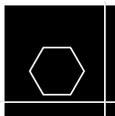


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John Merkle AIA Receives 2010 Clinton Sheerr Award



The 2010 Clinton Sheerr Award for Excellence in New Hampshire Architecture was bestowed on John W. Merkle AIA, of Exeter, NH, at the AIANH 26th Annual Awards Banquet, January 15. The award honors and promotes New Hampshire architects and their architecture that exemplifies excellence in design at the highest level.

In 1984 Merkle co-founded TMS Architects and in the years since has carved out a niche in the field of historical preservation, committing himself and his firm to saving and restoring some of New England's most significant historical landmarks. His work has included the restoration of The Wentworth By The Sea Hotel in New Castle, NH; The Music Hall and the Portsmouth Discovery Center in Portsmouth; the American Independence Museum, Exeter, NH; and the Bridges House – the New Hampshire Governor's

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John Merkle AIA

Lavallee Brensinger and UK Architects Garner Top Awards

AIANH Excellence in Architecture Awards



Eleven awards for Excellence in Architecture were announced January 15 at the AIANH 26th Annual Awards Banquet held at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester. Three Honor Awards, four Merit Awards, and four Special Mentions were distributed. Over 160 people attended the festive event, with Chris Carley AIA presiding as Master of Ceremonies.

(The Annual Awards Program Book with more details about the winners and color photos of all submissions will be mailed to you soon.)

Honor Awards

An Honor Award went to the **Lyme Road Hanover Co-op Community Food Market**, in Hanover, designed by **UK Architects PC** of Hanover. The construction manger was Trumbull

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Perspective

Point of view from the president of AIANH



Michael Morin AIA
 President 2010

It starts with a simple decision. It ends up changing worlds, including yours. Volunteering is generally thought of as a way of helping others and that is an important point. However, it will inevitably lead to the enrichment of your own life. Consider making 2010 the year that you make a difference by volunteering to participate in AIANH's Learning By Design program.

Maybe you have volunteered before, or maybe you have not. For those who have not, there may have been something that has held you back. I know what that is like. However the gifts I have received from volunteering are a testament to why you should consider making the choice to act. When I began volunteering it was my intention to give. However as a side effect I have received back tenfold. I challenge you to take that first step. You will never be the same. This is opportunity knocking. AIANH needs you, and so do the students of New Hampshire schools.

AIANH is a relatively small organization with about 300 members, two thirds are licensed architects. However in the past few years we have had the opportunity to impact the lives of hundreds of elementary, middle, and high school students through our Learning By Design program. This is a wonderful program, begun by a past AIANH president, Leslie Thomas AIA, and expanded by our



most recent past president, Bruce Hamilton AIA. This program was adopted from the BSA, our neighbors in Massachusetts. It has been growing in our state and spreading across the country. Bruce Hamilton has recently led AIANH's efforts, including attending the annual A+DEN conference in Chicago for the past few years. A+DEN is the Architecture and Design in Education Network created by Chicago's Architectural Foundation. Bruce has learned about a variety of educational programs for students, some of which he has brought back to New Hampshire.

I participated in the first AIANH LBD program in 2004. Architect volunteers went into fourth grade classrooms for a couple of hours on three consecutive weeks. We showed the students slides of buildings and taught them about architectural elements. Then we helped students design a clubhouse and helped them build their designs using a shoebox. I was initially apprehensive, but willing, to go into a classroom of fourth graders. I asked a colleague to join me.

Together with their teacher and a couple of parent volunteers we taught them about architecture, and I was able to share my passion for design. After their initial hesitation, we saw the students transform. I enjoyed seeing their uninhibited way of exploring as they designed their clubhouses. By the last session the children were eager to see us and appeared sad to see us go. We came away feeling that we sparked something in these students. That was a great feeling, but more unexpectedly

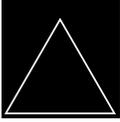
was a sense that we got something back from them. We had stepped out of our comfort zone, gave to these students, and our passion for design was reignited. My colleague remarked on the week following our three-week venture

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Fourth graders put the finishing touches on a Shoebox Clubhouse.

Young Architects Forum

by Michael McKeown, Assoc. AIA



A NEW SEASON FOR YAF!

How about one that is filled with 85 degree weather, tropical drinks, and constant sunshine? Wouldn't that be nice? Sorry, you have to head out of New England to find that dreamy paradise (well except for the tropical drinks).

Over the past two years we have worked to keep the Young Architects Forum and Emerging Professionals programs, events, and gatherings really interesting and beneficial to the growth of New Hampshire's young design professionals. We hope that those who have participated have found our offerings rewarding and were happy to be a part of the group. I know I have.

It has been a lot of fun getting to know all of you and enjoying the many ideas shared in the two years that I have led the group. Wow, how time flies.

So, it is now time for a NEW SEASON of NH's YAF. One filled with the recognizable scent of salt water, and the sound of the ocean crashing on NH's eastern shores. Maybe not as tropical, but definitely beautiful none the less.

