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Julie was Invited to Design and Make a Christmas Tree Ornament

It is to be auctioned off for this years *Luxe Interiors + Design* magazine's holiday *Ornament Ball & Auction* with proceeds going to support the Internship Scholarship program at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. The ornament is a house as piggy bank. The rows of roof shingles repeat the words, "feed me" and the bottom of the ornament has a cork and the words "money pit."

We Have recently completed a house on the Lake in Evanston, Illinois

The interior furnishings were done by JamesThomas: Environments for Living



We Recently Completed a Downtown Duplex Apartment in Chicago

The interior furnishings were done by Michael Abrams Designs



We Recently Completed Our First Commercial Project in 25 Years

The project was done for a past residential client and included corporate offices, a “call center” for an online retail business, and a display and sales show room.



Recent Lectures

On Adding On: Incremental Architecture

Last month the lecture that Stuart and Julie made on building additions for the American Institute of Architects’ Custom Residential Conference in Santa Fe last August was broadcast as a continuing education webinar. It was attended by over 100 people nationwide. Among the comments in an online survey of those attending were, “Love listening to the team of Cohen & Hacker,” and “Great topic, though one that’s often overlooked.” Their lecture is available on YOUTUBE. Search the title “On Adding On: Incremental Architecture.” (Below are a few of the introductory slides)



Architects destroy Soldier Field, Chicago



Aliens destroy the White House, Washington, DC

Intended or not, every addition renders a judgment of the building to which it is added



Dresden Museum of Military History. Daniel Liebeskind, architect

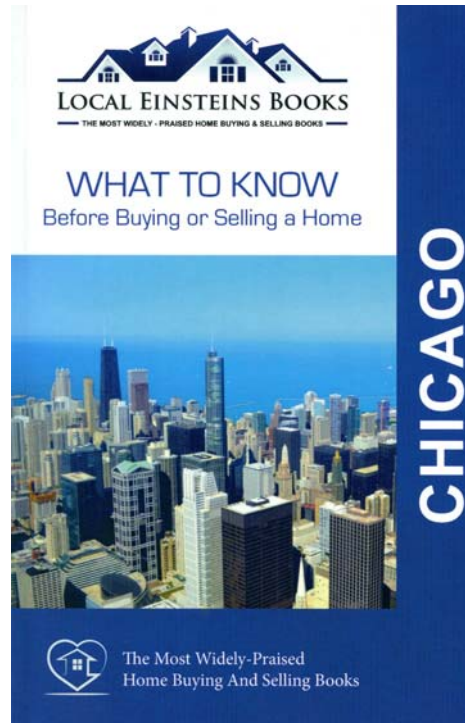


"La Chien Andalou." Luis Bunuel, filmmaker

Like a doctor, the architect should pledge to "first do no harm."

What to Know

Stuart and Julie were asked to contribute a chapter to a just published real estate consumer book, *What to Know Before Buying or Selling a Home: Chicago*.



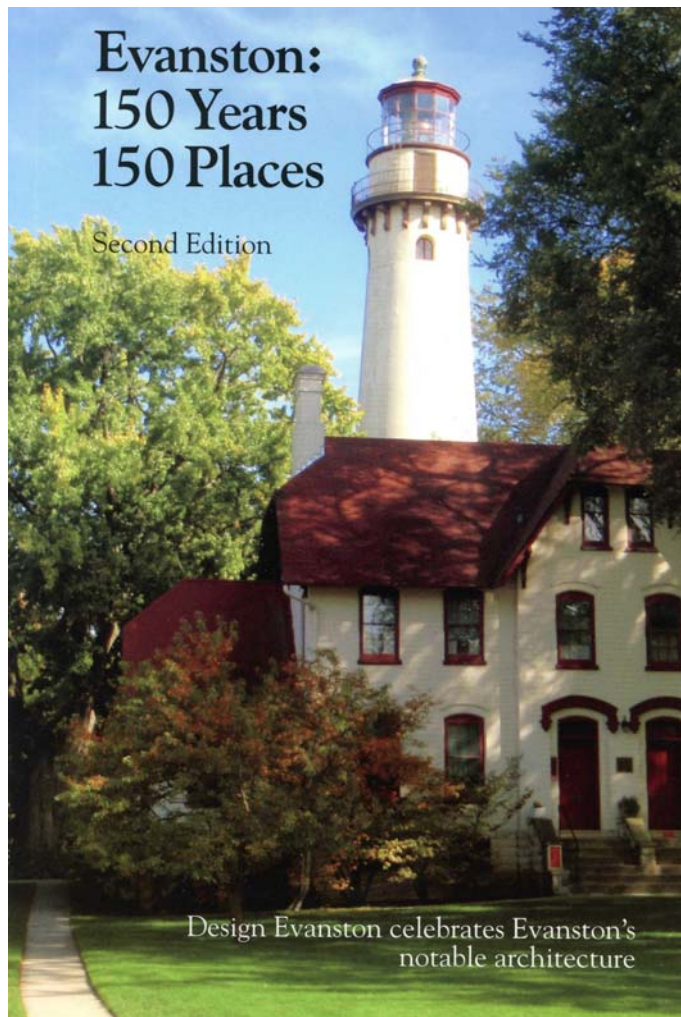
Houses for All Regions

A house designed by Stuart and Julie with their senior associate Garry Shumaker and completed in 2012 has been selected for inclusion in a forthcoming publication sponsored by the American Institute of Architects. The book will be titled *Houses for all Regions: CRAN Residential Collection*. The house was selected from work submitted from around the country



