

## Section Newsletter

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#### February

**20 AIA Section Luncheon  
Margarita McGrath-  
Brooklyn Renaissance- One  
Tree's Story**

#### March

**15 COTE meeting**

**20 AIA Section Luncheon**

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#### April

**17 AIA Section Luncheon**

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### February Section Luncheon Meeting

**“Brooklyn Renaissance- One Tree’s Story” Margarita McGrath**

**February 20, 2007 11:45 - 1:00 - Sawtooth Center**

Margarita McGrath, assistant architecture professor in Virginia Tech's College of Architecture and Urban Studies, has been named a winner of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) 2006 Housing Committee Awards, single-family custom housing category, and the recipient of a jury commendation in the AIA Small Practice Award Program. McGrath shares this honor with Scott Oliver, her partner in noroof architects, their Brooklyn-based design firm, for the Slot House renovation.

The renovation of Slot House, a small row house in the Fort Greene neighborhood of Brooklyn, was framed around the decision to preserve a 60-foot-tall maple tree that stands in the front courtyard. McGrath and Oliver designed a slot-like window in the facade to provide a view of the tree from the inside and then carried the spatial idea of the slot throughout the design to extend the house vertically and horizontally.

**Lunch will be catered by Sakura Japanese Restaurant**

#### **President’s Message and News:**

We are now in the second month of planning for the section. The board has some great ideas regarding the proposed celebration for AIA150 downtown. I will elaborate on this as they become a little more solidified.

We will be looking for the support of firm principals to participate in the AIA Legislative Day in March. It’s so critical to let our elected officials know how important the issues we have are to the design community and North Carolina as a whole. Please consider taking part of a day to help with this cause. NC AIA should have additional information regarding the issues very soon.

We had the first meeting for the local section of COTE (Committee on the Environment). This will be a vital organization to help educate Architects, building industry representatives,, local officials, and the general public on sustainable design issues. For those interested, please contact David Wright at 336-724-1503 or [david.wright@clmw.com](mailto:david.wright@clmw.com).

Thanks, Keith

**Lastly, we still need volunteers to participate and be members of the board or the progress we have made and the programs we are planning for the year may not get accomplished. Please consider serving on the board if you have not already or serve again if you served in the past.**