



# Perspectives

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*Students Brianna Chris and Melissa Marsh with Karim Rashid at IDEX in Toronto.*

## The Fall Semester in Review

### Faculty News

The Interior Design Program is happy to welcome Teal Postula as our newest part time faculty member. Teal is a graduate of Pratt Institute and is certified with NCIDQ and LEED AP. She has taught at Marymount College and SUNY Purchase. She served as Director of Interior Design for Dennis Noskin Architects in downstate NY for almost 20 years.

Laura Shoemaker, NCIDQ and CID joined Studio 6 this semester as a special consultant. Her work in Facilities Planning at Roswell Park Cancer Institute was an integral component of the healthcare project.

Paul Brinkworth attended the International Retail Design Conference (IDRC) this year, having won the Planning and Visual Education (PAVE) essay writing competition. He was selected from over 800 submissions to attend the event, all expenses paid. He is also a juried artist member of the Roycroft Art and Craftsman Guild and exhibited in the Roycroft Summer Show, the Roycroft Winter Show and the Knox Christmas Arts and Crafts Show.

Sandra Reicis attended the Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) East Region Conference held in Boston, Massachusetts in October 2016. This year she is serving on the IDEC National Awards Committee and served as an abstract reviewer for the regional conference.

Sister Ann Therese Kelly attended the annual Stained Glass Association (SGAA) conference in Chicago this summer. She continues as director of the Stained Glass School based in Kansas City, MO. She also held the second summer Glass Camp for students attending Sacred Heart Academy.



*Students at Phipps Conservatory*



*Students at Kentuck Knob and the Claes Oldenburg sculpture*



*Robert Reeder conducted a three-day textile workshop.*

## IIDEX Canada

Sophomore students in Renee Pratt's and Sandra Reicis' sophomore classes attended this year's IIDEX Conference and Exhibition at the Toronto Convention Center, where they were able to listen to (and meet) Keynote Speaker Karim Rashid.

## Studio Field Trips

The tradition of studio field trips continued this year with the annual out-of-town studio field trips to New York City for Studio 4 and Pittsburgh, PA for Studio 2. Highlights for Studio 4 included a visit to Materials Connexion and the WTC Transportation Hub. Studio 2 visited Fallingwater, Kentuck Knob, Phipps Conservatory, the Center for Sustainable Landscapes and the Frick Mansion and Museum.

## Construction Projects

This semester saw students work on two separate construction projects on the Villa campus. These are beneficial opportunities for students to have hands-on real world experience. The Furniture Design class under the direction of Prof. Jesse Walp have been collaborating and working as a professional team to design and fabricate a unique book-case and credenza for the Vice President for Academic Affairs office. The Construction and Building Systems class with Prof. Sandra Reicis have prepared the specifications and details to install a wood mosaic wall in the Main Foyer.

## Robert Reeder Textile Workshop

Villa once again was able to welcome Robert Reeder, professional Interior Designer extraordinaire, to the Residential Design studio for a highly instructive and challenging workshop for the sophomore students. The three-day textile workshop included an introductory lecture, design charrette and a furniture, finishes and textile project. Students learned about textiles, patterns and working with stylistic movements in today's demanding design world. Project outcomes were presented in a critique format, led by our very special guest and

## In Club Activities

Officers for the IN club are Robert Morley, President; Melanie Daniels, Vice President; Jamie Wesolowski, Treasurer; Rene Miller, Secretary; and Claire Witt, SUB representative. A goal for this year is to supplement the ASID chapter club by becoming an IIDA student chapter as well.

The IN club has started a fundraising program titled Interior Design - Do it Yourself or 'INDiY'. Students are using the Art Shop, Glass Atelier and Resource Room to fabricate one-of-a-kind interior items to offer for sale.

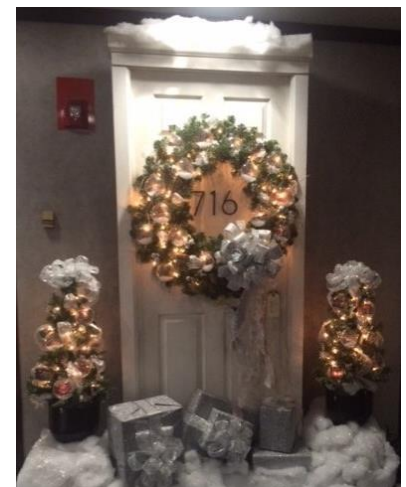


*Claire Witt, Sandra Reicis, Katherine Amershadian, Jamie Wesolowski, Melanie Daniels, Kathryn Kirkpatrick, Rene Miller and Ryan Morley at Festival of Trees*

## Service Learning

For the Festival of Trees to benefit Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, the design for this year was a front door vignette that included a wreath and topiaries, all decorated with custom fabricated ornaments celebrating Buffalo's architectural heritage.

This year is also a Junior League of Buffalo Decorator Show House event. A select group of students attended bidding day, identifying three potential design spaces. Later, three dedicated groups of students prepared proposals. We were very pleased to be awarded one of our preferred spaces, and very soon the students will be working together to bring our design vision to life.



*Festival of Trees Display*

## Guest Speakers

The IN Club initiated a program-wide lecture series titled **Box Lunch Lectures**. The lectures are offered during campus hour, and a box lunch for participating students is subsidized by the club. Nina Lares, Territory Manager for Herman Miller and Villa Alum presented an informative and inspiring lecture on Workplace History and Trends.

Coming up in the Spring Semester the first **Box Lunch Lecture** will feature speaker Candice Urban Green. Candice is also a graduate of the Villa Interior Design Program. She has an extensive resume which includes a successful career in NYC and Buffalo, NY. Also, she has a feature appearance as lead designer on an episode of HGTV House Hunter Renovations.



*Nina Lares, LEED AP, IIDA*

## Final Critique

Final critique for the Fall semester was held in the M&T Conference room. The program would like to extend a sincerest thank you to all the critics and special guests who attended the presentation. Guests included Beth Tauke, UB School of Architecture and Planning; Tim Rider, Trautman and Associates; Katherine Callesto, Professor ECC; professional designers Barb Reformat, Sandra Borowski, Therese Smith, Jennifer Hutton, Jessica Harris, Ann White, Nina Lares, Candice Urban-Green, Michele Peller White, IDA President; David Macro, Millington Lockwood, Deborah Townsend, Frontier High School; and staff and faculty from Villa Maria. In the event I missed someone my apologies. Villa Food Services provided a delicious lunch and Faculty Administrative Assistant Connie Bronisewski took care of the hospitality and luncheon table through the entire day. A special thank you goes out to Connie, Mary and John as well.

Also are to be congratulated are the students. The quality of work was excellent and the students all rose to the occasion. Kudos to all!

## Gallery News

The Interior Design Student Exhibit will open on Friday, March 24 in the Paul William Beltz Art Gallery. We will honor our top students that night. This is a juried event. The IN Club has organized an auction as well as a sale of student designed and fabricated items.

*Please consider an awards donation for this event.*

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### Calendar of Events

Jan 17 First day of classes

Jan 25 IIDA Event

Feb 9 Box Lunch Lecture-Candice Urban-Green - campus hour

Mar 13 Spring Break starts

Mar 24 Student Exhibit Opening Reception

Apr 4 NY11+ NYC opening

Apr 29 Junior League Show House Opening

May 12 Final Critique

May 25 - June 4 Italy Study Abroad

