Course Title: Building Your Dream House – An Overview

Instructor: John Donaghey, AIA-E.

Course Description:
Explore the design and construction of your dream house with Architect Emeritus John Donaghey, AIA-E. You may elect to produce preliminary floor plan sketches as the class progresses. Topics covered will include: site considerations, defining your activity spaces, design and cost parameters, design elements and building codes. You will receive original drawings in supplementary handouts, assistance with your designs, Q & A time and a demonstration of the heliodon. This course previews the sixteen-hour Spring course, which goes into more detail.

Hours: 8

Course Objectives:
1. An understanding of the design and construction of your own dream house
2. To equip students for their future design and construction dream house projects

Student Expectations:
Students will explore the major steps in any custom home design and construction, and can gain insight into the workings of the design and construction processes.

Textbook(s):
Building Your Dream House: Architect’s Notes; Author/Publisher/Instructor: John Donaghey, AIA-E - $18.85 retail + tax; or $10.50 in class (at cost)

Lesson Plan
Session 1: Introductions; site considerations; Q & A time
Session 2: Defining your activity spaces (programming); Q & A time
Session 3: Design and cost parameters; Q & A time
Session 4: Design elements and building codes; Q & A time

Course Sessions: listed are a guideline to indicate all topics that will be covered during your course. Do not plan your personal calendar based on these sessions. Your instructor will give you a calendar for your class that will indicate specific topics, assignments, and days.

Method of Evaluation: Unless otherwise stated, course completion is evaluated on the basis of attendance. Students must be in attendance 90% of the class time in order to be considered a successful completer of the course.

Students must be in attendance 90% of each course in a certificate series for successful completion and to earn a certificate as specified.

Students must complete all courses (core and no. of elective courses needed) to complete a certificate series within two years from start date of the first course taken.

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