



In Detroit RDA tourgoers visited Cranbrook Academy with buildings designed by Eliel Saarinen. ↑



In Portugal RDA tourgoers visited Leça swimming pools designed by Álvaro Siza. ↓

LETTERS  
to the  
EDITOR



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Thank you again for sending a box of the latest *Cite*. I don't know about the rest of your audience, but the students at Carnegie Vanguard High School really respond to the design. They grabbed this issue up even more enthusiastically than they did the issue with the bright orange cover.

-Benjamin Holloway  
Carnegie Vanguard High School, AP Art History

I want to compliment you on the *Cite* Spring 2013 edition. The articles were great as usual, but the presentation as a note-pad was inspired. I think it is wonderful and did make the magazine new and exciting. Thank you for the Rice Design Alliance and *Cite*.

-Leif C Hatlen



**Sink and Swim, Baby**

An excerpt from *CultureMap* 6.25.13

Anything That Floats hosted by the Rice Design Alliance young professional group is a competition that tests the crafty prowess of the entrants, an Inspector Gadget meets MacGyver feud with plenty of water to keep things afloat, or not.

In three hours, their mission was to transform another-man's-trash stuff, including plywood, water-proofing membranes, foam board, and 5-gallon buckets with lids, into contraptions that would travel on water for the longest period of time. To do so, the squads were permitted to bring hand tools, one roll of duct tape, rubber bands, nails, screws, string, zip ties, and staples, a jigger of luck and dash of prayer. A few towels on hand didn't hurt, either. -Joel Luks

**Initiatives for Houston Winner**

Gordon Wittenberg / Landscape Urbanism

The winner of RDA's 14th annual "Initiatives for Houston" grant program, which funds research, study, and problem-solving around Houston's built environment, is Gordon Wittenberg, Professor of Architecture at Rice University, for his proposal entitled "Linear Parks for Houston." Wittenberg will study utility rights of way that could double as hike-and-bike trails.

CALENDAR

HIGHLIGHTS FROM RICEDESIGNALLIANCE.ORG

AUGUST 2013

21 + 28  
WED 6:30 pm

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES FACING THE HOUSTON REGION** / A TWO-PART CIVIC FORUM FEATURING NATIONALLY KNOWN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS AND RESEARCHERS WHO WILL DISCUSS OUR AIR, WATER, LAND, AND HEALTH.

BROWN AUDITORIUM / THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HOUSTON 1001 BISSONNET. BOTH ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

August 21 / *Challenges of Climate Change*

**Dr. John Nielson-Gammon** Texas State Climatologist, Regents Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A & M University

**Dr. John Anderson** Ewing Professor of Oceanography at Rice University and Director of the Shell Center for Sustainability at Rice University

**Eric Berger** Science Correspondent, *Houston Chronicle*

**Mr. Brent W. Dorsey** Director, Corporate Environmental Programs, Entergy Corporation

August 28 / *Challenges of Competing Land Uses, Environmental Justice, and Public Health*

**Dr. Robert Bullard** Dean and Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy, TSU

**Jim Blackburn** Environmental Attorney and Professor in the Practice in Environmental Law, Rice University

**Dr. John Jacob** Head, Texas Sea Grant

**Larry Soward** former Commissioner at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; Executive Director, Air Alliance Houston

SEPTEMBER 2013

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TUES 7:00 pm

**SPOTLIGHT AWARD LECTURE**

Interboro Architect and Rice School of Architecture alumna Georgette Theodore has been awarded the fifth annual Spotlight: The Rice Design Alliance Prize. A pre-lecture wine reception begins at 6 p.m. at the Brown Auditorium, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. This event is free for RDA Members and students presenting identification; \$25 others.

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WED 7:00 pm

**RDA'S FALL 2013 LECTURE SERIES - NSFW** / FEATURING FOUR YOUNG ARCHITECTS CHALLENGING THE BOUNDARIES OF WHAT IT MEANS TO PRACTICE ARCHITECTURE.

