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Anyone Can Be a Houston Architecture Expert *Cite* Magazine's Archives Now Online and Free

Houston, TX (12 April 2010) Twenty-eight years of *Cite: The Architecture + Design Review of Houston* are now available free at citemag.org. What is the history of the [Houston skyline](#) and [Buffalo Bayou](#)? How did the [Hermann Park plan](#) develop? What are the [Fifth Ward's secrets](#)? Who was [Sally Walsh](#)? The answers are online.

Published by the Rice Design Alliance since 1982, *Cite* mixes high design with down and dirty civic engagement. The magazine has a strong following among Houston insiders. You are likely to find copies on the shelves and coffee tables of artists, architects, community advocates, civil servants, designers, developers, engineers, neighborhood leaders, politicians, and writers.

"This city has history," says Raj Mankad, the current editor of *Cite*. For Mankad, learning history is about action. "In past issues of *Cite*, you discover not only why Houston looks the way it does but what strategies have worked to make it a better place."

Contributors to the magazine range from poets to academics, famous names to local voices. Stephen Fox, the preeminent authority on the history of Houston's architecture, has published extensively in *Cite* since its first issue in which he reviewed [plans for The Menil Collection main building](#).

"Our built environment shapes our daily experience of life, sometimes our very survival," explains Kimberly Hickson, Rice Design Alliance President-Elect and architect with Gensler. She adds, "Making the archives of *Cite* available at no cost is an important service to Houston."

Special issues of the publication have brought depth to some of Houston's most pressing debates. Scholars continue to consult the [Zoning Issue](#) (1991) for its considered analyses of Houston's defining lack of traditional zoning ordinances. In 2007, the [Hurricane Issue](#) digested the still-raw lessons learned from the devastation in New Orleans by Katrina and offered a prescient analysis before the arrival of Ike. The guest editors, Jim Blackburn and Tom Colbert, are now working with an interdisciplinary team to develop a lower-cost, environmentally-friendly alternative to the so-called Ike Dike.

The Rice Design Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of architecture, urban design, and the built environment in the Houston region through educational programs, active programs to initiate physical improvements, and the publication of *Cite: The Architecture + Design Review of Houston* and OffCite.org. Membership is open to the public. More information is available at www.ricedesignalliance.org or by calling 713-348-4876.