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## William G, Hefner, FAIBD, NCBDC

March 8, 1935 to September 4, 2006

Born to Glen and Lydia Mae Hefner in Muskogee, Oklahoma on March 8, 1935, Bill was raised in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. He later married the love of his life, Mary Ann Smith, and moved to the Tulsa/Sapulpa area to raise their family of three children, Lisa, Beth Ann and Steven. Bill was a devoted family man who, along with Mary Ann, often gave safe refuge to underprivileged kids that had no where else to turn. Offering decent clothes, food and a roof over their head until permanent shelter could be procured, Bill proudly claimed many of these kids as his extended family.

So devoted to young people, Bill became a Board member and later the Chairman of the Youth Shelter of Creek County where a local park was dedicated in his name, The Bill Hefner United Way Park. Born with a beautiful singing voice, he founded a gospel group, "The Resurrection Singers". Bill was very active in his church, the First Christian Church of Kiefer, where he served as a board member for many years. There was no doubt about it, Bill Hefner loved his fellow man, his family and, above all, his God.

His professional life began by earning a teaching degree from Northwestern State College in Tahlequah, Oklahoma in 1957. Following an honorable discharge from the army in 1964 and a brief teaching career, Bill began designing homes in the northeastern areas of Oklahoma. He cultivated many professional ties and friendships during this time that would follow him through-

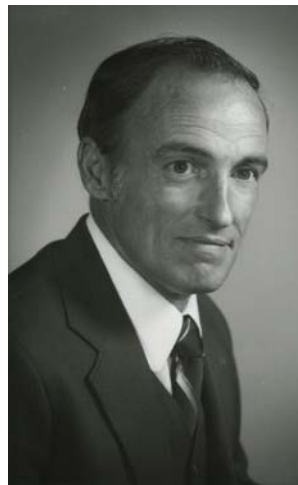
out the rest of his life.

However, it wasn't until the early 1980's that William Glenn Hefner discovered the American Institute of Building Design (AIBD) or should it be said that the American Institute of Building Design discovered him. Regardless of how it happened, this fledgling group of building designers would never be the same. Bill Hefner nearly single-handedly formed the Oklahoma Society, a state chapter under the national umbrella of the American Institute of Building Design. Before long, Bill was reaching out to his contemporaries in surrounding states helping them to form their own AIBD State Societies. Bill's efforts did not go unnoticed by the higher-ups and was quickly recruited to the National AIBD Executive Committee, where his passion and commitment for his profession led him from Central District Director, to Secretary/Treasurer, Internal Vice President and on to National President. Bill's accomplishments as an AIBD leader were extraordinary and led to an unprecedented three-

term presidency. Bill was awarded the first annual "W.D. Farmer Designer of the Year Award", recognizing his tireless efforts on behalf of the profession of building design and AIBD in 1995. Because of Bill efforts, after struggling for most of it's 40 years of existence, AIBD finally became a nationally recognized and respected organization representing the profession of building design across the entire United States.

Bill was the guiding force in the founding of the National Council of Building Designer (NCBDC). With it's humble beginnings in Bill's office in Sapulpa, OK, the council was created in response to

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# ANNUAL REPORT

Bob Juengert CPBD, AIBD, AIA, FISP  
NCBDC Administrator

The good ship NCBDC continues to follow a positive course. We have experienced meaningful growth thanks in no small part to Henry Souza CPBD, President of the State of Washington AIBD Society and George Deasy CPBD examiner for Washington State. We have certified forty new members from their Society. We have certified a total of sixty-three designers nationwide. We currently have one-hundred and three applications for examination pending and have forty-two members on our retired roster. Our total roster now totals five-hundred sixty-five. This represents approximately a thirteen percent growth for 2006. We have had two-hundred and fifty inquiries from our web site. This number represents a one hundred percent increase over last year. We have issued one hundred and seventy-five Study Guides, thirty electronically, which represents an increase of Twenty-two percent over last year.

The Council now offers an electronic seal for convenient inclusion on our electronically generated drawings. This seal is available at a cost of \$40.00. Just send us a check in that amount with a written request and this innovation is yours.