Nathan Stolarz from TMS Architects in Portsmouth will now be leading the Young Architects Forum and Emerging Professionals groups in NH. This opportunity for Nate and AIANH is a great one, as Nate is a very talented young professional. He has large

ideas of what architecture in New Hampshire can be and how we all can share our creative talents. This is a great opportunity for some of that coastal air to freshen up the agenda and locale of the group. Many of you may recognize his name as he was the winner of the '09 YAF design competition and placed second this year.

Please continue to keep in mind that the group is growing, evolving, and very open to your thoughts on our future. The type of programs you desire to attend and educational aspects of the agenda that might be improved would also be very helpful things for Nate to know. We have tried to keep the group very casual and open (without any of the stuffiness that you may find in other professional groups) with the main goal of having fun and learning from each other.

It is with this in mind that we have come up with some really excellent offerings for the

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Upcoming February AIANH Events and CEU programs

For more information and registration for each event, please see the AIANH website, www.aianh.org

Feb 10

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, in collaboration with AIA New Hampshire invites you to an **AIA Continuing Education Seminar** on products that can be used in Green, Sustainable and LEED certified building projects for commercial and residential purposes. You will also have the opportunity to network with contacts in the industry and learn about high quality and green products from your neighbor, Canada.

4 HSW/SD AIA CEUs

Feb 17

3rd Wednesday, AIANH Young Architects, informal travel series, at Lavallee Brensinger Architects, Manchester, NH, 5:30-7 pm. Slide show presentation and discussion by Bruce Hamilton AIA and Shannon Alther AIA about Italy. See some great photos, learn some interesting facts, discuss architecture, get connected. Free of charge. Contact Nathan Stolarz, TMS Architects, if you plan to attend (nate@tms-architects.com, 603-436-4274)

Feb 24

Chapter Meeting: The Fall and Rise of the Portsmouth Economy. Please join us at the Portsmouth Gas Light Co. with J. Dennis Robinson delivering his entertaining, intriguing new presentation on Portsmouth's economy.

Robinson will trace the economic rise, boom, decline, and renaissance of New Hampshire's only seaport. This irreverent overview begins with the "discovery" of the Piscataqua River in 1603 by European capitalists in search of a cure for venereal disease, then rides forward four roller coaster centuries. Today the revival of Portsmouth is deeply tied to its historic and architectural past.

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Clinton Sheerr Award for Excellence in New Hampshire Architecture: John Merkle AIA

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residence—in Concord, to name a few.

Merkle's history of volunteerism is legendary. Always enthusiastic and willing to help, he has assisted restoration projects and various preservation groups from all over the state and the region and has made additional significant contributions to the field by his participation in numerous non-profit organizations. He has served on the boards and as president of AIA New Hampshire, AIA New England, and the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. He was chair of Exeter's Historic Commission, is currently on the Board of Directors for the Castle Preservation Society, and serves as an IDP Sponsor of NCARB.

Jury comments: John Merkle is an architect with a solidly rooted interest in preservation, who has been key to saving numerous historical structures and has given major amounts of time to the support of preservation and other architectural efforts throughout the state of New Hampshire.

Over the years Merkle has also mentored many young professionals and has been generous in his time with students. At TMS he has empowered his employees, helping to create dynamics in which younger architects and interns are encouraged to flourish and learn, both in the profession and in the community.

Merkle is deeply concerned that his passion

for historic preservation not end and is working closely with members of his firm to imbue a sense of the value of our New England heritage that he has worked to protect for so long.

The Clinton Sheerr Award for Excellence in New Hampshire Architecture is named after Clinton Sheerr AIA, a well-known New Hampshire architect who died in 1997 and who exemplified the spirit of great passion for beauty and design, a dedication to the community, and the tenacity to follow one's tasks and dreams. He was responsible for designing numerous award-winning New Hampshire buildings and was active in professional and community organizations. It is his example that sets the standard for the award.

The New Hampshire Chapter of the American Institute of Architects manages the Award, and the funds are held by the NH Charitable Foundation. Nominations can be made to the AIANH office by December 1 of each year and are viewed by a jury. ■



Wentworth By The Sea Hotel, New Castle, NH
2004 AIANH Honor Award

Photo by W. Garrett Scholes



The Music Hall, Portsmouth, NH
2009 AIANH Merit Award

Photo by Dan Gair



Cottage Revival, Exeter, NH
2008 AIANH Honor Award

Photo by Dan Gair

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Nelson and the landscape was designed by ORW Landscape Architects.

Jury Comments: The jury notes a thoughtful and well-resolved solution at multiple levels, beginning with the programming, successful response to a challenging set of site design requirements, and successful interior space organization. The architect specifies a beautiful use of materials externally and an interesting interior material palette and color choice as well. A clever structural system enriches this project. The architect has achieved a commendable air sealing success. We imagine the luminous clerestory is an attractive (and well conceived) landmark at the roundabout.

An Honor Award went to the new **Windham High School**, Windham, NH, which opened in September 2009, designed by **Lavallee Brensinger Architects**, Manchester, NH. Harvey Construction was the construction manager.

