

## National Building Museum Past Exhibitions

*In chronological order by opening date*

1985:

- Anatomy of a Bridge: Seven Steps in Constructing the Brooklyn Bridge (*October 1985 – May 1986*)
- Building a National Image: Architectural Drawings for the American Democracy, 1789-1912 (*October 1985 – February 1986*)
- America's Master Metalworker: Samuel B. Yellin, 1885-1940 (*October 1985 – July 1987*)
- An Architectural Wonder: The U.S. Pension Building (*October 1985 – July 1987*)

1986:

- Built for the People of the United States of America: Fifty Years of TVA Architecture (*March 1986 – September 1986*)
- Ornamental Architecture Reborn: A New Terra Cotta Vocabulary (*June 1986 – November 1986*)
- Good Design in the Community: Columbus, Indiana (*October 1986 – January 1987*)
- American Decorative Window Glass, 1860-1890: The Home as a Heaven Below (*December 1986 – July 1987*)

1987:

- Hugh Ferriss: Metropolis (*February 1987 – May 1987*)
- Twenty Years of Restoration in Venice, 1966-1986 (*October 1987 – January 1988*)
- Liberty: The French-American Statue in Art and History (*November 1987 – February 1988*)

1988:

- Sheet Metal Craftsmanship: Progress in Building (*January 1988 – October 1988*)
- James Wilson Rouse: Urban Visionary (*March 1988 – November 1988*)
- The Old Pension Building (*June 1988 – February 1990*)
- Thomas Tefft: American Architecture in Transition, 1845-1860 (*August 1988 – October 1988*)
- Best Addresses: A Century of Washington's Distinguished Apartment Houses (*September 1988 – April 1989*)
- Viollet-le-Duc: Architect, Artist, Master of Historic Preservation (*October 1988 – December 1988*)
- Documenting Our Heritage: The Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record, 1988 Projects (*December 1988 – February 1989*)

1989:

- Samuel Yellin (*March 1989 – July 1989*)

- In Pursuit of Excellence: The Federal Judiciary Office Building Competition (*March 1989 - August 1989*)
- The Experimental Tradition: Twenty-Five Years of American Architectural Competitions, 1960-1985 (*April 1989 - July 1989*)
- Displays of Three Design Competitions for Memorials to be Built in Washington, D.C.: Korean War Veterans Memorial, National Peace Garden, and Women in Military Service for America Memorial (*May 1989 - January 1990*)
- Tools as Art: The Hechinger Collection (*September 1989 - March 1990*)
- The Making of a Monument: The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Part I (*October 1989 - February 1990*)
- Architecture in Academia: An Exhibition of Student Work (*November 1989 - March 1990*)
- For the Record: How the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record Documents America's Heritage (*December 1989 - February 1990*)

1990:

- Engineering Excellence Awards Competition (*March 1990 - April 1990*)
- Competitions x 3 (traveling version of the memorial design exhibition) (*March 1990 - February 1991*)
- Building by Design: Architecture at IBM (*March 1990 - October 1990*)
- The Making of a Monument: The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Part II (*May 1990 - September 1990*)
- Four Washington Banks (*May 1990 - September 1990*)
- Money Matters: A Critical Look at Bank Architecture (*May 1990 - September 1990*)
- To Build a Bridge (Reinstallation of "Anatomy of a Bridge") (*September 1990 - December 1993*)
- Give Us Your Best: An Exhibition of Washington Architects' Work (*October 1990 - December 1990*)
- The Blue Ridge Parkway (*October 1990 - August 1991*)
- Windows Through Time: American Windows From the 1630s to the 1930s (*November 1990 - July 1991*)
- Heritage to Build/Heritage to Keep: 1990 General Services Administration Design Awards (*November 1990 - August 1991*)
- Yale University School of Architecture Design Studios (*December 1990 - January 1991*)

1991:

- Architects in the Making: Visions and Reality (*January 1991 - February 1991*)
- Ideal Places: Rockefeller Visions for America (*March 1991 - September 1991*)
- Mondo Materialis (*April 1991 - September 1991*)
- Washington: Symbol and City (v.1) (*June 1991 - September 3, 2001*)
- Building a Landmark: The National Building Museum's Historic Home (*Fall 1991 - September 3, 2001*)
- Urban Land Institute Awards for Excellence (*November 1991 - March 1992*)
- Held in Common: Historic Architecture in America's National Parks (*December 1991 - February 1992*)

