



GINGERTOWN JUNCTION SETS NEW RECORDS

Now in its ninth year, we are overjoyed to announce that our annual charity event, [Gingertown](#), had another banner year. Gingertown builds were once again held in Washington, DC, Dallas and Nashville, with Atlanta joining for their inaugural build in 2014.

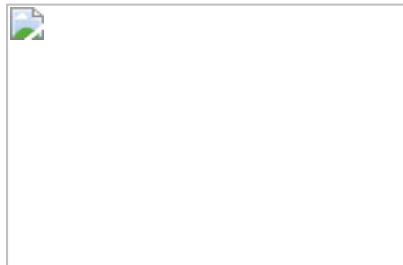


The 2014 theme - Gingertown Junction - was inspired by old mining, depot and cattle towns of the American West. Signature lots included the Double Bubble Depot, Cotton Candy County Courthouse, Jolly Rancher's Supply, Custard's Last Hat Stand, Tic Tac Saddle Maker, Rollodeo Arena, and the Payday Casino. Images from all of the builds are available on the [Gingertown Facebook page](#).

This year's DC build was hosted at [The Pennsylvania Building](#) thanks to the [Willco Companies](#). The building recently underwent a DMSAS-designed partial re-skin and interior renovation. Gingertown

sponsors DAVIS Construction and Hickok Cole Architects were also part of the project team.

With major thanks to our sponsors, including our returning National Sponsor Vectorworks, who provided aprons for the builds in all four cities, and our DC Santa Sponsors DAVIS Construction, Walter P. Moore and Page, we reached a new level of fundraising and our recipients couldn't be any more thankful for the continued support - if only you could be there to see their faces when we make the deliveries!



SUNDANCE SQUARE WINS AIA AWARD



[Sundance Square](#) was honored in the inaugural Urban Design Awards Program hosted by the

PROJECT UPDATES



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American Institute of Architects Washington, DC Chapter. The scope of winning projects for the award's first year ranged from modest open space plans in residential neighborhoods to town

center developments and large transit hubs. Sundance Square, which opened in November 2013, is the central piece of a decades-long redevelopment effort in downtown Fort Worth.

THE LATEST FROM PARCHMENT

In addition to our piece on the Alpharetta City Hall, we encourage you to check out the most recent postings on Parchment, the DMSAS blog. You'll discover travelogues from Isaac Bonilla's Seven-Year Travel Benefit [trip to the Iberian Peninsula](#) and Craig William's [journey to Verona](#) for MARMOMACC. We also feature an [interview with architectural photographer Steve Hall](#), who has photographed dozens of DMSAS projects in his tenure with Chicago-based Hedrich Blessing Photographers. We welcome your feedback and ideas for Parchment. Please feel free to reach out to us with a story idea or if you are interested in collaborating on a piece.

STAFF PARTICIPATES IN DCBIA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DAY



DMSAS was proud to sponsor and participate in [DCBIA's 22nd Annual Community Improvement Day](#) at the Dwight A. Mosley Sports Complex. Over a dozen DMSAS staff members were on hand Saturday, September 27 to help with the renovation of the community park. Our team focused its efforts on the installation of new playground

equipment, laying new mulch, beautifying the baseball dugouts and constructing custom-designed benches along the park's edge. DMSAS Staff Designer Mario Dominguez and Marketing Assistant Kyle Veater served on the design-committee overseeing the playground's transformation.

HOSS LEADS IAVM ARENA PANEL

This September at the International Association of Venue Managers Arena Manager Conference in Long Beach, CA, Principal Gregory Hoss led a panel called "The Premium Amenity: Upgrading Your Fan's Experience." Gregory was joined by Dave Brown of the American Airlines Center, Jay Lenhardt of CSL International, and Cory Shakarian of Legends. The session focused on trends related to seating, technology, food and beverage, and loyalty and marketing programs, and how these trends influence arena operators, promoters, tenants and designers. They also paid particular attention to how existing facilities can upgrade the fan experience to meet new fan demands.

WILLIAMS GRADUATES FROM STONE ACADEMY

This September, Principal Craig Williams spent a week in Verona, Italy attending this year's MARMOMACC Natural Stone Academy, Designing with Natural Stone, courtesy of AEC Daily. Throughout the week, the program mixed lectures on a wide variety of related topics with the various trips and exhibits. Topics ranged from



Alpharetta Cuts the Ribbon

On Monday, December 15, Directors Michael Swartz and Sean Nohelty traveled to Alpharetta, GA to celebrate the opening of the DMSAS-designed Alpharetta City Hall. Michael and Sean were present as Mayor David Belle Isle and members of City Council cut the ribbon on the steps of the new red brick building that will serve as the new gathering point for both civic and community activity in Alpharetta. For more coverage of the opening, including the Mayor's remarks, please see our [recent post on Parchment](#).



Steel Rises at CCMC

Construction on the Cook Children's Medical Center South Tower Expansion is progressing rapidly. Steel erection is well underway, and the multi-story precast panel skin system will start to go up in February. Bookmark the [construction camera](#) to watch this exciting process.



