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## Roger and Ruth Anderson Architecture Center

To insure that the Roger and Ruth Anderson Architecture Center meets the expectations of the community, an interest survey was prepared, based on a recent similar study by the Chicago Architecture Foundation. This survey was distributed in May, 2007 as in insert to the Historical Society Newsletter and village-wide via an insert in *The Hinsdalean* newspaper. Results from sixty respondents revealed that local architecture held the primary interest level (83%), followed by historic preservation (69%) and landscape architecture (67%). Program interest was highest in walking or driving tours (84%), followed by advocacy for community building projects (73%) and preservation assistance and resources (73%). We will use this information to tailor our future community programming. Thanks to all who participated!

Advisory Board members continue to work on space planning for the Center, to be located at the renovated Immanuel Hall. Led by Immanuel Hall's rehab architect, Charlie Pipal, and the Anderson Center's Advisory Board member and architect, Richard Olsen, we're creating an architecturally interesting, "green" (environmentally friendly), dynamic space that's most exciting to watch take shape.

Board representatives have also met with teachers from Hinsdale Central as well as several grade school Art Volunteer in the Classroom (AVIC) moms to determine how the Center could augment their curriculums. With their assistance, we will develop and/or distribute one architecture program for each primary grade level at every school in the community. Topics range from *The Geometric Shapes of Frank Lloyd Wright* to *Prairie-Style Architecture* to *Construction after the Chicago Fire*. These programs will reach every grade school child every year!

If anyone would like to get involved with the Roger and Ruth Anderson Architecture Center to help us increase awareness and interest in architecture, please contact Sandy Williams at 325-7485 or email us at [info@hinsdalehistory.org](mailto:info@hinsdalehistory.org). Thank you!

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