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Sept. 25 / **Meejin Yoon**, MY Studio and Höweler + Yoon

Oct. 2 / **Minsuk Cho**, Mass Studies

Oct. 16 / **Jun Igarashi**, Jun Igarashi Architects

Oct. 30 / **Florien Idenberg**, SO - IL

OCTOBER 2013

2, 16, 30  
WED 7:00 pm

**RDA'S FALL 2013 LECTURE SERIES - NSFW** / LECTURE SPEAKERS LISTED ABOVE

**NOT SAFE FOR WORK: RSA AND RDA'S FALL 2013 LECTURE SERIES**

FOUR YOUNG ARCHITECTS CHALLENGING THE BOUNDARIES OF WHAT IT MEANS TO PRACTICE ARCHITECTURE. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 25 AND OCTOBER 2, 16, AND 30.

*a, b* Meejin Yoon

*d, f* Jun Igarashi

*c* Florian Idenberg

*e, g* Minsuk Cho

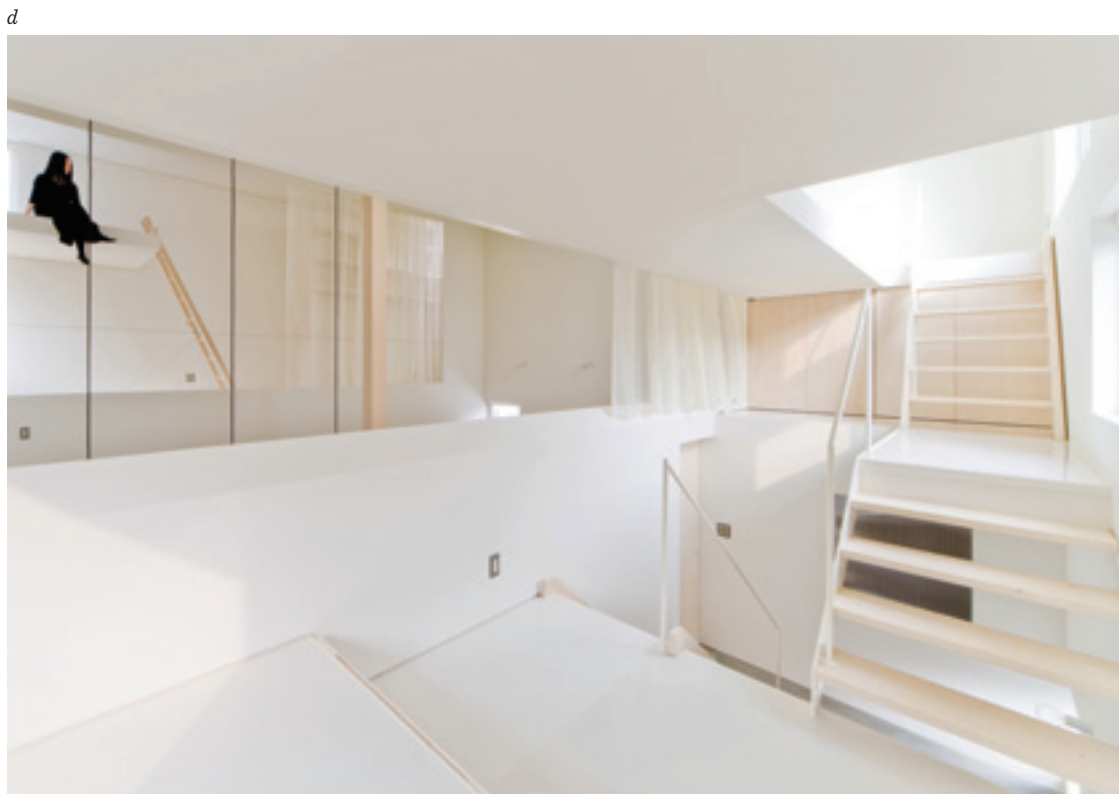


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