Dine in Pietro Belluschi’s house, meet Homer Williams during these Architecture Foundation of Oregon events

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Going on home tours is great, but do you ever get to linger? That is, pull up a chair, have dinner and really talk about architecture and design?

You’ll have that chance during the Architecture Foundation of Oregon’s Dine & Design series of events, which start Saturday and run through Oct. 5. Top architects and influential developers sit down in a private home to answer your questions.

The events benefit the foundation’s Architects in Schools program, which reaches more than 5,400 Oregon elementary students a year.

The fundraising dinners are pricey, but the foundation also offers tours of new public spaces that spotlight architecture’s positive social impact. Tickets are $25 to explore Community Vision designed by Waterleaf Architecture on July 25, The Douggy Center by Scott | Edwards Architecture on Aug 28 and The Nature Conservancy by Lever Architecture on Sept 17.

On Sept. 19, supporters will gather at the 1960 Pacific Northwest house of Sid Scott of Scott | Edwards Architecture and his wife, Teresa to hear Pearl District and South Waterfront developer Homer Williams talk about Portland’s future and his crusade against homelessness.

Dinner and drinks, included in the $125 price, will be created by Gabe Pascuzzi of Stacked Sandwich Shop, who was named 2017 Chef of the Year by Eater.

On Sept. 15, descendants of architectural icons Pietro Belluschi and John Storrs will talk about Pacific Northwest architecture inside Belluschi’s landmark 1948 modern house overlooking the city from its well-selected vantage point at the end of a ridge in Portland’s West Hills. Chef Leather Storrs of Nobel Rot will use the kitchen’s original rotisserie to create a dinner served under the stars in the courtyard ($125).

Pietro Belluschi spent his last years here, before passing away at 94 in 1994. Son Anthony Belluschi, who is also a respected architect, and daughter-in-law Marti, inherited the property and saved the worn, but unaltered house from the wrecking ball.

Anthony was awarded Restore Oregon’s DeMuro Award for preserving, restoring and expanding the meticulously engineered and crafted home in which his father used native wood, rough stone and glass to achieve elegance.

Other events include cocktails ($75) in the faceted glass courtyard with architect Andrew Heid, and a showing of Otani Pottery Studio’s work which is one of the six oldest pottery sites in Japan.

To see the entire series, go to https://afo.ticketleap.com.

The Architecture Foundation of Oregon’s Dine & Design series kicks off this weekend with the “Party on Patton.” Dinner and drinks will be served at the re-envisioned residence on a former 3-acre sheep farm. Event hosted by Mike Horton and Pam Hroza, Don Tankersley Construction, and Giulietti / Schouten Architects.

When: 1-9 p.m. Saturday
Where: Address will be sent after you register. Please call 503-664-3951 if you need further information.
Tickets: $75; afo.ticketleap.com/patton-house