



The Northwest Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies in Italy Announces Its 2011 Fellows



The Northwest Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies in Italy (NIAUSI) has announced its selection of 2011 Fellows for residency fellowships at NIAUSI's facilities in Civita di Bagnoregio, Italy:

Two Month Fellow:

Betty Merken is a Seattle based painter, educator, and colorist who will be documenting and analyzing color in the natural and man-made environments around Civita, and investigating how color has acted as a unifying and cultural element in the region.

One Month Fellows:

Jonathan Hartung is an architect whose work has included the adaptive reuse of historic buildings throughout the Northwest. He will be looking at "intersections" between buildings, and their role in place making.

Lauren Walker and Jon Gentry are Seattle architects whose project explores an alternative and parallel universe in Civita, using "biocentric collages" - visionary tales of several non-human species and their imagined lives in Civita.

AIA Seattle/NIAUSI One Month Fellow:

Architect Amanda Sturgeon is the recipient of the first NIAUSI/AIA Seattle Chapter Joint Fellowship. She will be investigating the enduring qualities of beauty, spirit and sustainability in the Civita region through the exploration of replicable patterns of biophilia – the relationships between people and nature.

Since its inception, NIAUSI has awarded more than 40 fellowships and will continue to build this important professional, academic, and intercultural link between the Pacific Northwest and Italy. Over the past 29 years, the organization has evolved to focus on the nexus of the complex urban design issues we face in the Pacific Northwest, promoting cultural exchange and excellence in the design of the built environment.

NIAUSI's 2012 Fellowships application period will open in the summer of 2011.

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