

## **AIA Milwaukee Emerging Professionals Spring 2010 Birdhouse Competition**

March 30, 2010

The general public, students, interns, and professionals in the architecture, design, and construction fields are encouraged to participate in the **For the Birds** birdhouse competition and auction for the AIA Milwaukee Emerging Professionals 2010 Spring Design Charrette on Saturday, April 24th at the Urban Ecology Center at Riverside Park in Milwaukee, WI. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 designs as determined by the judges (a minimum of \$100 for 1st, \$75 for 2nd, \$50 for 3rd). A cash prize (minimum of \$75) will be awarded to the Peoples Choice as voted by attendees. Final amounts for cash prizes will be announced prior to the submission deadline. All judged submissions will be auctioned off that same day to benefit the Urban Ecology Center of Milwaukee.

### **Requirements and Design Criteria:**

- > One entry per person or team.
- > Teams should be 4 people or less.
- > Each submission shall be a handcrafted birdhouse that is functional and habitable, accounting for local climate.
- > Birdhouses can either be either top-hanging or bottom-mounted.
- > The use of sustainable, recycled, and repurposed materials is encouraged.
- > Maximum dimension in length, width, and height for the birdhouse itself shall be 24" each.
- > Maximum weight of the birdhouse itself is 20 pounds.
- > Any hanging or support structure is not subject to the dimension or weight restrictions.
- > A design intent narrative, separate from the model, of 500 words or less is required to accompany the birdhouse. This narrative shall contain information including, but not limited to, design concept, materials, sustainability, etc.

### **Judging Criteria:**

Birdhouses will be judged in the following five areas – form and materials; execution and quality; functionality, practicality, and ease to reproduce; innovation and overall design; design intent narrative. The judging criteria are available for all entrants to view.

### **Schedule:**

- > Registration Deadline is Friday, April 9th
- > Birdhouses are due by Thursday, April 22nd at the Urban Ecology Center.
- > Submissions will be judged on April 23th by a panel of AIA Milwaukee Board members, and other industry experts (to be named prior to the submission deadline).
- > The entries will be on display on April 25th at the Urban Ecology Center during the Earth Day Festival from noon until 4:00 pm. A silent auction for these entries will occur that same day.

All applications and inquiries should be directed to the Emerging Professionals Committee at [emergingprofessionals@aiamilwaukee.org](mailto:emergingprofessionals@aiamilwaukee.org)

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