Jury Comments: An interesting formal arrangement brought the jury's attention to this school. The building exhibits a particularly successful treatment of interior spaces, achieving a variety of moods. A "main street" organizational concept appears particularly well conceived. Day-lighting appears well executed and appropriately prioritized. Finally, the architects seem to have achieved this success under

particularly adverse circumstances. This project could equally receive an award for having changed horses in midstream without having fallen off.

A second **Honor Award** was also given to **Lavallee Brensinger Architects** as project architects for the **Pondside III Residence Hall at Keene State College**, Keene, NH. **Newman Architects** of New Haven, CT, were the design architects. The construction manager was the MacMillin Company.

Jury Comments: The clever integration of modern and vernacular is commendable. Jury notes a beautiful use of exterior materials. A well-resolved plan, clustering bedrooms with hierarchical aggregation successfully supports student community. Jury notes this building's interesting siting—the bending of the building enlivens the exterior spaces. There is a well-conceived entry sequence and position of the main stairway so as to encourage it as the primary vertical access conduit (rather than the elevator, positioned away and to one side).

Merit Awards

A **Merit Award** was given for the **Burning Bridge Sound Studio** in Boston, MA, designed by **AG Architects**, Dover, NH. The construction manager was Adams



HONOR AWARD:
KSC Pondside III Residence Hall, Keene, NH
Lavallee Brensinger Architects, project architects; Newman Architects, design architects
CM: MacMillin Company
Photo: Joseph St. Pierre

Point Contracting, Inc.

Jury Comments: This simple, restrained and clear material palette, within an existing historic fabric retains the sense of the really beautiful, old building.

The Lowell St. additions and renovations to the **NH Institute of Art** in Manchester
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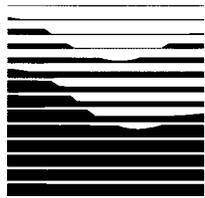


HONOR AWARD: Hanover Co-op Community Market, Hanover, NH
UK Architects, PC, Hanover, NH
CM: Trumbull Nelson
ORW Landscape Architects
Photo: GBH Photography



HONOR AWARD:
Windham High School, Windham, NH
Lavallee Brensinger Architects, Manchester, NH
CM: Harvey Construction
Photo: Joseph St. Pierre

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The Journey to Licensure

By Eric R. Buck

As written in the state statute, to legally practice landscape architecture in the state of New Hampshire, a person must be licensed as such. After recently completing the long journey of becoming licensed, I am keenly aware of how challenging, yet validating the landscape architecture licensing process can be.

With an undergraduate education at the University of Connecticut behind me, I returned to New Hampshire in 2005 to begin a career in the field of landscape architecture. When New Hampshire passed the law requiring licensure for all landscape architects in 2007, I was pleased to know that my educational investments were worthy, and eager to submit an application to the Joint Board as the initial step to licensure. My application was accepted after

two attempts, and I was finally authorized to sit for the Landscape Architecture Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.).

I was aware of the examination's general structure from my college coursework, but was unaware of the enormous amount of preparation required, the expenses incurred, and the corresponding stress over the next two years, as I worked to successfully complete each of the five sections of the exam. Upon reflection of what was almost a three-year journey, I realized that New Hampshire has effectively set forth progressive standards of licensure, but provides few resources to assist eager applicants.

The details herein will hopefully provide useful guidance to those who are considering state

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"Varnish from the Chair"

By Robert Clarke, ASLA

In the November issue we announced that we would no longer be publishing articles in the *NH Forum*. Fortunately the situations that led to that decision have changed and we are able to renew our commitment to the *NH Forum*. We engaged in dialogues with members and other organizations which have opened the door to some new opportunities for the GSLA and the readers of the *NH Forum*.

In October of 2007, Anne Crooker, a member of my staff stepped in to assist the GSLA as temporary editor of the *Forum*. She has been filling in ever since.

Since 2002, Beth Dermody has been the treasurer for the GSLA and recently expressed her interest to delve into new opportunities within the GSLA. Beth will be taking over for Anne as the newsletter editor and Eric Buck from Pollock Land Planning will be taking over for Beth as the treasurer. We are pleased to have Eric on board and are very excited about the New Year ahead.

In the process of considering alternatives that would allow us to continue offering relevant

written content we approached the Executive Director of PlanNH, Robin LeBlanc, about joining us on our pages and they have agreed! PlanNH is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to contribute to the quality of life in New Hampshire by promoting excellence in sustainable planning, design and development of the built environment. We strongly believe that because of the shared vision of our two organizations our readers will have more opportunities to receive information that will be beneficial to them in their professional lives.

I am hopeful that these changes will be positive for our readers and I look forward to another successful year. The GSLA is still looking for someone who would be interested in joining the Board in 2010 as the Program Director. The position entails membership coordination and event planning. If anyone is interested in this position please contact me at rclarke@allenmajor.com.

Thank you again for your support and your patience. ■

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licensure in New Hampshire, a process comprised of three successive steps: Education/Experience; Application; Examination.

