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## President's Message

by Bob Bohlmann, AIA, CSI



I'm typing this article as I also check my itinerary for the next couple of days, preparing for the Presidents' and Vice-presidents' visit to AIA National Headquarters in Washington, D. C. for *Grassroots 2007*. I am looking forward to learning what there is about AIA National that I can bring back to the Chapter and also meeting with our congressmen and senators.

Grassroots on a national and local (Illinois) level is where we, as architects, can have an impact on government. By sharing our professional and business needs with our representatives, we can bring an even playing field to the communications process on a one-to-one basis. We often complain about government's lack of interest or understanding, but do we ever communicate our thoughts and suggestions with them? Grassroots will be an opportunity to do that.

Did you happen to pick up a copy of the AIA "A Covenant Between the American Institute of Architects and its Members" at the January meeting, or go to the AIA website to view the document? Did you read it? Do

you have any comments or thoughts about it?

One thing to keep in mind; as with any organization or activity we often ask, "What does it do for me?" How often do we ask ourselves, "What can I do for the organization in return?" Come to February's meeting and let us know!

Be sure to attend February's regular meeting and find out about Illinois Council and what it is doing in Springfield, how you can participate at Prairie Grassroots on March 21, along with many other chapter activities and events throughout the year. Grant Currier will also be sharing AIA150 with us as the year progresses, and what is happening within our Chapter area, Chicago, and the State.

Bob Bohlmann, AIA, CSI  
EIC President

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### FEBRUARY 28 CHAPTER MEETING

Program:

AIA Illinois Political Advocacy  
and Prairie Grassroots

Presenter:

Mike Waldinger, Exec. VP, AIA Illinois  
Len Koroski, Pres. AIA Illinois  
Gaines Hall, FAIA, VP AIA Illinois

See pages 5 & 6 for details.

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# Distinguished Building Awards

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FIRM NAME: ROBERT JURIS & ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, LTD.

PROJECT NAME: MCGRATH RESIDENCE

BUILDING TYPE: SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE

LOCATION: 868 ST. ANDREWS WAY  
PRESTWICK COUNTRY CLUB  
FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS

CLIENT: MR. & MRS. JOSEPH MCGRATH

BUILDING AREA:	2,475 SF	FIRST FLOOR
	1,932 SF	SECOND FLOOR
	4,407 SF	TOTAL

DATE COMPLETION: SEPTEMBER, 2005

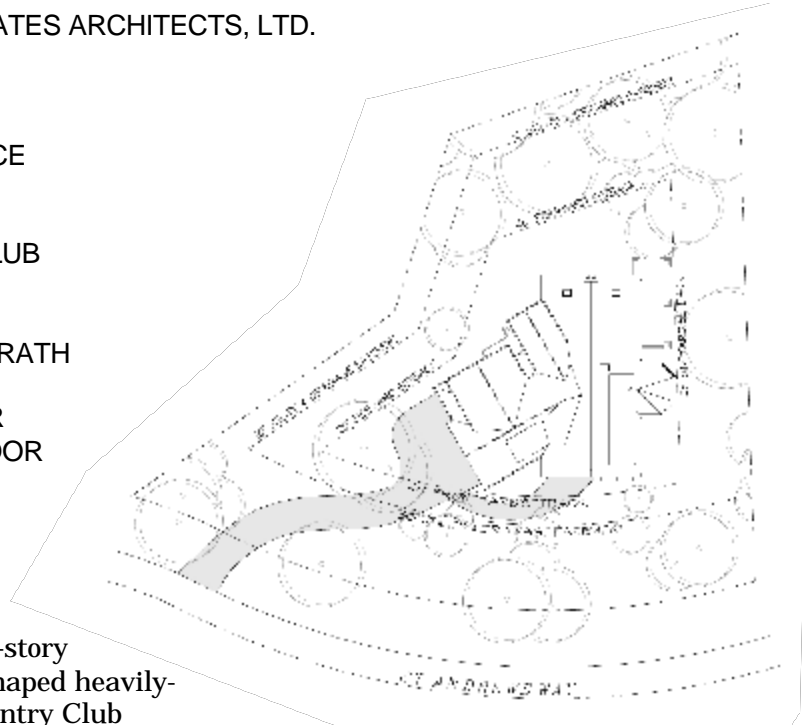
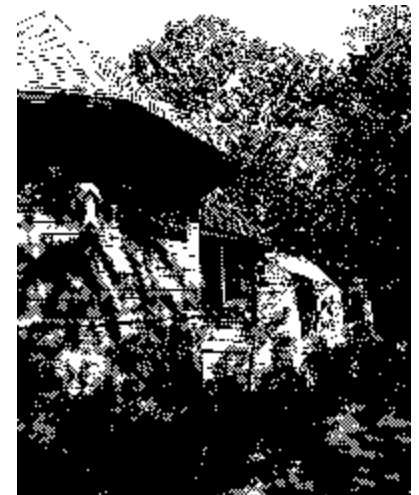
## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This new single family residence consisted of a two-story home with an attached three-car garage on a pie-shaped heavily wooded and sloped lot located in the Prestwick Country Club