1992:

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- Architects in the Making: Perspectives From Four Schools (*April 1992 – May 1992*)
- Making it Work: Pittsburgh Defines a City (*April 1992 – September 1992*)
- Interface Berlin: Images of a City (*May 1992 – July 1992*)
- Choosing Futures: Planning America's Communities (*May 1992 – August 1992*)
- Visions/Revisions: The Second DC/AIA Biennial Exhibition (*October 1992 – January 1993*)
- From Mars to Main Street: America Designs, 1965-1990 (*November 1992 – February 1994*)

1993:

- Women of Design (*January 1993 – May 1993*)
- The Art of Architecture: The Pritzker Architecture Prize (*March 1993 – April 1993*)
- Architects in the Making: Perspectives From Four Schools (*May 1993 – June 1993*)
- La Casa de Todos Nosotros (A House For Us All) (*July 1993 – January 1994*)

1994:

- Barn Again! (*March 12, 1994 – September 11, 1994*)
- The Art of Building in North Carolina (*May 10, 1994 – November 13, 1994*)
- Saudi Arabian Art and Sport Architecture (*June 18, 1994 – July 4, 1994*)
- Visions of Home: Architects' Explorations of Dwelling and Community (*October 6, 1994 – March 26, 1995*)
- World War II and the American Dream: How Wartime Building Changed a Nation (*November 11, 1994 – December 31, 1995*)
- Making It in the Birmingham District (*December 15, 1994 – June 4, 1995*)

1995:

- Building a Federal Legacy: The 1994 General Services Administration Design Awards (*March 10, 1995 – April 9, 1995*)
- Ticket to Paradise (*May 4, 1995 – October 15, 1995*)
- Fragile Dwelling: Photographs of Homeless Communities by Margaret Morton (*June 15, 1995 – November 8, 1995*)
- The Dome: Symbol of American Democracy (*October 20, 1995 – April 14, 1996*)
- "We Will Be Back": Oklahoma City Rebuilds (*November 17, 1995 – May 5, 1996*)
- Chairmania (*November 20, 1995 – January 14, 1996*)

1996:

- The New American Ghetto: Photographs by Camilo José Vergara (*January 26, 1996 – May 5, 1996*)
- A Recent View of Architecture: Photographs by Paul Warchol (*February 16, 1996 – April 14, 1996*)
- Building the Ballyhoo: Architectural Photography by the Wurts Brothers Company (*February 16, 1996 – August 18, 1996*)
- Between Fences (*May 31, 1996 – January 5, 1997*)
- Three Buildings by Frank Lloyd Wright: American Spirit Alive in Japan (*June 21, 1996 – February 18, 1997*)

- The Pull of Beauty (*June 27, 1996 – August 11, 1996*)
- Architectural Watercolors by Laretta Vinciarelli (*September 13, 1996 – November 10, 1996*)
- An American Embassy in Berlin (*November 1996 - March 1997*)
- "Go Out Into the Street": Views of the City from the Washington Print Club (*November 21, 1996 – March 9, 1997*)

1997:

- CityVision: Student Projects from the National Building Museum (*February 28, 1997 – March 20, 1997*)
- The Man Who Built Washington: John McShain and the American Construction Industry (*February 14, 1997 – April 20, 1997*)
- Views of Washington: Perspective Drawings by Mori Shizume (*February 14, 1997 – May 1997*)
- Building for the People of the United States of America: The GSA 1996 Design Awards (*March 20, 1997 – May 4, 1997*)
- Tools as Art II: Exploring Metaphor (*April 11, 1997 – September 28, 1997*)
- Capital Visions: Architects Revisit L'Enfant, New Plans for the Millennium (*May 1, 1997 – October 26, 1997*)
- Main Street Five-and-Dimes: The Architectural Heritage of the S. H. Kress & Co. Stores (*May 9, 1997 – March 15, 1998*)
- Lying Lightly on the Land: Building America's National Park Roads and Parkways (*June 6, 1997 – January 11, 1998*)
- Sheltered by Design (*June 20, 1997 – January 1998*)
- Tools as Art III: All Saws (*October 31, 1997 – April 19, 1998*)
- Planning Washington's Monumental Core: L'Enfant to Legacy (*November 24, 1997 – June 30, 1998*)
- Civics Lessons: Recent New York Public Architecture (*December 5, 1997 – May 11, 1998*)