Education/Experience

The benefits and experience of a college education are enormous and contributed significantly to my personal and professional growth. Fulfilling the professional experience requirement can be accomplished without a four-year degree from an accredited Landscape Architecture Program; however, the experience timeline, gained under the direct supervision of a Licensed L.A. is much longer.

Application

The application form for licensure can be found on the Joint Board of NH website (state.nh.us/jtboard/home.htm). Pay careful attention to the description of supplementary experience, the applicant's opportunity to cite specific projects he/she has worked on, justifying his/her qualifications as a landscape architect. When assembling the project list, include representative projects reflecting landscape architecture in practice.

Be careful to select those projects which best demonstrate your abilities as a landscape architect such as projects protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the general public; projects with community involvement; site circulation; and storm water management issues. Avoid submitting small residential and/or garden designs, or projects where you did not directly participate in the design, development, or construction.

Upon review and acceptance of your application, the Joint Board will notify you by letter that you are authorized to take the L.A.R.E.

Examination

The L.A.R.E. is considered to be one of the most challenging professional registration exams and preparation must be taken seriously. New Hampshire does not currently offer in-state review, but review courses are offered periodically by The Boston Society of Landscape Architects and The Rhode Island Society of Landscape Architects. Review materials are available through the Council of Landscape Architect Registration Board website, (clarb.org) and the American Society of Landscape Architects (asla.org).

Professional Publications Inc. also sells additional study guides and practice exams.

The exam itself consists of five sections:

Section A: Project and Construction Administration

Section B: Inventory, Analysis and Program Development

Section C: Site Design

Section D: Design and Construction Documentation

Section E: Grading, Drainage & Stormwater Management

Sections A, B & D are multiple-choice examinations, while Sections C & E are graphic vignettes. A detailed description of what each exam section entails can be found in the Pre-Exam Handbook, available on the CLARB website.

The multiple-choice sections of the exam cover a wide range of information and it is virtually impossible to memorize it all. A good approach to studying for these sections was to take as many practice exams as could

be found; based on the problems answered incorrectly, I was able to better narrow my focus of study. It is critically important to work efficiently and correctly answer as many questions as possible within the time allowed for each section.

The graphic sections of the exam are by far the most difficult. Each section contains four vignette-style problems that must be solved in five hours. The vignettes are in a booklet of 11 x 17 vellum sheets: each problem consists of two sheets, one with the problem statement, program elements and requirements, and the other with the base map of the project site. All solutions must be drawn on the base map to be graded. My approach to studying for the graphic portions of the exam was again to take as many practice tests as I could find. I found that it was helpful to set myself up as if I were actually taking the exam, by setting timelines to each problem, and only using the drafting tools allowed during the exam itself.

Included in the practice problems are corresponding solutions, most of which included an example of both a passing and a failing solution. This was most helpful in recognizing what the exam graders were looking for on each problem. When taking Sections C & E of the exam, time is critical. Five hours seems like a long period of time, but in this context, it is not. The more practice problems you are able to take prior to the exam, the more efficient you will be in your responses.

Forget about fancy designs and presentation renderings when taking these portions of the exam. The graphic solutions need to be clean and legible. Candidates must consider the scale of each problem, as they often change from problem to problem. Be sure to draw the project elements exactly as they are shown in the problem statement and do not use any color.

The process, by which we attain licensure, as landscape architects, can be daunting but it is not impossible. With determination balanced by thorough, deliberate preparation, licensure is achievable. The difficulty of this time-consuming process protects our profession and justifies the importance of our work as landscape architects. ■

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designed by **Dennis Mires PA, The Architects** of Manchester, also received a **Merit Award**. Construction managers were Milestone Engineering & Construction, Inc.

Jury Comments: Jury appreciates this project as an exciting marriage of existing and new. Jury commends the effort to save and reposition the existing brick building and commends the resourceful efforts to capture rainwater.

A **Merit Award** was given to **Monadnock Mills No 2 & No. 6**, Claremont, NH, designed by **UK Architects PC**, Hanover, NH. Construction managers were ReArch Company LLC

Jury Comments: Jury commends this delightfully well-executed renovation of a worthy building in a wonderful location. We applaud the restraint and sensitivity with which the new insertions were executed.

A **Merit Award for Residential Design** went to the **Nubanusit Neighborhood & Farm** in Peterborough, NH, designed by **O'Neil Pennoyer Architects** of Groton, MA. Construction managers were Bruss Construction Inc. and the landscape architect was Brown Sardina Strata Design.

Jury Comments: Beautifully developed community design. Admirable commitment to principles of sustainability.

Special Mentions

Three firms received **Special Mentions**. The first is for the **Southeast Residential Community (SERC)** dorms at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, designed by **JSA Inc.** of Portsmouth, NH. Harvey Construction was the contractor; Halvorson Design Partnership was the landscape architect.

Jury Comments: Jury makes this Special Mention for well-executed site organization of a complex grouping of buildings.

TMS Architects of Portsmouth, NH, received a **Special Mention** for three new homes in the **Phillips Exeter Academy Faculty Housing** in Exeter, NH. Contractors were Bruss Construction for the Valhouli House and Grainger Observatory and HW DeVries for the Forbes House. The landscape architect was Holzaepfel Design.

