



Friday Facts

January 4, 2008

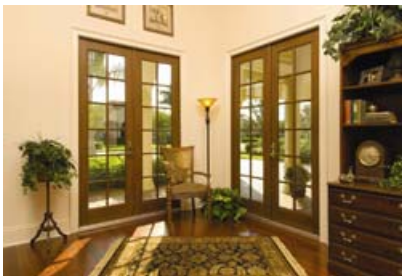
In This Issue

[AIA Florida News](#)

[Distance Learning](#)

[Article Headline](#)

This week's Friday Facts
is Sponsored By:
PGT Industries



With the release of ETERNA™, a simulated woodgrain finish, PGT® offers the visual beauty and warmth of wood in durable, low-maintenance aluminum frames. And since ETERNA™ Finish is available on PGT® WinGuard®, your customers will also enjoy the renowned benefits of the industry's #1 selling brand of residential impact-resistant products.

Add Energy Star® features such as insulating glass and Low-E coating and you'll have all of the bases covered for very satisfied clients.

With the appeal of wood as strong as it is -- especially

AIA Florida News

Meet the 2008 EXCOM



Don Yoshino, FAIA
President
Yoshino Architects, PA
Palm Beach Component
Volunteer Work: The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, Boca Raton Historical Society
Fun Fact: I dressed up as Thurston, my dog, for Halloween in 2007.



Gerald Steve Jernigan, AIA
President-elect
Bay Design Associates
Northwest Component
Favorite quote: "It's better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here."

To meet the rest of the 2008 EXCOM, and read some of their insights into the profession, their role in the association and who is a concert kazoo player and who is a former submarine navigator, [CLICK HERE](#).

Florida Tax & Budget Reform Committee

The Tax and Budget Reform Committee (TBRC) continues to review Sen. John MacKay's sales tax on services proposal. The proposal has two committees of reference, the Governmental Procedures and the Financial and Tax Committees to clear before being heard by the TBRC.

In the meanwhile, the Senate Finance and Tax Committee will be studying the issue of sales tax exemption review at its January 10 committee meeting.

AIA Florida, in participation with the Coalition to Protect Florida's Economy will oppose any efforts to impose a

with residents who may have relocated from northern or western parts of the United States who are accustomed to wood - ETERNA Finish is an ideal choice. "Wood simply cannot stand up to the ocean," said Terry O'Hara, account manager, from ClearView Windows, a PGT distributor based in Pompano Beach, Fla. "What's exciting about ETERNA Finish is that we can now offer a product customers want and have no worries about how it will stand up to the weather."

Meets or exceeds all AAMA/NWWDA 101/I.S.2-97 specifications, and passes Miami-Dade Protocols TAS 201, 202 and 203, small and large missile impact tests. NFRC and Energy Star options available.

For more information, log on to pgtindustries.com and click ArchitectView.

Quick Links

- [AIA Florida Website](#)
- [Contract Documents](#)
- [Classified Ads](#)
- [Check Your CE Transcript](#)

Did You Know...

AIA Florida posts news clips relating to architecture, the Association and its members on the home page of the [website](#). Each month's clips are also archived in the MediaCenter section of the site. [CLICK HERE](#) for the archives.

tax on professional services as per its Board approved policy.

AIA's 60th President Passes Away

Word has come to the Institute of the passing of the AIA's 60th President, George M. Notter Jr., FAIA.

George joined the AIA in the mid 60s and was passionately involved in the life of his professional community, first as a member of the Boston Society of Architects and eventually as National President in 1984. He passed away the day after Christmas.



Codes Corner

Changes have been proposed to the current Florida Fire Codes that will be update before the Florida Building Code. To read the complete proposed rules, [CLICK HERE](#).

We Need Your Thoughts

It is AIA Florida's goal to provide the best communication to you, our members, with the most relevant information about the profession, in a timely manner, by the most effective means.

Please take two minutes to complete this short survey so we can continue to provide with the highest level of member service. [CLICK HERE](#) to begin the survey.

Distance Learning

AIA Florida has recently partnered with RedVector, an independent commercial continuing education provider for licensed professionals. Our goal is to provide you with continuing education options, and ensure you have the means to acquire CE hours, on your own schedule. This is a great option if you need additional hours before the AIA National deadline of December 31st.



[CLICK HERE](#) for a menu of courses. We are offering a special discount for AIA Florida members.