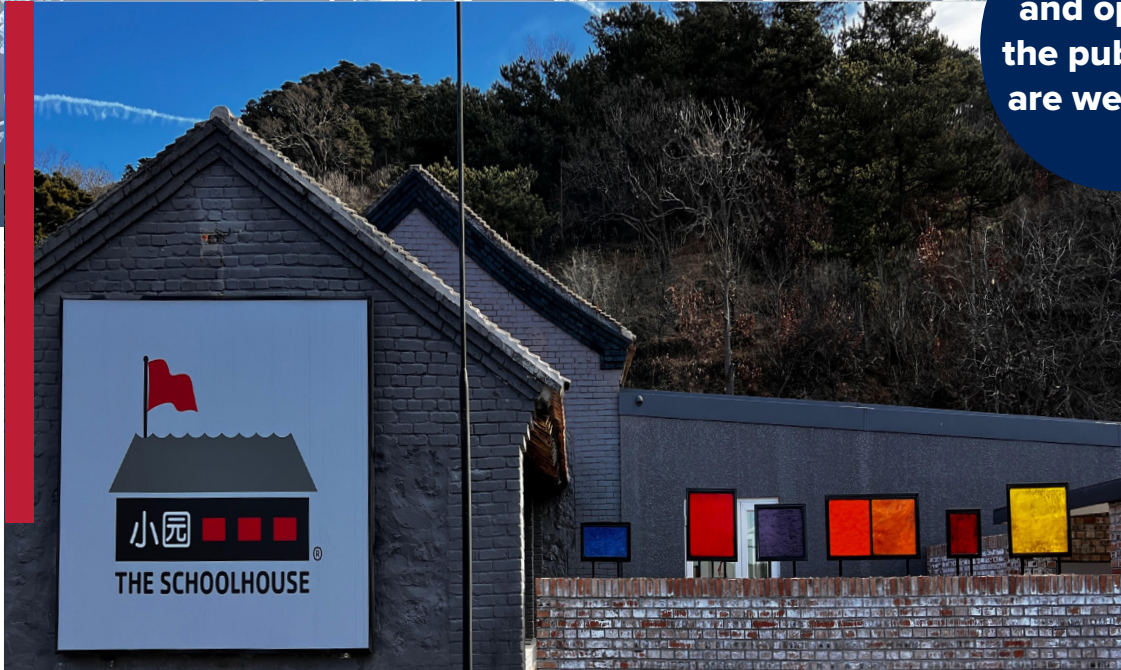




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DESIGNING FOR A LIFE IN CHINA

Invited talk by the author of *Home at the Great Wall*

Jim Spear and Liang Tang have lived in China since 1986. From their vantage point in a village under the Great Wall they have witnessed the rapid development and the new social pressures facing the country. Jim's memoir, *Home at the Great Wall*, was published in 2024 and in it he told the story of their life and how he became an award-winning architectural designer while the couple also ran sustainable tourism businesses and consulted throughout China on how to preserve and develop villages. In this talk, Jim will illustrate his design principles and place them in the context of living and working in today's China. Liang will join for the question & answer session following the presentation.

Date/Time: February 18, 2025 (Tuesday) @5PM

Location: CAPLA 103

Recommended Parking: Park Ave. Garage



Jim Spear, fluent in Chinese and educated at the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned BA and MA degrees in political science, spent nearly 20 years doing business in China prior to moving full-time to his vacation house at Mutianyu Great Wall in early 2005. He expanded and upgraded the home, turning it into his family's year-round residence, using it as a laboratory to continue to test new materials and design ideas. With Liang Tang, his wife and partner, they turned an abandoned village primary school campus into The Schoolhouse, an award-winning restaurant and art glass studio designed by Jim.