Gaillard Ceiling Revealed

Work progresses on the 270k sf Gaillard Center in Charleston, SC. Most notably, the scaffolding in the hall was finally removed this past month. As is customary with performing arts projects with architectural plaster ceilings, the rooms are essentially built from the top down and this is always a special reveal moment to see the hall in total after months of obscurity in a maze of scaffolding. Work is now progressing on interior finishes, including plaster, drywall, millwork, terrazzo, stone and paint in the hall and front of house lobby areas.



New Residential in Bethesda

DMSAS is working on the design of a new residential tower in downtown Bethesda. The building features



sourcing and specifying stone, to new production capabilities, to design ideas, to installation detailing, to maintenance, to sustainability. At the end of the week, Craig received a certificate recognizing him as a graduate of the Marmomacc Natural Stone Academy. For more on Craig's trip, including both stone and gastronomic delights, check out [his travelogue on Parchment](#).

FAMILY NEWS

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TEAM

David J Aybar joined the firm August 25. David has a Bachelor's degree in Architecture & Urban Planning from the University of Valladolid, Spain. Before his graduation, he spent over a year in South America as a Santander Bank grantee. First in Aracaju, Brazil, where he was exposed to a different approach to architecture by joining a University Construction Department. Next in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he worked for an architecture office and accomplished one of his childhood dreams: getting his own small airplane license. David is currently working on a new restaurant proposal for Guanahani Hotel, in the French Caribbean.

Casey Root joined DMSAS as the Assistant Office Manager on September 8. Casey holds a degree in Political Science, European History and the Holocaust from the University of Vermont. While much of his career has been in event planning and office management, Casey maintains an active interest in politics. If we were casting a movie of Casey's life, he says Richard Attenborough would play him. Casey was particularly inspired by his dream-big role in *Jurassic Park*.

Eric Kom joined DMSAS September 15 after graduating from the University of Miami with a Master of Architecture. Eric also holds a Bachelor in Architecture from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Master of Business Administration from Weber State University. Architecture is a second career for Eric, who served ten years in the United States Air Force. During his service, Eric was stationed in Texas, Japan, Johnston Atoll, Germany and Utah and was deployed to Iraq in 2004 and Afghanistan in 2008.

Mercedes Chaparro joined the firm October 6 after previously working at a small, five-person firm in Pittsburgh. Mercedes attended Carnegie Mellon University where she received a Bachelor of Architecture with a minor in Architectural History. In May of this year, Mercedes married fellow Carnegie Mellon alumnus Matt Eager, who studied Mechanical Engineering and later received his Masters from the University of Pittsburgh.

Nicole Hinkle joined DMSAS on October 13. Nicole holds a Bachelor in Studio Arts and History of Art and Architecture from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Architecture from the University of Maryland. Her thesis at Maryland focused on how architectural systems can learn from natural systems to work symbiotically with the world we inhabit. Nicole has loved and practiced art all her life and is excited about her upcoming show at DC-based coffee shop Baked and Wired scheduled for late March.

Josh Arcurio joined the firm on November 3 after nine years working under Maria de la Guardia, Teófilo Victoria, the first town architect of Seaside, FL, and Ernesto Buch, an Arthur Ross award winning architect, on projects that married the inherent beauty of Classical architecture with the climatic and cultural conditions of the Caribbean. Josh holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Miami. In the past four years, Josh has followed his wife Lindsay from Bloomington, IN, to Washington, D.C., while they have been chasing their daughters Colette (3 years) and Eloise (10 months).

approximately 200 units with 10k SF of office space and 4k SF of retail. The project is currently waiting for approval from the Montgomery County Planning Board of the Sketch Plan submission, the first phase of the county's zoning approval process, and hopes to proceed to a Site Plan submission early next year.



SD Commences on RCs

After a false start on Dec 10 due to airplane mechanical difficulties, DMSAS met with Hastings Architecture Associates (Architect of Record) in Nashville on Dec. 17 for our Schematic Design (SD) kick-off meeting for the first Residential College at the site of Barnard College at Vanderbilt University. As we start SD, DMSAS will be using Revit for plan development and coordination, while continuing the exterior elevation design in AutoCad.



Arena Bond Passes

On November 4, the citizens of Fort Worth overwhelming supported a bond to provide funding for a new 14,000-seat multipurpose arena in the city's Cultural District. The arena will be financed through both public funding, raised via events-based taxes, and private donations. It will have flexible seating to accommodate a wide range of event, from concerts and basketball games to hockey tournaments and equestrian and rodeo events. Design efforts will recommence in earnest in the new year, with completion targeted for 2019.



New Brownstones for Southlake

Construction started this week on the newest phase of the DMSAS-master planned Southlake Town Square, the Garden District Brownstones. This collection of nineteen, 3-



story homes overlook a half acre park along tree-lined streets tucked away from – but literally steps to- the heart of Town Square. More information on the homes, including purchasing information, can be found [here](#).

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We welcome your feedback and comments to our newsletter. Submissions can be sent to newsletter@dmsas.com for potential inclusion in our next edition!

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