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Rural Design: A New Design Discipline
January 19 – March 10, 2013
HGA Gallery, Minneapolis Campus
Rural Design lecture and book signing, February 4, 6pm, 100 Rapson Hall

Guest Curator and Author: Dewey Thorbeck

The exhibition Rural Design: A New Design Discipline will introduce visitors to rural design and its crucial future role in ameliorating the impact of pressing global issues (population increase, climate change, and limited energy, food, and water resources) on quality of life for rural areas world-wide. In a stimulating visual format, rural design is presented as a discipline that provides a problem-solving process for shaping the future of rural areas and improving quality of life for both rural and urban populations.

The exhibition will provide photographic examples of agrarian landscapes around the world that are endangered, and will reveal the problem-solving potential of rural design by answering three questions:

- What is rural design?
- Why is it important?
- What can rural design do?

Exhibition curator Dewey Thorbeck is Founder and Director of the University of Minnesota’s Center for Rural Design. An internationally-known expert in rural design, Thorbeck’s recently-published book Rural Design: A New Design Discipline and the exhibition together introduce this emerging discipline to students, academics, rural community members, and design professionals.

Funding for the exhibition is provided by Rapson Hall Exhibitions Fund with support from Judy Dayton, Goldstein Museum of Design, and the College of Design.
General Information
The Goldstein Museum of Design (GMD), part of the University of Minnesota’s College of Design, supports teaching and research in design through exhibitions, publications, programs, and community partnerships. GMD celebrates diverse cultures through its collections and programs by promoting the appreciation and interpretation of design within social, cultural, aesthetic, and historic contexts.

Visitor Info
HGA Gallery is in the lobby of Rapson Hall, 89 Church, Minneapolis, MN  55455.

HGA Gallery Hours
Monday- Friday 9:00am-6:00pm
Saturday 1:00pm-5:00pm
Closed all University holidays

Admission and Parking
Gallery admission is free. Parking is available in the Church Street Ramp at 80 Church Street SE at a rate of $3.00 per hour up to a daily maximum of $12.00 (except for special events). The Ramp and Rapson Hall are both handicapped accessible.

Public Transit
For bus information, call (612)373-3333.

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