

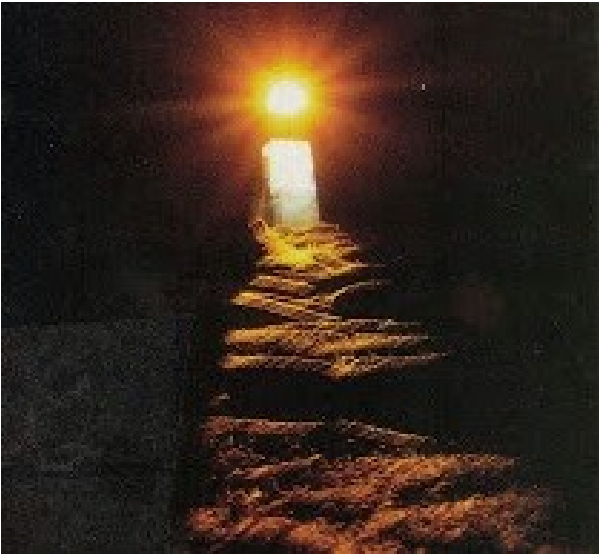
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March Equinox

On March 22nd at 6:12 PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time in New York is when the March or Vernal Equinox occurs. This is when the sun is directly over the equator. Here in the Northern Hemisphere it is the Vernal equinox as it marks the beginning of the Spring season.

Human history has left a multitude of structures designed to mark events like the equinoxes and the solstices.



Newgrange, Ireland - photo credit: Getty Images

One such structure is Newgrange in Ireland. On the Winter solstices the sun streams in through the aperture above the opening deep in the center of the structure, fully eliminating it. These are the special moments in our lives when we are reminded that we are part of the natural world, and that of our relationship with our sun.

We at Design M Group endeavor to incorporate into our designs the opportunity to share in these special moments of nature while in our buildings.

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Day Light Savings Time

Just a reminder that on Sunday morning of March 8th at 2 AM we "SPRING FORWARD" and rest our non automatic clocks one hour ahead. More commonly known as Daylight Savings Time or "Summer Time" in some parts of the country, by pushing our clocks ahead one hour we have an extra hour of daylight in the late afternoon.

Of course for all of the early risers that also means that the sun will rise later leaving us in the dark for an extra hour.

A bit of history of Daylight Savings Time. The United States started adjusting our clocks twice a year during World War II.

However the idea of establishing a Daylight Savings Time to provide more daylight in the late afternoon was that of Benjamin Franklin in the 1700s.



Archi-fact:

Newgrange is over 5,200 years old and predates the Gize Pyramids by some 600 years.

Archi-quote:

"Just as it takes time for a speck of fish spawn to develop into a fully grown fish, so, too, we need time for everything that develops and crystallizes in the world of ideas. Architecture demands more of this time than other creative work." - [Alvar Aalto](#)

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Below is a photograph of the hall in a private residence where at certain times of the year and of the day, the sun streams in through the round window and creates a round circle of light on the floor in the center of the hall with an oval shadow of the light fixture in the center of the circle of light. "Architects are sculptors of light and space" according to Marcus Marino the President of Design M Group and that is one of the "guiding principles of all our designs." He continued with "all of our designs take into account the orientation of the site and the building to the sun's angles through out the year



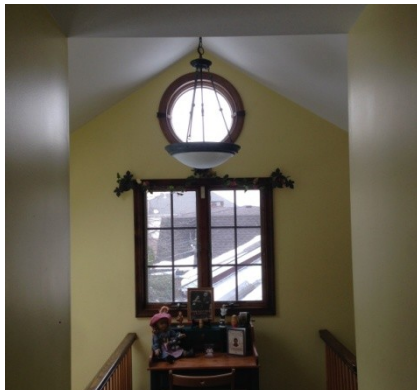
About

Marcus Marino, RA, AIA
President

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Marcus Marino, RA, AIA is a leading architect in New York City. He received a Bachelors of Architecture from the prestigious Pratt Institute and Masters in the Science of Architecture and Urban Design from Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture Planning and Preservation. He received his license to practice architecture in New York State in 1981 and is licensed in a number of other States.

Presently he serves as the Vice President of Public Advocacy of the New York State American Institute of Architects.



Risina Oaks Residence - Hallway
photo credit : Singer Maddie Marie

which help create energy efficient buildings and a more natural environment in our buildings." According to a recent survey, the average American spends approximately 75% of their life inside buildings. Many studies have shown that people are more productive when they have access to natural light when at work and school. In addition sun light helps clean the air in buildings.

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