

Renovation

Panel Discussion



The Major Members of the Ocotillo Design Team

Pictured L to R: George Holmes (Artesia Arts Council), Adam Blejwas (Jaynes Construction), Melanie Shelor (architect), Devendra Contractor (architect), Bill Dohn (acoustical consultant) and Adam Shalleck (theatre consultant). Not shown: Deirdre Harris (architect)

The theme for the conference is "**Renovation**", and the site for the workshops and meetings, is the newly renovated Ocotillo Performing Arts Center in downtown Artesia. The Ocotillo PAC was recently named "Best of 2009 of New Mexico Award Winner" in the Cultural category by *Southwest Contractor Magazine*.

Do you have a building and you are ready to renovate it into a theater? Are you looking for a building? Don't know whether to renovate or start from scratch? Where do you begin? How do you find someone that understands a performance space is different from a retail space? What should you look for when searching for a potential performance space?

Saturday afternoon will feature a panel discussion on theatre renovation with attendees encouraged to come armed with any and all types of questions. The panel members include *Devendra Contractor, A.I.A., architect; Bill Dohn, acoustical consultant; Adam Shalleck, theatre consultant; Deirdre Harris, A.I.A., architect; and George Holmes, AAC Building Committee Chairman.*

This panel discussion, with answers to your questions, should be especially enlightening for those groups looking into renovation of an existing structure or even new construction. Please feel free to submit some of your questions in advance to give the panel an idea of what you are needing to learn from this panel.