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Take a Walk in the “Dean of Architectural Preservation’s” Shoes Architecture Tour-The Legacy of Samuel Wilson, Jr.

New Orleans, La. (May 12, 2012) AIA New Orleans Architectural Tour Series explores New Orleans as Samuel Wilson, Jr. did decades ago with *Sam Wilson Preservation Walks*, a walking tour which will trace Wilsons’ steps along Bayou St. John. The tour will begin and end at the famed Pitot House, currently the only Creole colonial country house open to the public in the city, and home of the Landmark Society, which Wilson was founding president of in 1950. The tour will last approximately 2 hours, beginning at 2:00 pm with registration opening at 1:45 pm, and conclude with a complimentary wine reception on the grounds of the Pitot House.



Sam Wilson, Jr., directly impacted the New Orleans cityscape through his architectural practice, teachings and advocacy. Often referred to as the “Dean of Architectural Preservation,” Wilson believed in revitalizing historic buildings through adaptive reuse working with notable New Orleans architects such as Moise Goldenstein, Nathaniel Curtis, Sr., and Richard Koch. *Sam Wilson Preservation Walks* will take you on a first-hand look at Bayou St. John as Wilson saw it, and discuss the direct affect his practices had along the bayou.

The Pitot House is located at 1440 Moss Str. Registration is offered to the public for \$35.00, with discounts for AIA New Orleans and New Orleans CVB members. Advanced registration is *highly* encouraged due to limited space, and on-site registration will be offered (if space is available) beginning at 1:45 pm.

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To register or learn more about the AIA New Orleans' monthly Architecture Tour series,
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