

Dear ACS member,

We are happy to inform you that the ***Inaugural Architecture, Culture and Spirituality Symposium will take place March 24 – 26, 2009 at the Mt. Angel Abbey Retreat House near Salem, Oregon*** ( <http://www.mountangelabbey.org/retreat-house/index.html> ).

The symposium dates were chosen to precede the ACSA Annual Meeting in Portland Oregon – the monastery for its contemplative setting and architecture (which includes a library designed by Alvar Aalto). The planning committee includes Thomas Barrie, Julio Bermudez, Anat Geva, Rebecca Krinkle, Phillip Taub and Randy Teal.

This meeting offers the opportunity for the ACS community to share, discuss, and explore practices, pedagogies, and studies within the multifarious subject areas of architecture, culture and spirituality. We envision that the intimate size of this gathering (20 – 30 participants) will result in focused, engaging, and joyful discussions in an environment conducive to inspiring communication, learning and insight.

In July the committee plans to issue a Symposium Description and Call for Participation open to our membership (and beyond). The ACS Symposium Planning Committee thanks ACS members who responded to the Call for Proposals with ideas and other inputs.

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(ACS Symposium Planning Committee members)