Subdivision in Frankfort, IL. Prestwick Country Club Golf course was built in 1957 and was designed by noted golf course architect, Dick Nugent. The Prestwick Country Club Subdivision was developed thereafter in 1964 by Arthur T. Macintosh, being part of unincorporated Will County until incorporation and annexation by the Village of Frankfort, Illinois in 1990.

The subject property and development is sandwiched between the Old Plank Road Trail and Great Sauk Trail. Old Plank Road was the first plank road in the area and traveled in a straight line, without regard for terrain, originally from Oswego, IL. to Michigan. On the South side of the development is the Great Sauk Trail, which is an old Indian Trail that followed the lay of the land; thus the crooked nature of the trail. This

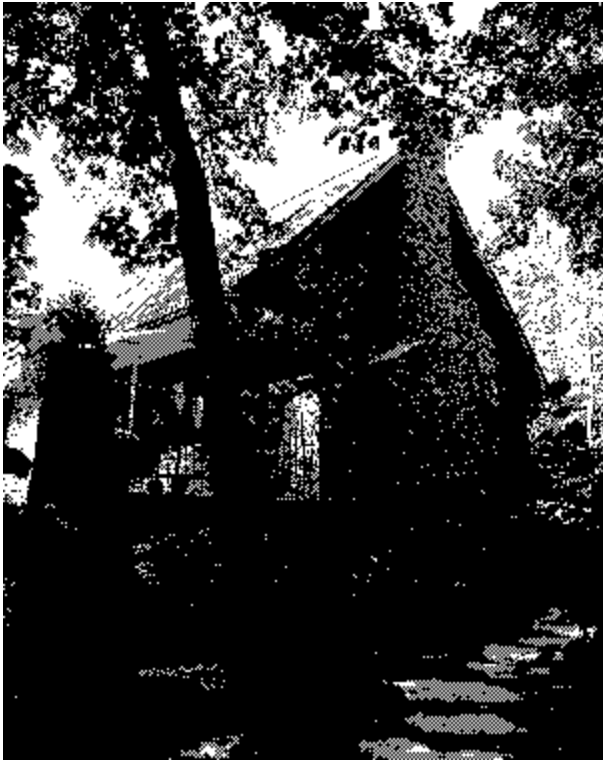
home was designed to fit into the existing sloped terrain with minimal disturbance of the existing grade, while preserving as many trees as possible, just like the Great Sauk Trail.



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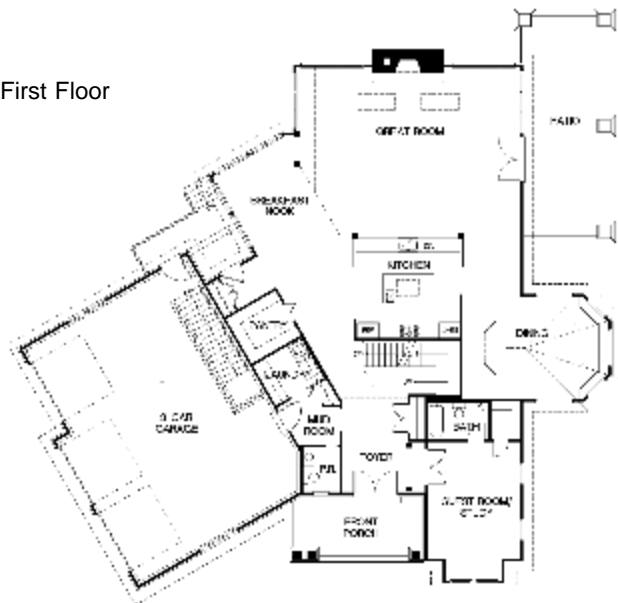
Frankfort, IL



