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National Ideas Competition for the Washington Monument Grounds [www.wamocompetition.org](http://www.wamocompetition.org)

## **People's Choice Winners for Washington Monument Grounds Competition to be announced May 17 in Washington**

*Virginia Center for Architecture show opening April 12 in Richmond will exhibit the work of the National Ideas Competition for the Washington Monument Grounds*

Washington, D.C., March 8, 2012 The National Ideas Competition for the Washington Monument Grounds, launched nearly two years ago, will announce two winners selected by the public on May 17. Since online voting began last fall, thousands of people from around the world have voted. Those who want to be a part of this unique competition have only until May 16 to cast their vote online at <http://www.wamocompetition.org/vote>.

Competition Chairman James P. Clark, FAIA, speaking on behalf of the Steering Committee of university professors, architects, landscape architects, and civic leaders, called on the public to “Join in making history by voting for your favorite of the final six! The ideas generated by this competition form part of the long tradition of ideas proposed for the Washington Monument grounds and reflect the values and aspirations of the public today.”

The announcement of the People's Choice will be made at the national convention of the American Institute of Architects in Washington during a morning session devoted to the Competition. Clark, along with Steering Committee colleagues Adele Ashkar, ASLA, Judy Scott Feldman, Ph.D., and jury chair Greg Hunt, FAIA, will lead a discussion of the educational goals, the two-stage jury process, and the challenge of choosing winners from among the wide range of diverse ideas.

A special exhibition, **Someday in the Park with George**, highlighting the history of the ground-breaking Competition and entries selected by the jury will open on April 12 at the Virginia Center for Architecture in Richmond and will run until June 24. The exhibition was developed by a team of graduate students from the Museum Studies Program at The George Washington University under the leadership of professor Laura Schiavo.

The Virginia Center for Architecture ([www.virginiaarchitecture.org](http://www.virginiaarchitecture.org)) itself has a strong tie to the National Mall. Its home since 2003 is the 27,000-square-foot Tudor-Revival residence built by architect John Russell Pope in 1919. Pope also designed the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, the National Archives, and the West Wing of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

For more information, [www.wamocompetition.org](http://www.wamocompetition.org).

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