Mike Landry, CPBD charter member of AIBD in Louisiana was appointed by Governor Blanco last summer to sit on the Uniform Construction Code Council representing the profession of Building Design and AIBD in Louisiana.

We are in the process of firming up an alliance with the San

Francisco Institute of Architecture which offers excellent Continuing Education courses. The Institute has offered a one - half tuition for designers certified by our Council. Visit [www.sfia.net](http://www.sfia.net) for detailed information as to courses offered and tuition costs. When applying, mention your certification in order to halve the tuition costs.

We have retained the services of Harry Strout, computer consultant in order to improve the structure and maintenance of our data-base. Proper administration of this crucial program will cut down on errors in mailings and will result in improved efficiency in our operations. The single most challenging process in the administration of this Council is the tracking and continued service for a constantly moving target of certified designers and their contact information. The data-base has passed through several hands in the last eight years and needs streamlining and upgrading. AIBD has instituted a new management program which will be shared with our Council to help with this daunting task.

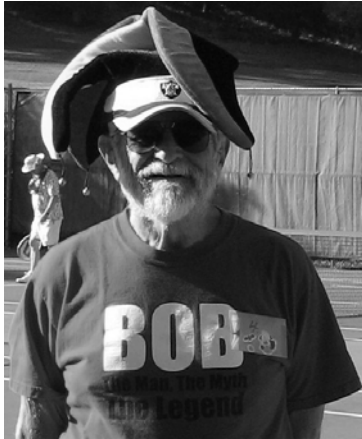
### Bill Hefner - Continued

the need for a single national certification body for administering the professional building designer certification exam. Bill realized before anyone else that certification should be available to all building designers, not just members of AIBD. He rationalized that more times than not these non-AIBD designers would come to realize the many benefits that AIBD offered and would later apply for membership, as they most certainly have. Headquartered now in Walnut Creek, CA, the NCBDC is

stronger than ever boasting over **500** certified in **39** states.

This organization has lost a real leader with the passing of Bill Hefner. The wonderful memories of Bill that we all share will be with us forever. His wit and humor drove home his point and made us feel better when things sometimes didn't go the way we thought they should. More importantly, the effects that he has made on AIBD will be felt for a long, long time. The challenges are, who will step-up to carry on his legacy? Who will stand-up for the beginners, the less fortunate building designers who do not possess the funds or the tools, initially, to compete in today's tough design industry? Bill always made the point that we are all building designers. Some of us are just a little more fortunate and blessed than others. Let us all work together for the common good of our organization and those that aspire to be our contemporaries.

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## CPBD News

Kathryn Joiner, AIBD and Karen Kassik, AIBD, have both recently been appointed to national advisory boards affiliated with the International Code Council and the National Association of Home Builders, respectively.

Kathryn Joiner was appointed to the ICC Region 6 Board. The board is comprised of the six New England states and New York with three reps from each state. Its purpose is to monitor code issues and provide regional assistance as needed. One goal is to place a candidate on the ICC National Board and promote code changes specific to the Northeast.

Kathryn is a Certified Professional Building Designer and owner of Revelwood Designs, a residential design firm established in 1993 and based in Lewiston, Maine. She has been a member of the American Institute of Building Design since 1994 and currently serves as president of the AIBD Massachusetts Society and as a member of the AIBD National Board of Directors.

In addition to over 19 years of experience in custom residential design, Kathryn has taught architectural design at Southern Maine Technical College and drafting at the University of Southern Maine. She is a member of the Maine Building Officials and Inspectors Association.

Karen Kassik, was appointed to the National Association of Home Builders' Design Committee. Her expertise will assist the committee in advancing and promoting good, cost effective design within the building industry, promoting public awareness of the importance of design, and increasing communication and interaction between designers and builders.

The Design Committee serves as the content oversight advisory group for the Best In American Living award competition, an annual program cosponsored with Professional Builder magazine that showcases excellence in design. In addition, the Design Education Subcom-

mittee works to organize and plan the 22 to 25 education programs sponsored by the Design Committee at the annual NAHB International Builders' Show.

