

# ASID FOUNDATION

# current initiatives

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## **Veteran's Housing Initiative**

The ASID Foundation has recently partnered with non-profit organization Rebuilding Together in an initiative focusing on rehabilitating the houses of low-income active and retired members of the military in need throughout the country. Through this partnership, the ASID Foundation will help provide safe, sustainable and accessible housing for those who have given so much, yet cannot afford the cost of home maintenance and, in many cases, are physically unable to modify or maintain their homes.

Individual ASID chapters will be working with Rebuilding Together and other volunteers for veterans and their families throughout the U.S. They will bring universal design concepts, hopefully grounded in sustainability, to those who need—and deserve—it most. A pilot project was completed by the Washington Metro chapter in Washington, D.C., in March 2009.

## **National Interior Design Junior Certificate**

The ASID Foundation, in partnership with the Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC), the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS), and twenty-seven states, is developing a national interior design junior certificate for high school students. The certificate of achievement will be awarded to those students who complete interior design courses and pass a national exam prior to completing their secondary education. The purpose of this exam and certificate will be to educate high school interior design students more accurately about the profession.

## **REGREEN**

REGREEN, launched in 2008, is an invaluable resource for sustainable residential improvement projects. Jointly developed by the ASID Foundation and the U.S. Green Building Council, the REGREEN program provides best practice and environmentally responsible guidelines for design professionals, service providers, product suppliers and homeowners.

Currently available as a downloadable manual, REGREEN will soon be introduced as an electronic, Web-based interactive tool. It will also expand to include instructor-led and Web-based learning programs, delivered to the various targeted audiences.

## **Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA)**

Throughout the last three years, CIDA has revised the professional standards for interior design education. Through two successive grants in 2006 and 2007, the ASID Foundation supported the critical examination of the needs of schools, students and the profession. In 2008, the Foundation renewed its commitment by supporting the development and implementation of the new standards that will go into effect in September 2009.

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## **The Green House**

The ASID Foundation served as a major sponsor of the exhibition, *The Green House, New Directions in Sustainable Architecture & Design* at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. The exhibit, which explores the entire field of sustainable residential design, drew more than 133,000 visitors, the largest in the museum's history. The installation traveled to the Morris Museum in Morristown, N.J., and will open soon at the Aurora History Museum in Aurora, Colo.

## **Scholarships and Awards**

- **Joel Polsky Academic Achievement Award:** recognizes an outstanding undergraduate or graduate student's interior design research or thesis project. \$1,000
- **Joel Polsky Prize:** recognizes outstanding academic contributions to the discipline of interior design through literature or visual communication. \$1,000
- **Mabelle Wilhelmina Boldt Scholarship:** open to graduate-level interior design students. \$2,000
- **Yale R. Burge Competition:** recognizes outstanding design and presentation skills; is open to students in their final year of undergraduate study. \$750
- **Irene Winifred Eno Grant:** provides financial assistance for the creation of an educational program(s) or an interior design research project dedicated to health, safety and welfare. \$5,000
- **Dora Brahms Award:** supports and encourages the advancement of professional activities in historic preservation and/or restoration. \$3,000 biennially