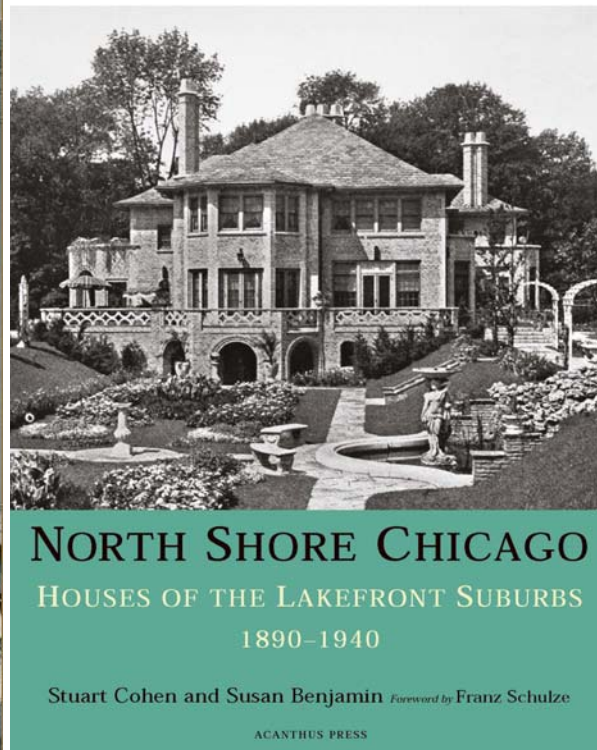
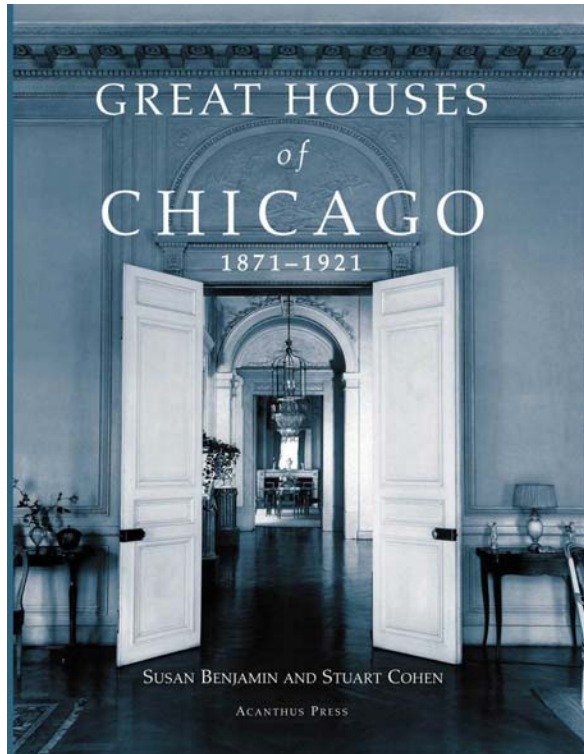
Design Evanston Guide

In celebration of the city of Evanston, Illinois 150th year anniversary, Design Evanston, a not for profit organization published, *Evanston: 150 Years 150 Places*. The book co-authored by Stuart along with four other Design Evanston members, features a selection of 150 historic and contemporary buildings, parks, and gardens by many of Chicago's most famous architects. Including maps, this book is the first guide book to the suburb Daniel Burnham called "the most beautiful in the world." The book is available on line from deisgnevanston.org or from Amazon



Chicago's Historic Houses

In November Stuart was invited to participate in an author book signing event at the recently opened gift shop at the Richard H. Driehaus Museum, Chicago. He signed copies of the two books on Chicago's historic houses, *Great Houses of Chicago* and *North Shore Chicago: Houses of the Lakefront Suburbs*, co-authored with Susan Benjamin. Both books are available online from Acanthus Press or Amazon and make great holiday gifts for anyone interested in Chicago's historic houses, or Chicago's social history. (See images below)



Other Things We've Been Doing

Among the other things we've been doing: Julie just completed her third year as a mentor for young architects as a part of a program run by the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Julie and Stuart participated for their fifth year in a program for K through 6th grade students organized by the Glencoe, Illinois public schools. They spoke to Kindergarten students about architecture and what architects do.

Seasons Greeting to All Our Friends

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