

## Columbus, Indiana Visitors Center – AIA Continuing Education Credits

### Miller House and Garden Tour – ( 90 min)

#### Tour overview:

The Miller House and Garden (Eero Saarinen, 1957) is one of the jewels set into the famed architectural destination of Columbus, Indiana. This tour provides an opportunity to experience one of the finest expressions of American modernism. Miller House and Garden, owned and maintained by Newfields, is an integration of house and landscape by Dan Kiley that draws upon historical precedents without repeating them, enfolding them in a compelling composition of forms and spaces that captures the genius of its designers, the aspirations of its owners and the spirit of their time.

#### Attendees of this tour will:

- 1. Learn** about the industrialist and philanthropist, J. Irwin Miller and his wife Xenia Simons Miller and their family and the leadership they brought to the creation and implementation of the Columbus architectural program.
- 2. Discover** how a small midwestern city became home to a profusion of modern buildings and landscapes designed by noteworthy architects, landscape architects and designers.
- 3. Learn** the process and story of the Miller House and Garden from the early decisions, through the design process and the implementation of the project.
- 4. Learn** how the architect, Eero Saarinen, approached the project and worked with the family throughout the planning and design process. In addition, learn how the interdisciplinary collaboration between architect, landscape architect and interior designer resulted in a modern masterwork.
- 5. Learn** how the landscape architect, Dan Kiley, approached the project and collaborated with the design team and family throughout the process and project implementation.
- 6. Learn** how the interior designer, Alexander Girard, approached the project and collaborated with the design team and family throughout the process and project implementation. In addition, collaboration with furniture manufacturers resulted in custom designed furniture for the project.