Karen has accumulated 20 years of experience in the Residential Design field. She began with apprenticeships in the roof truss industry, and then escalated to the residential Design and Interior Decor arenas. She is a member of the American Institute of Building Design, a national association for Building Designers, and has qualified by examination for the designation of "Certified Professional Building Designer," awarded by the National Council of Building Designer Certification.

In 1987, Karen joined Lucia, Kassik & Monday, Inc., where she is now president and managing partner. She is currently responsible for company operations, sales, and customer services. The design talent and coordination that Karen brings to the firm has enabled LKM to become a leader in the Building Design Industry.

## NCBDC Certification Recognition

For many years now, the Building Designers certified by the NCBDC have been recognized by various governmental agencies, municipalities and private communities. In 2006 new opportunities were introduced in Mississippi and Texas.

Already accepted by the USDA for plans verification of loan form 1924-25 and by the City of Kansas City, MO for express plan review, the NCBDC has also been recognized by the City of Slidell, LA for construction drawings and by private communities the Woodlands Community outside of Houston, TX, PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, among others scattered throughout the United States.

Now, Certified Professional Building Designers are approved by Austin, TX as one of the design professionals qualified to provide volume calculations verifying compliance of

newly implemented zoning requirements. The NCBDC certification was also reported in 2006 by AIBD members to be recognized by Ridgeland, MS and Rollingwood, TX.

## Council History

Since 1950, the American Institute of Building Design (AIBD) has provided building designers with educational resources, and has developed nationwide design standards, as well as, a code of ethics for the building design profession. The NCBDC certification exam is the only test provided in America that addresses the areas of competency in residential design, construction methods, specifications, structure, building codes, business administration, electrical, mechanical, architectural history and ethics.

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## Why Renew?

The Council is tireless in its pursuit of recognition with local and state building authorities with regard to recognition of our certified designers. We have had positive results in communities such as Slidell, LA, Kansas City Mo, and HUD.

We have implemented a web site at [www.ncbdc.com](http://www.ncbdc.com). Our efforts are listed there and potential clients will find your contact information in the national directory.

Recently, in Florida, a potential client who was checking references online learned her designer was no longer certified. In a phone call she stated, "She would NOT do business with a practitioner who misrepresented himself."

You can help our efforts. Your voice is heard by contacting us through the web site or by attending our semi annual conferences - dates published online.

## Garrell Associates Wins Prestigious Platinum Best in American Living Award

Things could not have turned out better for Michael W. Garrell and James H. Klippel of *Garrell Associates, Inc.*, during the 2007 International Builder's Show in Orlando, Florida February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2007. The firm was honored by Professional Builder Magazine with the prestigious platinum BALA (Best in American Living Award) 4001 square foot and over for their "Tranquility" house design. And that is not all – *Garrell Associates, Inc.* also received four awards from Hanley Wood Publishing, the nation's largest publisher of construction related magazines. For the third year in a row, the firm won Best Selling Plan Overall (Lansdowne Place); Best Selling Plan E-Plans; Online Growth and Overall Growth Award. *Garrell Associates, Inc.* is a full service residential design firm located in Suwanee, Georgia. The company provides a full range of pre-designed house plans and complete custom design services.



### Study Materials Now Available Electronically

The NCBDC Exam study material, including the Structural Study Guide and the History of Architecture, has received a face-lift. Each guide is published in professionally printed three ring binders with section dividers. The study materials are available for \$45. In addition, all study material is available in electronic format. (PDF) The full guide is delivered via email for the reduced price of \$35.

### Why Copyright?

The copyright laws are being put to good use by several of our certified designers. We are told that the procedure of obtaining a copyright is as simple as filling out an application for a building permit. The filing fee is \$30.00 and the protection you get is very valuable. Several of our certified designers have realized thousands of dollars by threatening a lawsuit over copyright infringement. So check it out the reward can be significant. For a Copyright Manual or a notification stamp that can help protect your rights, contact the AIBD at 1-800-366-AIBD (2423).

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