Jury Comments: Clever use of modern materials in contextual forms. Strong sense of community.

Another **Special Mention** was for a **New England Mountaintop House** near Squam Lake, NH, designed by **Albert, Righter & Tittmann Architects, Inc.**, Boston, MA. The contractor was Dean Anderson.

Jury Comments: Successful integration



MERIT AWARD
Monadnock Mills No 2 & No. 6
 Claremont, NH
UK Architects, PC, Hanover, NH
CM.: ReArch Company LLC
Photo: Sally McCay

of house with landscape. Excellent use of passive solar and local materials.

A **Special Mention for Unbuilt Architecture** was given for the Tenny Mountain Cabin by **Jonathan Hallé AIA** and **Jason LaCombe AIA** of Warrenstreet Archi-



MERIT AWARD
Burning Bridge, Boston, MA
AG Architects, Dover, NH
CM: Adams Point Contracting, Inc.
Photo: AG Architects

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MERIT AWARD
Addition and Renovations, NH Institute of Art, Manchester, NH
Dennis Mires, P.A., The Architects, Manchester, NH
CM: Milestone Engineering & Construction, Inc.
Rixon Photography



MERIT AWARD
Nubanusit Neighborhood & Farm,
Peterborough, NH
O'Neil Pennoyer Architects,
Groton, MA
CM: Brass Construction
Landscape Architect: Brown
Sardina Strata Design
Photo: Clive Russ

jects of Concord, NH. Projects entered in this category were for designs of any unbuilt project, including purely theoretical projects and unbuilt client-sponsored projects (buildings, interiors, transportation infrastructure, monuments, etc.). The intent is to invite unbuilt work by practicing design professionals, design educators, and design students from New Hampshire.

The project was a year-round slopeside retreat with a low-impact, flexible, modular design.

Jury Comments: This design is clever and thought provoking. It gives a new twist to an old idea and would drive an interesting experience.

Jurors for the 2010 AIANH Excellence in Architecture Awards Program were: **Stephen**

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SPECIAL MENTION
Phillips Exeter Academy Faculty Housing,
Exeter, NH
TMS Architects, Portsmouth, NH
Contractors: Brass Construction; HW DeVries
Landscape Architect: Holzaepfel Design
Photo: Carl Vernlund



SPECIAL MENTION
NE Mountaintop House, Squam Lake, NH
Albert, Righter & Tittmann Architects, Inc.,
Boston, MA
Contractor: Dean Anderson
Photo: Robert Benson



SPECIAL MENTION
Southeast Residential Community (SERC),
Durham, NH
JSA Inc., Portsmouth, NH
Contractor: Harvey Construction
Landscape Architect: Halvorson Design
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Schreiber FAIA, Professor and Program Director, Architecture + Design, University of Massachusetts at Amherst; **Bruce Coldham AIA**, Coldham and Hartman Architects, Amherst, MA; and **Martha Montgomery AIA**, Montgomery Ark, Williamstown, MA.

People's Choice Awards

Two Peoples' Choice Awards were also distributed, the result of a ballot vote conducted during the AIANH Awards Submissions Exhibit at the New Hampshire Institute of Art, December 7-January 15 and as the result of an online voting system. The winners are the **Bigelow House** designed by **Daniel V. Scully Architects** in Keene, NH for residential, and the **Gilford Community Church and Youth Center** in Gilford, NH designed by **Stewart Associates Architects**, Laconia, NH.

Photos of the projects are on the AIANH website, www.aianh.org. A full-color book featuring the award winners and all submissions will be mailed to you soon! ■



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD
Bigelow House, NH
Daniel V. Scully Architects, Keene, NH
Gen. Cont.: Brian Akerley
Nancy Belluscio On-Site Photography



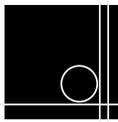
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The Tenny Mountain Cabin
Jonathan Hallé AIA and Jason Lacombe AIA
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PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD
Gilford Community Church and Youth Center,
Gilford, NH
Stewart Associates Architects, Laconia, NH
Gen. Contractor: NCM Management
Photo: John W. Hession

Intern/Young Architect Design Competition Results



The winners of the AIANH Intern/Young Architect Design Competition were also announced at the AIANH Awards Banquet January 15.

This competition was created in 2003 to provide an opportunity for interns and young architects to strengthen their design skills, gain recognition, and assist a community with their design challenges. The competition is open to all New Hampshire architectural interns and architects within five years of registration.

The program for the 2010 design competition was for a renovation and addition to the Wadleigh Memorial Library in Milford, NH.

The jurors selected the following winners:
First Place was awarded to **Brian Murphy and Alyssa Murphy AIA.**

Jury comments: This submission proposed a building expansion to the east, thus creating an

interesting massing strategy and a novel and thoughtfully located exterior amphitheater. The design created a nice spatial progression from each of the three building entries; the historic entry, the main library entry, and the children's library entry. Overall, this proposal solved programmatic, siting, and massing issues most successfully. The "books-on-shelf" imagery was quite engaging, as well. A very nice and well-developed presentation.