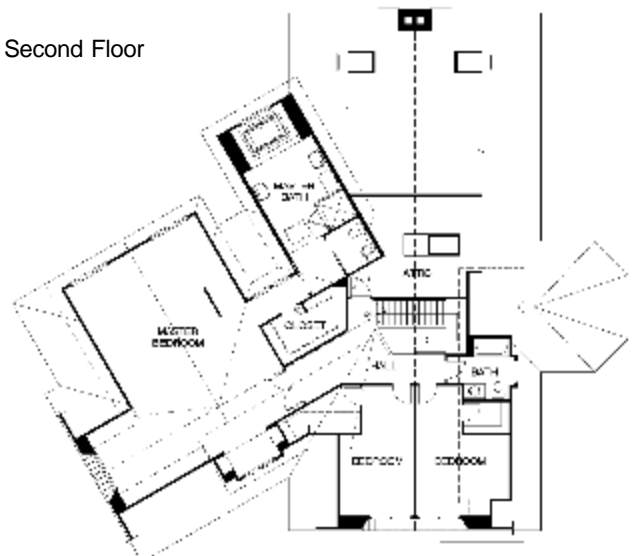
by the Village of Frankfort to allow less than full height stone veneer at the first floor because of the Architectural design of the home. The interior floors of the home are primarily natural stone and were selected to avoid off-gassing of some man-made flooring materials.

The Client selected man-made ledge stone veneer and cement board siding for the exterior walls, with Indiana Limestone separating the stone and the siding. A variance was granted

First Floor



Second Floor



# Rear View Mirror

## A review of the January 2007 Chapter Meeting

by Bob Bohlmann, AIA, 2007 President, AIA/EIC

### HOW TO READ A GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING REPORT

**T**ony Giles, P.E. of Giles Engineering Associates, Inc. did an exceptional job of walking us through the methodology, equipment and processes involved in the development and purpose of a Geotechnical Engineering Report. His 'PowerPoint' presentation was informative and relevant and we each left with a hard copy thereof. After hearing some of the comments of the membership it soon became apparent that not all Reports are created equal.

Tony gave us a good understanding of what is in a report, and therefore, what we should be asking for. Always ask for the bearing capability of the soils at your site; that's what the report is for.

For those of you who attended and felt that Tony did a good job, please let the Board, Ed Lugowski or myself know; Tony has about six different programs that he is able to speak on and we could bring him back later this year on another topic.



*Shown at left: Incoming President Bob Bohlmann (right) presented 2006 President John Benware with the President's Appreciation Plaque for his efforts and services to the Chapter during his term.*



*Above: A productive and well-attended transitional board meeting was held on January 13 at the Linden Group offices.*

*Mr. Jim Prybys, AIA, Scholarship Committee Chair, presented Craig Podalak II with the 2006 AIA/EIC Scholarship at the January 31, 2007 Chapter Meeting.*



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# Upcoming Meeting ✍ Wednesday, February 28, 2007

*AIA Illinois Political Advocacy and Prairie Grassroots*

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**Presenters:** Mike Waldinger, Executive Vice-President, AIA Illinois  
Len Koroski, AIA, President, AIA Illinois  
Gaines Hall, FAIA, Vice-President, AIA Illinois

**Host:** Pella Windows and Doors; John Tarte (Commercial Rep.), Larry Alport (Residential Rep.), P.J. Dumaresq (Residential Installations)

**Synopsis:** **What can/should Architects be doing with and in Springfield - Prairie Grassroots 3/21/07** Three, Two, One... (by Mike Waldinger)

"We have liftoff." Many generations of children heard great speeches and watched numerous broadcasts of moon landings, space walks and shuttle launches. Everyone knows the countdown and the radio response to Houston means another mission is underway. This year, think 3/21 - as in March 21st and liftoff - as in architects launching their agenda at the state capitol and marking the 150th anniversary of AIA with a kickoff reception to unveil Illinois' Great Places.