1998:

- Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer (*February 26, 1998 – November 8, 1998*)
- Completing the Federal Triangle: The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center (*April 19, 1998 – September 27, 1998*)
- Building Culture Downtown: New Ways of Revitalizing the American City (*May 2, 1998 – January 3, 1999*)
- The Business of Innovation: Bechtel's First Century (*June 5, 1998 – January 4, 1999*)
- Tools as Art IV: Material Illusions (*June 26, 1998 – May 16, 1999*)
- City Satire: The Cartoons of Roger K. Lewis (*October 15, 1998 – February 28, 1999*)
- Main Street Five-and-Dimes: The Architectural Legacy of the S. H. Kress & Co. Stores (traveling exhibition; on view at Museum between venues) (*November 1998 – Winter 2001*)
- Forgotten Gateway: The Abandoned Buildings of Ellis Island (*November 12, 1998 – May 2, 1999*)
- El Nuevo Mundo: The Landscape of Latino Los Angeles (*December 3, 1998 – March 28, 1999*)

1999:

- Hugh Newell Jacobsen, Architect: A Retrospective (*January 30, 1999 – August 15, 1999*)
- Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer (traveling exhibition) (*February 1999 – December 2001*)
- Personal Edens: The Gardens and Film Sets of Florence Yoch (*February 12, 1999 – April 4, 1999*)
- An Urban Experiment in Central Berlin: Planning Potsdamer Platz (*March 24, 1999 – September 19, 1999*)
- Continuing the Legacy: The 1998 GSA Design Awards (*March 25, 1999 – September 5, 1999*)
- Where Do We Go From Here: Smart Growth and Choices for Change (*April 20, 1999 – September 7, 1999*)
- Stay Cool! Air Conditioning America (*May 1, 1999 – January 2, 2000*)
- Titanium! (*May 20, 1999 – July 18, 1999*)
- Visions for a New Century: Washington Architects Share Their Visions for the First Century of the New Millennium (*June 11, 1999 – October 3, 1999*)
- Tools as Art V: Fantasy at Work (*June 30, 1999 – January 9, 2000*)
- Investigating Where We Live (*August 1, 1999 – September 1, 1999*)
- The Corner Store (*September 23, 1999 – August 6, 2000*)
- Reimagining the Suburbs: Smart Growth and Choices for Change (*October 22, 1999 – March 26, 2000*)
- See the U.S.A.: Automobile Travel and the American Landscape (*November 19, 1999 – July 9, 2000*)

2000:

- Scale: The Architectural League's Young Architects Forum 1999 (*January 14, 2000 – April 16, 2000*)
- Frank Lloyd Wright: Windows of the Darwin D. Martin House (*February 17, 2000 – August 20, 2000*)
- The White House in Miniature (*March 29, 2000 – September 17, 2000*)
- Reinvigorating Cities: Smart Growth and Choices for Change (*April 19, 2000 – September 6, 2000*)
- Nature Constructed/Nature Revealed: Eco-Revelatory Design (*April 27, 2000 – October 22, 2000*)
- Investigating Where We Live (*August 1, 2000 – September 1, 2000*)
- WOOD: An American Tradition (*September 9, 2000 – April 22, 2001*)
- Tools as Art VI: Instruments of Change (*September 16, 2000 – February 9, 2004*)
- Metropolitan Perspectives: Smart Growth and Choices for Change (*October 11, 2000 – March 4, 2001*)
- Drawing for the Future: Design Drawings for the 1939 New York World's Fair (*October 13, 2000 – January 14, 2001*)
- Monuments, Mills, and Missile Sites: Thirty Years of the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) (*October 26, 2000 – May 20, 2001*)
- On the Job: Design and the American Office (*November 18, 2000 – August 19, 2001*)
- Ten Shades of Green (*December 2, 2000 – February 14, 2001*)