Second Place was awarded to **Nathan Stolarz** of TMS Architects, Portsmouth.

Jury comments: This proposal created an elegant glass and columnar structure hovering over the entire historic building and proposed addition. This strategy created an architecturally unified public library with intriguing night-time lighting possibilities. The proposal suggests a bold solution for a historically sensitive public building. The presentation is graphically stunning. It would

be very interesting to be a participant in the public discussion of this proposal.

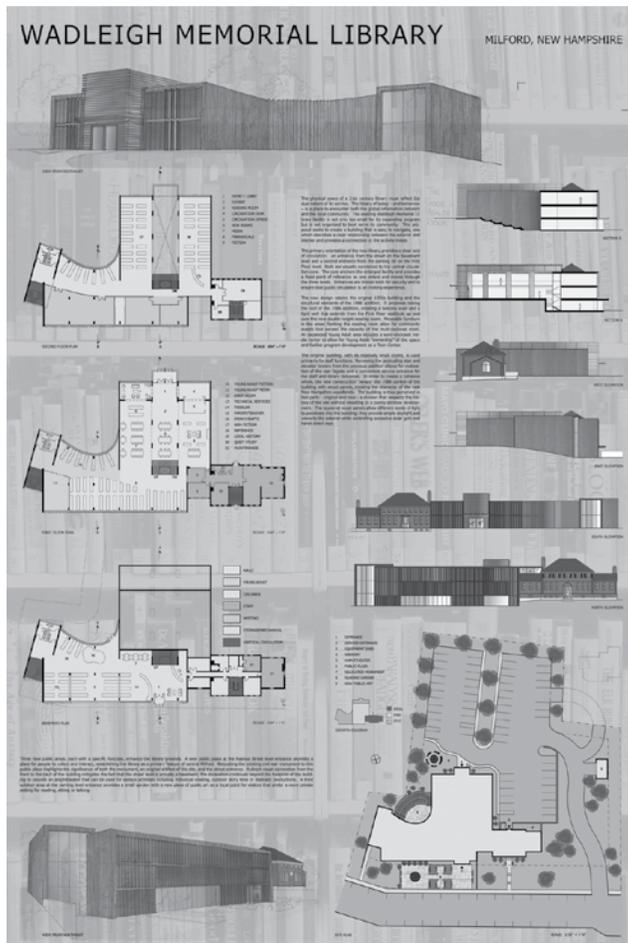
And Third Place went to **Christina O'Brien, Assoc. AIA**, SISR Architecture, Marlow, NH

Jury comments: This proposal successfully incorporated traditional New England architectural elements to weave the entire building massing into the character of this small New England town. The program needs were well addressed. A carefully executed presentation.

Jurors for the 2010 Competition were **Bill Schoonmaker AIA**, Schoonmaker Architects; **Leslie Thomas AIA**, Thomas Bracy Architects; and **Michelle Sampson**, Director of the Milford Library.

For images of all winning projects and submissions, go to www.aianh.org/competition.asp. ■

First Place: Brian Murphy & Alyssa Murphy AIA



Job Opportunities Positions Wanted

Job listings and positions sought listings are on the AIANH website: www.aianh.org/jobs.asp. To submit an ad, please email ad text to office@aianh.org. Ads are free for AIANH members and \$80 for four months for non-members. Please include your contact information with your ad listing.

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Bruce Hamilton AIA Named to National AIA Committee

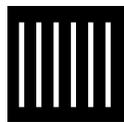
George Miller, FAIA, president of The American Institute of Architects has appointed Bruce Hamilton AIA to serve on the 2010 AIA Education Committee.

The Education Committee oversees implementation of an AIA Education Strategy that advances the goals of the Institute by linking education and practice to develop and sustain lifelong learning, especially through fostering collaborations, promoting a seamless transition from education to practice and ensuring access to quality continuing education programs. In addition, committee members support excellence and best practices in education and practice.

Bruce is the immediate past president of AIANH. During his time on the Board he arranged many of the Continuing Education programs for the Chapter and as chair of the AIANH Education Committee for the past six years is responsible for the huge success of the NH Learning by Design program. He has developed curriculum, volunteered in the classroom, and made numerous visits to high schools to work with students involved in the High School Design Competition.

Bruce also serves on the Professional Advisory Board of the Keene State College architecture program. ■

Outstanding Service Award Goes to Tom House AIA



Thomas House AIA of THA Architects, LLC in Stratham, NH, was honored at the AIANH Annual Awards Banquet.

House has given exceptional service to the AIANH Chapter and the profession over many years. He served on the Board of Directors for six years holding the offices of Past-President, President, President-Elect, and Vice-president, and as a Director. He chaired the AIANH Excellence in Architecture Design Awards program for the past 10 years. Through his enthusiastic efforts he has broadened the support the Chapter provides its members.