We hope you will join us on this day to celebrate the past and design the future. Prairie Grassroots 2007 puts the architecture profession front and center with policy makers. The more who come, the stronger our voice. This event has helped make a real difference in the legislative process, thanks to the direct participation of members in its first two years. Although the history of this event is brief, its impact is profound.

Making this version even more special will be the presentation to AIA members, legislators, and the public of our 150 Great Places. Over the last year, colleagues and experts from across the state have compiled a list of the best work of the architecture profession from the past 150 years. Those who attend Prairie Grassroots 2007 will have the opportunity to see it for the very first time.

When I was a kid, I was enamored with all things NASA. Not enough to be a rocket scientist however. Today I am still drawn, along with countless others, to the greatest achievements of mankind - the work of skilled hands and brilliant minds - the things that others in far away places and in times long into the future will look at and say represents our best. *(continued on next page)*

**AIA CEU:** 1 credit (if accepted by National)

**Location:** Holiday Inn Select Hotel & Convention Center  
Interstate 80 and Harlem Avenue  
18501 South Harlem Avenue  
Tinley Park, Illinois

**Time:** 6:00 pm Cocktails (attitude adjustment)  
7:00 pm Dinner  
8:00 pm Program (approximate)

**Menu:** Soup (creamy forest mushroom with wild rice)  
Caesar Salad ~ Seasonal Vegetables  
Oven Roasted Garlic Potatoes ~ Dinner Rolls  
Herb-rubbed Loin of Pork w/ roasted garlic demi-glaze  
Chef Special Dessert

**Cost:** \$30.00 Member / \$35.00 Non-member

**Important - all members!!!**

**RESERVATIONS BY:  
NOON FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**Call Ed Lugowski, AIA**  
1st Vice-President, AIA/EIC  
Program Coordinator

Phone: (708) 895-4716  
ehlarch@aol.com

Payment required if cancellation  
after Monday noon.

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# Chapter Corner

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*(continued from previous page)* It's a good thing I work for architects because I get to see those projects and talk to those people who leave a legacy of the highest order, not unlike the scientists, astronauts, and technicians who led us to space.

I see the words of John F. Kennedy from 1962 and think how far architects and the AIA have come and how many opportunities lie ahead. If you can stand the analogy any further, think of his call to action and if we are ready to respond, not by going to space but by meeting the challenges a little closer to home in our communities.

*"Those who came before us made certain that this country rode the first waves of the industrial revolutions, the first waves of modern invention, and the first wave of nuclear power, and this generation does not intend to founder in the backwash of the coming age of space. We mean to be a part of it--we mean to lead it. We choose to go to the moon.*

*"We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win..."*

For 150 years AIA and its members have led. What will the next 150 years look like? If you're like me, you can't wait to start finding out. Please make plans to be a part of Prairie Grassroots on 3/21 and attend the AIA/Eastern Illinois Chapter meeting on 2/28/07 to find out more.

## 2007 AIA/EIC CALENDAR

### March

- 5 Submission deadline for the next issue of "Eastwards"  
Send articles to the Editor:  
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- 21 Prairie Grass Roots,  
Springfield, IL
- 28 Regular EIC Board and  
Chapter Meeting, Tinley Park

### April

- 25 Regular EIC Board and  
Chapter Meeting, Tinley Park

### May

- 3-5 National Convention,  
San Antonio, TX
- 30 Regular EIC Board and  
Chapter Meeting, Tinley Park

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

ARC Insulation is hosting a 5 hour AIA/CES event led by NU Wool Co., Inc. and Demilec USA, LLC, two of the nation's leading building performance experts.

This FREE event will be held on:

**Wednesday  
March 22nd  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Marriott Oakbrook  
1401 West 22nd Street  
Oakbrook, IL**

Topics to be covered include building performance, air infiltration, moisture control, mold, indoor air quality, sound attenuation, building design and materials, codes and regulations, proper HVAC sizing, Energy Star and LEED programs. It is hosted by Arc Insulation, Chicagoland's largest cellulose insulation company. Lunch is included, and attendees will earn 4 AIA/CES credits. RSVP ASAP as seating is limited to the first 250 people.

**RSVP by fax - send cover letter to 815-293-1252 by March 12.** Indicate the firm, names, and

number of associates that will be attending. For more information about this event, please contact

**Bill - ARC Insulation  
630-514-2541.**

For more information on the providers, see the following:

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