

# **“Disrupting” Downtown Auburn**

## **Architectural History & Urban Design**

### **Walking Tour**

**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00PM – 7:00PM**

(Meet in front of Auburn City Hall)

*“Architecture is basically a container of something.  
I hope they will enjoy not so much the teacup, but the tea.”*

(Yoshio Taniguchi)

The human experience, economics, relationships, energy, and all that makes a living urban place memorable and remarkable is strongly shaped by the buildings that frame, contain, and define the streets, sidewalks, blocks, squares, parks, plazas, riverfronts, waterfalls, and even parking lots; this is the Downtown Public Realm.

How the architecture of downtown buildings contextually relate to the street, how buildings relate to other buildings along the street & across the street, and how they relate to the dimensions of the human body determines the quality of the Public Realm, and the level of socio-economic vibrancy of Downtown.

The buildings that line Court Street, Main Street, and Turner Street constitute the “teacup”; the connective tissue of our Downtown Public Realm contained within (the teacup) is the “tea”.

Join the City of Auburn’s Economic Development Specialist, Alan S. Manoian, for an informative and interesting downtown walking tour which will serve to discover and reveal both the strengths and weaknesses of Downtown Auburn’s “teacup” building architecture, and how together we may better design a teacup that offers New England’s finest “tea” to our valued downtown residents, customers, visitors, professionals, clients, event-goers, tourists, etc.

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