Tom House AIA

One of Tom's passions has been to support young architects and interns, and he has led the Intern Development Committee for many years, devoting hours to establishing a website

resource center for young architecture professionals. Always an integral part of Chapter initiatives, Tom has worked on such programs as Learning by Design, the AIA150 Initiative, and was part of the planning committee for the 2009 AIANE Regional Conference hosted by AIANH.

This past year Tom served as president of the New Hampshire Architecture Foundation, the charitable arm of the AIANH Chapter. ■

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The 6th IDID Conference — Joint Symposium with the Dartmouth College Sustainable Initiative

Save the Date: April 16-17 on the Dartmouth Campus



Mark your calendars. The next iteration of the IDID Conference — our 6th — is coming up soon! This year the AIANH Environmental Guild is collaborating with the Dartmouth College Sustainability Initiative for a joint symposium on **Sustainable Design: From LEED to Living Buildings.**

Sustainable Design: From LEED to Living Buildings.

The focus of the symposium is to advance and promote the use of sustainable design practices in the renovation and construction of buildings and grounds on college campuses and in our communities. IDID conferences illustrate multidisciplinary design processes that produce efficient, cost-effective, and delightful buildings, grounds, communities, and landscapes. A central concept is to make

use of and protect ecological services.

The keynote talk will be by **David Orr, Ph.D.**, the Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics and Special Assistant to the President of Oberlin College, a James Marsh Professor at the University of Vermont, and author of *The Nature of Design and Design on the Edge*. Dr. Orr also spoke at our very first IDID Conference.

The plenary address will be given by **Dayna Baumeister, Ph.D.**, cofounder of the Biomimicry Guild.

On the first day of the event, attendees will hear from leading thinkers in the field about: (1) the global imperative for more sustainable buildings; (2) advances toward zero-net energy design & retrofits; (3) lessons from biology and the importance of regenerative approaches to building design and renovation; and (4) emerging approaches for extended sustainable design principles from the scale of a single building to campuses, communities, and watershed.

On the second day of the event, attendees will have the opportunity to extend the learning from the previous day through two hands-on workshops options or a tour of Dartmouth College's high performance buildings.

AIANH is currently seeking sponsors for the Conference. Please contact Carolyn Isaak at office@aianh.org, 603-357-2863.

Watch for more information soon at: www.aianh.org. ■

IDID Design Awards: Call for Entries

We are seeking submissions for the fifth **IDID Excellence in Sustainable Design and Development Awards** to honor work that contributes, by its design, to the creation of a sustainable world. The awards will be presented to outstanding buildings; urban, regional, and rural planning; landscape design; interior design; historic preservation; renovation; and rehabilitation projects. We are looking for built projects that successfully incorporate minimum impact design components and incorporate sustainable development practices, demonstrating excellence in design and the beneficial synthesis of an integrated design process.

All submissions will be on display throughout the April 16-17, 2010 Dartmouth/IDID "LEED to Living Buildings" symposium. In addition winning projects will be published on the AIANH website and submitted for publication elsewhere. Final awards will be presented on the evening of Friday, April 16 at the Dartmouth/IDID Symposium Banquet.

To view the 2008 IDID Award Winners go to: www.aianh.org/ididcall.asp/

Submission requirements and registration information is available at: <http://www.aianh.org/ididcall.asp>. Submissions are due March 15, 2010.

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“You know, I miss the students. I wonder how they are doing.” I had similar thoughts. They had obviously touched us.

AIANH currently has four elementary school programs, one middle school program and a High School Design Competition. We need volunteers and you can help. Contact the Education Committee by calling Bruce Hamilton AIA, 603-878-4823, bhamilton@brharch.com, or the AIANH office, 603-357.2863, office@aianh.org, and let us know you want to participate.

We'll be hosting a LBD volunteer orientation and training night on April 1 at Lavallee Brensinger PA, which includes CEU credits and free pizza! So plan to join us.

By participating in the LBD program you can make a difference in 2010. Please sign up today!. ■

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group over the next two years that may surprise some of you and hopefully interest all of you – though Nate will have to let you in on the details, as many are still being worked out. It should be a blast.

The first event this year is a “YAF 3rd Wednesday,” beginning the 2010 program series of the AIANH YAF. Join us February 17 for an informal evening at Lavallee Brensinger Architects in Manchester, 5:30-7 pm. There will be a slide show and discussion. Come see some great photos, learn some interesting facts, discuss architecture, and get connected. This event is free of charge. Contact Nathan Stolarz, TMS Architects, if you plan to attend (nate@tms-architects.com, 603-436-4274).

Please keep your eyes on the look-out for more events and information over the course of the year, and we hope to see all of you soon at one of our events.

