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## **26<sup>th</sup> Annual AIA Austin Homes Tour Showcases Local Architectural Design Talent**

*Tour Features an Abundance of Renovations, Signaling a Trend Toward Repurposing and Making What is Old New Again*

AUSTIN, Texas – July X, 2012 – The weekend of October 6-7, 2012, AIA Austin is holding its 26<sup>th</sup> annual Homes Tour, which showcases 13 new and newly-renovated homes from across the Austin area. The two-day self-guided tour celebrates the diverse and stunning design talent of Austin’s local architects, with both traditional and contemporary designs that span from modest to means.

The tour affords tour goers a firsthand view of the intersection of form and function, and allows individuals to experience the sense of place that is exclusively gained through 3-D exploration. All of the thirteen uniquely Austin homes on the tour respond to specific lifestyles, and these homes represent the wide range of neighborhood character available in Austin. From an edgy 1950s renovation to a redesigned 1980s arts and crafts family home – from a contemporary glass house, to a beautiful 1940’s Italianate residence – each home on the tour adds to the life of the neighborhood as it enhances the lifestyle of the inhabitants.

Of the thirteen homes on this year’s tour, eight are renovation projects – ranging from modest changes and minor additions, to comprehensive transformation and expansion projects. This emphasis on renovation speaks to the current economic climate, the growing population of Austin and the recent trend of sustainability. Instead of relocating and building anew, homeowners are staying and improving, and opting to repurpose and transform outdated designs to make what is old, new again.

The 2012 AIA Homes Tour experience will be that of a big reveal, as AIA Austin unveils the architectural design talent of this year’s featured architects, and helps attendees uncover hidden gems within each neighborhood and home on the tour.

Tickets to the AIA Austin Homes Tour go on sale September 1, 2012 and are \$30 in advance, \$35 the weekend of the event. The Homes Tour has sold out the past two years, and approximately 5,000 attendees are expected to attend the 2012 event. As such, attendees are encouraged to purchase their tickets in advance, either from the Austin location of Zinger Hardware, Realty Austin in Lake Travis, or directly from AIA Austin. Credit cards will only be accepted if you purchase your tickets online or directly from the AIA office.

For more information about the 2012 AIA Austin Homes Tour, visit [www.aiaaustin.org](http://www.aiaaustin.org).

**Architectural Firms Participating in the 2012 AIA Austin Homes Tour**

AlterStudio Architects, LLP	www.alterstudio.net
Burton Baldridge Architects, Inc.	www.baldridge-architects.com
Clayton & Little Architects	www.claytonandlittle.com
Cornerstone Architects	www.cornerstone-arch.com
CS&G Design-Build	www.cgsdb.com
FAB Architecture	www.fabarchitecture.com
Furman + Keil Architects	www.fkarchitects.net
Heimsath Architects	www.heimsath.com
Murray Legge, AIA/LZT Architects Inc.	www.murraylegge.com
Rick & Cindy Black Architects	www.rickblack.net
Stephen Zagorski, Architect	www.stevezagorski.com
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