is, giving back to society and his community both professionally and personally. This is exhibited through his giving of time, resources and finances through volunteering and pro-bono projects.



# Calendar

1Q January, February, March 2022



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**Architects League of Northern New Jersey**  
**Annual Installation Dinner**  
Saturday, January 22, 2022  
Chart House  
Weehawken, NJ  
6:00pm  
Watch your email for updates.



**Color Riot**  
How color changes Navaho Textiles. 70 Vivid artworks.  
Montclair Art Museum  
thru Jan 2nd  
montclairartmuseum.org



**Jasper Johns: Mind/Mirror**  
thru Feb 13, 2022  
The Whitney Museum  
whitney.org



**Modern Times: British Prints 1913-1939**  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
thru January 9, 2022  
metmuseum.org



**Van Eyck to Mondrian: 300 Years of Collecting in Dresden**  
The Morgan Library  
thru January 23rd  
themorgan.org



**Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams**  
thru Feb 20, 2022  
Brooklyn Museum  
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**Faith Ringgold: American People**  
Feb 22 thru June 5th 2022  
The New Museum  
newmuseum.org



**A New Look at Old Masters**  
The Collection of European Paintings  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
thru Spring 2022  
metmuseum.org



**Scenes of New York City: Hirschfeld Collection**  
New York Historical Society  
thru Feb 27th  
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**Celebrating the City: Recent Photo Acquisitions**  
Museum of the City of New York  
Opens February 18th, 2022  
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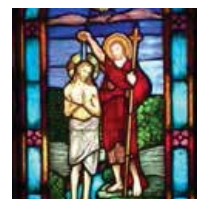
**Making Knowing: Craft in Art, 1950-2019**  
thru Feb 22, 2022  
Whitney Museum of Art  
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**Sophie Taeuber-Arp Living Abstractions**  
Thru March 12, 2022  
The Museum of Modern Art  
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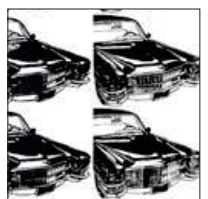
He has dedicated his entire career to Stained Glass, with over 60 years of experience in the business as a craftsman, designer and studio owner. His writings have been published in several publications, including: Your Church, Faith And Form, Modern Liturgy and Stained Glass, The Quarterly Publication of the Stained Glass Association of America.



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**Transformed: Objects Reimagined by American Artists**  
60 artworks from 1829 to the present  
Montclair Art Museum  
thru Dec 3, 2023  
montclairartmuseum.org



**Vasily Kandinsky: Around the Circle**  
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