

Newsletter

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Finding Images on the Web:

Everybody knows Google – a search engine that indexes more than 2.4 billion web pages. Finding images can be a challenging task. An online tutorial: [How to find images](#) on the architecture library homepage was created to address these needs. It lists print as well as online resources, which can be used for finding images related to architecture. Recently published by Tara Calishain & Rael Dornfest the book "[Google hacks](#)" is another resource that can help to locate images on the web. Along with numerous tips for searching the web it provides a few solutions for tapping images by using Google image search. It seems a great advantage that search results include not only a thumbnail image, but also the page where the image originally appeared. For example, by entering "Marcel Breuer" we receive not only a screen with images of the architect and his works, but also links to numerous sites related to Marcel Breuer resources worldwide. Among search results are photos from the Marcel Breuer's centennial exhibition (2002) at the Smithsonian Archive for American Art, pieces of furniture designed by the architect, photographs of Jacquelin Kennedy and Breuer touring the construction site for the Whitney Museum, and many more.

Google Advanced Image search allows you to specify the size of the returned image (small, medium, large), image format (JPG, GIF, etc.), image color, and any domain to which you wish to restrict your search.

Collections of Architectural Images Online

In our previous issues of the library newsletter we already listed many online image collections (SPIRO, AMICO, CORBIS, MERIMEE, etc.) Let me add a few more URLs specifically related to architecture in the US:

[Architecture, design and engineering drawings from the Prints & Photographs](#) at the Library of Congress This collection contains about 38,500 drawings (ca. 3,700 catalog records). 1600-1989, bulk 1880-1940. Drawings, primarily for sites and structures in the U.S. (especially Washington, D.C.), as well as Europe and Mexico, mostly by American architects and architectural firms. Most cataloged in groups by project. Only some images are digitized, but a list of materials is available via the website.

[Architecture and Gardens](#) at the Smithsonian features online exhibits related to architecture, design, construction, and landscape architecture.

[Picture Collection Online](#) at the New York Public Library is a searchable collection containing 30,000 digitized images from books, magazines and newspapers as well as original photographs, prints and postcards, mostly created before 1923

[Philadelphia Architects and Buildings](#) brings together the collections, data and images of The Athenaeum of Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania Architectural Archives, the Philadelphia Historical Commission, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and many other local cultural institutions.

New Publication

The Architect's Newspaper is a new biweekly publication. It publishes information on the latest projects, commissions, politics and cultural developments related to architecture with an emphasis on New York and the tri-state region. It is free for registered architects in the New York tri-state area (\$25 for students). For more information visit website <http://www.archpaper.com/>

Lecture Series

We want to remind you that the Architecture Library website continues to promote lectures–series at the SOA by placing information on lecturers and related books in our collection. To review pages about spring 2004 lecturers click [here](#).