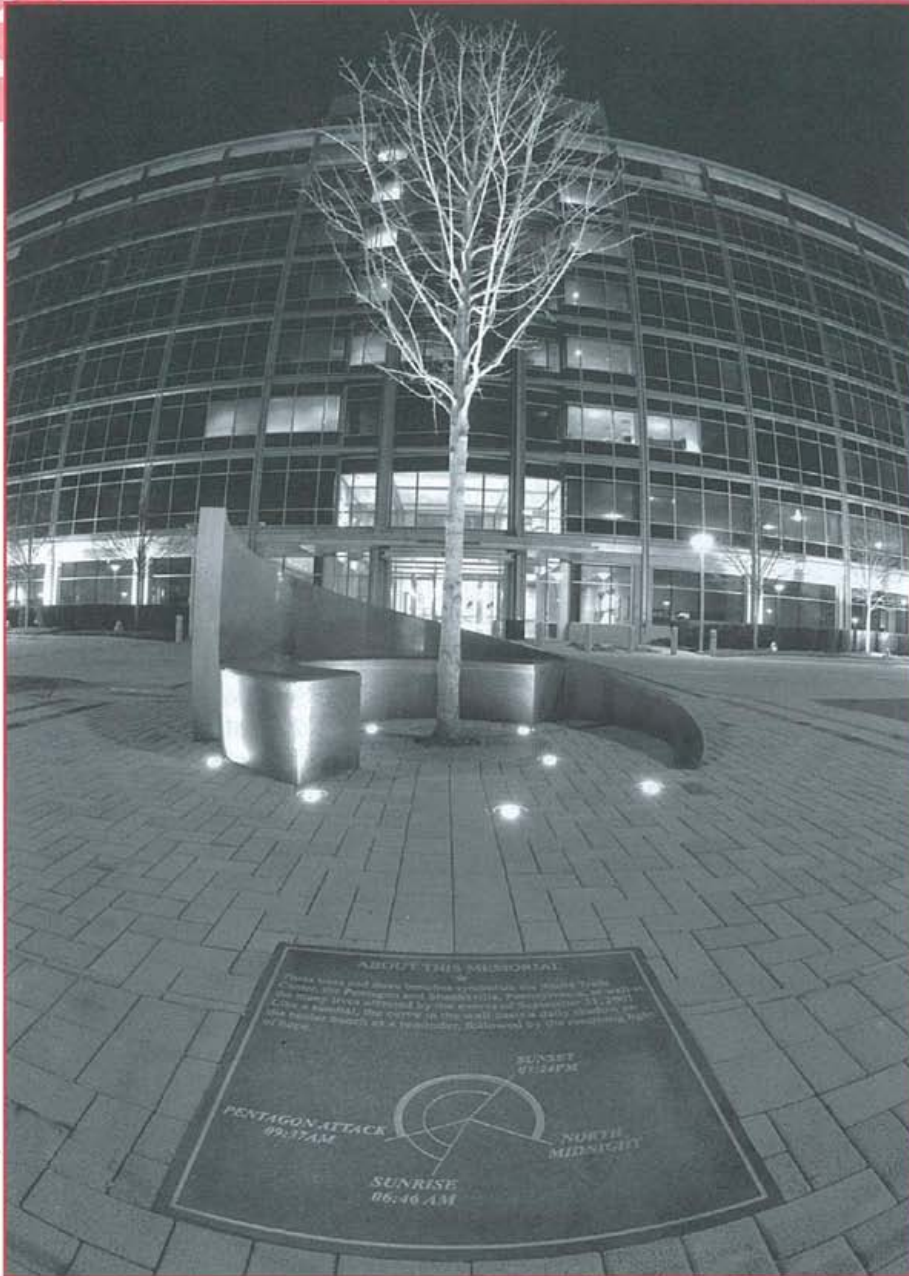


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## Hickok Cole Pays Tribute to 9-11



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Hello everybody and I hope you're living one of my favorite fantasies, which is taking the entire month of August off and going somewhere fabulous. Unfortunately this concept remains a fantasy for me so let's go to the News. August and September brings thoughts of going back to school and education, which just happens to be our theme for the month.

I was looking for a shot of a beautifully designed school for the cover but in this month's pile, I found a jaw dropping image of a 9/11 memorial (with an educational component) designed by the talented folks at Hickok Cole. Our affiliate of the month is the International Masonry Institute, a well-known educator of crafts people and architects. AIA|DC Education Czar Sarah Smith answers some timely questions about Learning Units and Bowa Builders provides some education on a rebate program for green building in Vendor News.

One of my favorite aspects of working with the design community is, well, looking at the pictures. Last month, photographer Boris Feldblyum sent me some pictures he liked. I couldn't figure out what to do with them but it gave me an idea. I asked him to pick one of his favorite shots and write a short piece on why he likes it. It's rather educational and I'm now inviting all the other shooters out there to send me one image that looks good in black and white and tell me what you like about it.

If you didn't make it down to DesignDC, you missed a good one. The new digs at the Convention Center provided a setting that kept everybody engaged and enlivened. As always, the Calendar and Member News has been updated; we're also enclosing a wrap-up of the Unbuilt Design Awards. Keep in mind that we don't publish in September, even though Architecture Week will be in full swing. See you in October.



Scott Sowers



## ABOUT THE COVER

Eight years after the September 11, 2001 attack that crippled Washington, DC, large corporations who lost employees have made a pledge to remember the fallen. At the entrance plaza of the Northrop Grumman Information Technology headquarters in McLean, Virginia, Hickok Cole Architect's monument to employee Julian Cooper and the attack on the Pentagon quietly symbolizes a company that remembers.

At Hickok Cole Architects, the emotional design process started with a collaborative firm-wide charette competition. The project prompted young architects to contemplate the endurance of public memorials and consider the impact of their piece in 50 years. This final design ultimately included a hybrid of their two designs: a polished black granite memorial wall dedicated to the September 11th victims and a configuration of three circular granite benches and trees symbolizing the three September 11th sites. The memorial operates as a time-stamp, interacting with the sun on September 11th, marking the moment of the Pentagon attack as the sun rises and falls that day.

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