2001:

- The Architecture of Reassurance: Designing Disney Theme Parks (*March 17, 2001 – August 5, 2001*)
- Federal Design Now! The 2000 GSA Design Awards (*March 29, 2001 – July 8, 2001*)
- The Architecture of R.M. Schindler (*June 29, 2001 – October 14, 2001*)
- Creative Works in the City (*June 7, 2001 – July 4, 2001*)

- From Arts and Crafts to Modern Design: The Architecture of William L. Price (*August 18, 2001 – March 24, 2002*)
- Cesar Pelli: Connections (*September 12, 2001 – April 28, 2002*)
- Monuments and Memory: Washington D.C. Architects Explore the Language of Monuments (*September 29, 2001 – February 3, 2002*)
- A Genius for Place: American Landscapes of the Country Place Era (*October 6, 2001 – February 18, 2002*)
- Twin Towers Remembered: Photographs by Camilo José Vergara (*November 10, 2001 – March 10, 2002*)

2002:

- On Track: Transit and the American City (*January 26, 2002 – October 29, 2002*)
- Modeled Space/Space Modeled (*January 31, 2002 – March 31, 2002*)
- A New World Trade Center: Design Proposals (*April 6, 2002 – June 10, 2002*)
- Windows on Work: Building America from the Collections of the Washington Print Club (*April 17, 2002 – August 11, 2002*)
- The Turner City Collection: Rendering a Century of Building (*May 4, 2002 – November 3, 2002*)
- Windshield: Richard Neutra's House for the John Nicholas Brown Family (*May 25, 2002 – August 18, 2002*)
- Building America (online exhibition) (*June 14, 2002 – April 30, 2008*)
- Creative Works in the City (*June 6, 2002 – July 7, 2002*)
- Zaha Hadid Laboratory (*August 17, 2002 – November 17, 2002*)
- Me, Myself and Infrastructure: Private Lives and Public Works in America (*October 4, 2002 – February 16, 2003*)
- Do It Yourself: Home Improvement in 20th-Century America (*October 17, 2002 – August 10, 2003*)
- Pentagon Memorial Competition – Stage One Entry Display (*October 30, 2002 – November 9, 2002*)

2003:

- Big & Green: Toward Sustainable Architecture in the 21st Century (*January 17, 2003 – June 22, 2003*)
- Saving Mount Vernon: The Birth of Preservation in America (*February 15, 2003 – September 21, 2003*)
- Of Our Time: 2002 GSA Design Awards (*March 27, 2003 – October 19, 2003*)
- Picture This: Windows on the American Home (*March 29, 2003 – August 11, 2003*)
- Building Images: Seventy Years of Photography at Hedrich Blessing (*April 30, 2003 – July 27, 2003*)
- Kids View of the City (*May 6, 2003 – July 6, 2003*)
- Up, Down, Across: Elevators, Escalators, and Moving Sidewalks (*September 12, 2003 – April 18, 2004*)
- Masonry Variations (*October 18, 2003 – April 4, 2004*)
- Rowhouse Redux: Washington Architects Renew City Living (*November 14, 2003 – January 18, 2004*)
- Stories of Home: Photographs by Bill Bamberger (*December 4, 2003 – March 7, 2004*)

2004:

- D.C. Builds: The Anacostia Waterfront (*January 17, 2004 – June 6, 2004*)

- Symphony in Steel: Ironworkers and the Walt Disney Concert Hall (*January 31, 2004 – November 28, 2004*)
- Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset (*February 28, 2004 – August 8, 2004*)
- Envisioning Architecture: Drawings from The Museum of Modern Art, New York (*March 20, 2004 – June 20, 2004*)
- Kids' View of the City (*May 21, 2004 – August 1, 2004*)
- Samuel Mockbee and the Rural Studio: Community Architecture (*May 22, 2004 – September 6, 2004*)
- Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete (*June 19, 2004 – January 29, 2006*)
- Investigating Where We Live (*August 13, 2004 – October 10, 2004*)
- Washington: Symbol and City (v. 2) (*October 9, 2004 – Long-term*)
- Five Friends from Japan: Children in Japan Today (*November 4, 2004 – February 13, 2005*)
- Origami as Architecture (*November 6, 2004 – April 10, 2005*)