Next month you'll be hearing from Nathan himself. ■

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Cost: \$800,000
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Architect: Goudreau & Associates Architects
Const. Mgr.: Bonnette Page&Stone

Project Type: Parmenter Place (Family Housing) (25 Units)
Cost: \$2,547,850
Location: Concord, NH
Owner: Concord Housing Authority
Architect: Burnell/Johnson Architects
Engineers: Keach Nordstrom Associates, Downing Engineering, Anderson Consulting Engineers, Burnell/Johnson Architects
Gen. Cont.: North Branch Construction

Project Type: Roof Repairs (Town Hall)
Cost: \$68,900
Location: Moultonboro, NH
Owner: Town of Moultonboro
Architect: Misiaszek & Turpin PLLC
Contractor: Engelwood Construction

Project Type: Ashland Historic Schoolhouse Renovations
Cost: \$972,214
Location: Ashland, NH
Architect: Samyn Delia Architects
Engineers: Horizons Engineering, CPB & Associates, Fisher Engineering
Gen. Cont.: Milestone Engineering & Construction

Project Type: Auto Dealership Addition & Renovations
Location: Keene, NH
Owner: Toyota Of Keene
Architect: Bruce Ronayne Hamilton Architects
Engineers: Brickstone Masons, TF Moran

Project Type: Replace HVAC & Modernize Bldg #343
Cost: (Base Bid: \$2,874,000)
Location: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, NH
Owner: US Dept of Navy
Architect: Oak Point Associates
Gen. Cont.: Pride Enterprises Inc.

Project Type: Elementary School Renovations & Administrative/Classroom Additions
Location: Dover, NH
Owner: Dover School District-SAU#11
Architect: Dennis Mires The Architects
Engineers: Keach Nordstrom Associates, Reno Engineering, Design Day Mechanicals, Engineering, Bonnette Page&Stone

Project Type: Laboratory Complex (Building 1)
Location: West Lebanon, NH
Owner: Upper Valley Technology Park LLC
Architect: Banwell Architects
Const. Mgr.: DEW Construction

Project Type: New Windy Hill School (Colby Sawyer College)
Location: New London, NH
Owner: Colby Sawyer College
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Justice Department Resumes Effort to Issue ADA Final Rule

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is proceeding with necessary steps to publish updated regulations under the ADA. These regulations will include new access standards for facilities based on revised guidelines previously issued by the Board. DOJ sought to issue its regulations last winter but delayed publication in order to give incoming officials of the Obama administration the opportunity to review the rule. With the Senate's confirmation of Thomas Perez as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights in October, DOJ has resumed work on remaining steps that must be completed before the rule can be cleared for publication. A timeframe for release of the regulations is not available at this time. The Board will issue further updates on this action through its newsletter and website. For more information, contact DOJ at 800-514-0301 (v) or 800-514-0383 (TTY).

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Calendar of Events

Feb 10 AIANH Continuing Ed Workshop: Sustainability and Green Building Practices, presented by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Audubon Center, \$25.00, Box lunch included, 4 AIA HSW/SD CEUs, www.aianh.org/aia_events.asp

Feb 17 3rd Wednesday, AIANH Young Architects, informal travel series, LBPA, Manchester, NH, 5:30-7 pm. Slide show presentation and discussion. See some great photos, learn some interesting facts, discuss architecture, get connected. Free of charge. Contact Nathan Stolarz, TMS Architects, if you plan to attend (nate@tms-architects.com, 603-436-4274)

Feb 24 AIANH Chapter Meeting, J. Dennis Robinson will explore the ties Portsmouth has to its historic and architectural past. 1.5 AIA CEUs. **Sponsored by Pella Windows and Doors.** www.aianh.org/aia_events.asp

Feb 25 16th Annual Conference and Eco-Marketplace, MassMutual Center, Springfield, MA; www.ecolandscaping.org/conference.html

Mar 9-11 NESEA, Building Energy 10, Seaport World Trade Center Boston, www.nesea.org

Mar 17 AIANH Informal Discussion Group, 5:30 pm, at the Shahman Group, Concord. Open to all. Discuss architecture, jobs, sustainability, and more, plus get connected. Free of charge. Please email office@aianh.org if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

Mar 17 Redevelopment and Revitalization for the New Era; NH Planners Assoc. 4-5:30 pm, Webinar; NH Office of Energy and Planning, Concord, NH; 603-271-2155

Mar 20-21 2010 Old House and Barn Expo, Center of NH, Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH; www.nhpreservation.org

Mar 23 AIANH Chapter Meeting, Building Code update and review with Jerry Tepe FAIA, New England Center (the center is closing this summer, so this is a final opportunity to be in this lovely building!) AIA HSW CEUs, www.aianh.org/aia_events.asp

Mar 25 The Sustainable Use and Production of Eastern White Pine, sponsored by AIANH and Seacoast Mills, 2-5 pm followed by barbecue, Brentwood, NH, 3 AIA HSW/SD CEUs, www.aianh.org/aia_events.asp

Apr 1 AIANH Learning by Design Volunteer Workshop, training and pizza! Free. AIA CEUs, contact the AIANH office, office@aianh.org

Apr 14-15 Residential Design and Construction convention and tradeshow, BSA, AIA CEUs, www.architects.org

Apr 16-17 Our Next IDID Conference – Sustainable Design: From LEED to Living Buildings in collaboration with the Dartmouth Sustainability Initiative. See page 13 and www.aianh.org/idid.asp for details. AIA HSW/SD CEUs



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