

AIA Vermont Honors Good, Green Design

Summary: Late last year, architects celebrated design excellence in the Green Mountain State, where, in fact, many of the submissions heralded "green" and sustainable design practices. The jury gave the nod to eight projects, which the chapter honored at the AIA Vermont annual meeting December 6, 2006, at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt. The jury hailed from AIA Connecticut.

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Merit Awards



Project: Vermont Law School Gazebo

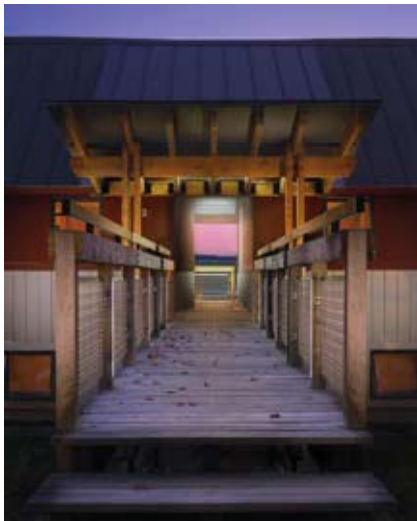
Location: South Royalton, Vt.

Firm: Truex Cullins & Partners

The jury thought this project in the small project category had "charm, pure, simple elegance" and was "very inviting."

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Honor Award



Project: "Bridge Houses" at Landmark College

Location: Putney, Vt.

Firm: Bread Loaf Corporation

This Honor Award was for a project that represents exceptional value beyond a single category and is worthy of special recognition. The jury thought that the project was "well integrated with the landscape." The jurors commented: "The plan was very strong, clean, and simple" and the "execution and selection of materials are superb."

Project: Clinton Elementary School

Location: Clinton, Mass.

Firm: Dore & Whittier Architects

The jury thought that this project clearly stated "it is a public building for kids." They noted of this entry in the recent public project category, "The interior spaces have comfortable scale and attractive colors. The overall scale is very effective."

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Project: Buxton Classroom Building

Location: Williamstown, Mass.

Firm: Black River Design Architects

The jury commented that the "transition from the existing building to the new one was very successful." There are "ingenious 'green' details" that "are architecturally distinguished." This entry was judged in the sustainability category.

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Project: Debevoise Hall at The Vermont Law School

Location: South Royalton, Vt.

Firm: Truex Cullins & Partners

The jury thought that this project in the historic renovation category has

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“spectacular color inside and out” and that the “integration of furniture to the interior is spectacular.” They also commented that this project was “carefully thought out.”

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Project: The Burlington International Airport—north terminal
Location: Burlington, Vt.
Firm: Freeman-French-Freeman

The jury was impressed by the “interesting use of Modernist materials” in this interior architecture submission and also praised the bringing of “art to architecture in a place where people spend a lot of time.”

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Project: Private residence

Location: Waltham, Vt.

Firm: John Anderson Studio

The jury recognized this submission in the category for an “older private project.” They commented that “early sustainability sustains” and this project represented a new direction in the '80s. “The bold and recognizable silhouette remains integrated.”



Project: George Aiken Center—Rubenstein School of Environmental and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont

Location: Burlington, Vt.

Firm: William Maclay Architects & Planners

The jury thought submission in the proposed project category was “a textbook in sustainable concept and criteria.”

The jury was a distinguished panel of architects from AIA Connecticut:

- Barbara Geddis, FAIA
- Glenn Gregg, FAIA
- James Martin, AIA.