2005:

- OPEN: New Designs for Public Space (*January 15, 2005 – May 15, 2005*)
- Tools of the Imagination (*March 5, 2005 – October 10, 2005*)
- Kids' View of the City 2005 (*May 7, 2005 – July 16, 2005*)
- Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community (*June 24, 2005 – July 4, 2006*)
- Investigating Where We Live 2005 (*August 13, 2005 – February 19, 2006*)
- A Building Tradition: The Work of the Prince's School of Traditional Arts (*November 5, 2005 – January 8, 2006*)
- Civitas: Traditional Urbanism in Contemporary Practice (*November 5, 2005 – January 8, 2006*)
- Cityscapes Revealed: Highlights from the Collection (*December 3, 2005 – Long term*)

2006:

- The Building Zone (*April 1, 2006 – long term*)
- Julius Shulman, Modernity and the Metropolis (*April 1, 2006 – July 30, 2006*)
- New/er Orleans—A Shared Space (*April 29, 2006 – July 30, 2006*)
- The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture and Design (*May 20, 2006 – June 3, 2007*)
- Prairie Skyscraper: Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower (*June 17, 2006 – September 17, 2006*)
- Investigating Where We Live: Anacostia (*August 19, 2006 – November 26, 2006*)

2007:

- Reinventing the Globe: A Shakespearean Theater for the 21st Century (*January 13, 2007 - October 8, 2007*)
- David Macaulay: The Art of Drawing Architecture (*June 23, 2007 - May 4, 2008*)
- Investigating Where We Live 2007 (*August 11, 2007 – January 15, 2008*)
- Lasting Foundations: The Art of Architecture in Africa (*October 6, 2007 - January 13, 2008*)
- Marcel Breuer: Design and Architecture (*November 3, 2007 - February 17, 2008*)

2008:

- Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future (*May 3, 2008 - August 24, 2008*)
- Investigating Where We Live 2008 (*July 30, 2008 - January 19, 2009*)
- Life Without Leaves (*September 17, 2008 - November 2, 2008*)
- Green Community (*October 23, 2008 - October 25, 2009*)
- A Celebration of HRH The Prince of Wales`s Influence on the Built Environment (*November 16, 2008 - November 23, 2008*)
- Special Presentation: The World Trade Center Model (*November 18, 2008 - January 14, 2009*)

2009:

- Detour: Architecture and Design along 18 National Tourist Routes in Norway (*January 28, 2009 - May 25, 2009*)
- Architecture of Authority: Photographs by Richard Ross (*April 18, 2009 - August 16, 2009*)
- Storefront Churches: Photographs by Camilo José Vergara (*June 20, 2009 - November 29, 2009*)
- Form and Movement: Photographs by Philip Trager (*July 11, 2009 - January 3, 2010*)
- Investigating Where We Live 2009 (*August 7, 2009 - April 23, 2010*)
- The Places We Live (*September 18, 2009 - November 15, 2009*)
- House of Cars: Innovation and the Parking Garage (*October 17, 2009 - July 11, 2010*)

2010:

- Drawing Toward Home: Designs for Domestic Architecture from Historic New England (*February 20, 2010 - August 15, 2010*)
- U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2011 Finalists: A Special Presentation (*May 1, 2010 - July 25, 2010*)
- A Century of Design: The U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, 1910-2010 (*May 15, 2010 - July 18, 2010*)
- LEGO® Architecture: Towering Ambition (*July 3, 2010 - September 5, 2011*)
- Investigating Where We Live 2010 (*July 30, 2010 - January 17, 2011*)
- Palladio and His Legacy: A Transatlantic Journey (*September 2, 2010 - January 30, 2011*)
- Designing Tomorrow: America`s World`s Fairs of the 1930s (*October 2, 2010 - July 10, 2011*)

2011:

- Walls Speak: The Narrative Art of Hildreth Meière (*March 19, 2011 - November 27, 2011*)