1982 Honor Awards

The New Mexico Society of Architects Awards Program is a highly respected tribute to architectural excellence. The selection is made on the basis of design excellence, sensitivity to human and functional needs and to the built environment. The purpose of this Awards Program is to encourage a high level of architecture, recognize the clients and architects who have distinguished themselves by their accomplishments and to inform the public of the high architectural quality being brought to bear in the physical environment.

Every year a jury of renowned professionals, architects and others from allied fields are invited to judge the year's work by New Mexico architects. Their personal review and inspection of the local work is done on an anonymous basis so that they may not be influenced by the identity of any local architects. The projects this year were reviewed on an individual basis from slides. This year's jury made the following general comments on the subject of Regional Architecture:

"The Awards Program entries represented a good cross-section of New Mexico Architecture showing that not only the traditional but restored and contemporary forms can still be alive and going. Overall quality of all submissions was impressive. They depict a regional type of architecture that won't be found in the rest of the United States."

The Jury

Bennie M. Gonzales, F.A.I.A.
A graduate of Arizona State University, Mr. Gonzales also did graduate work at the University of New Mexico. He is principal of Bennie M. Gonzales Associates in Scottsdale, Arizona, and a member of the Central Arizona Chapter, A.LA. Winner of numerous design awards, he is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. His work has been published in Architectural Forum, Progressive Architecture, Sunset, Arizona Highways, and numerous other magazines. He has been recipient of six awards from the Western Mountain Region, A.I.A., as well as those from the Arizona Society, A.I.A., and in 1967 his own residence was chosen for Record Houses of the Year by Architectural Record magazine.

Robert D. Garland Jr., A.I.A.
A Partner in the El Paso firm of Garland and Hillis, A.I.A. Architects since 1954, Mr. Garland graduated from Oklahoma State University, in 1949. A member of the El Paso Chapter, Texas Society of Architects, he has served as chapter President in 1957 and 1977, and twice as Vice President of the Texas Society. He has received design awards from the El Paso Chapter, including three in 1977, for commercial and educational facilities, as well as Merit Awards from the Texas Society of Architects in 1963 and 1974. His work on airport planning brought him the City of El Paso Conquistador Award, and he has been cited by the Chamber of Commerce for his service to the community.

Tommie J. Huckabee, A.I.A.
A partner in Huckabee & Donham, Architects and Planners, of Andrews, Texas, Mr. Huckabee is a graduate of Texas Tech University and a member of the Lubbock Chapter, Texas Society of Architects, A.I.A. His firm has specialized in Educational Facilities for over twenty years and he has been in charge of over 400 major institutional projects, including new construction and renovation work. He is a member of the National Council of Educational Facility Planners and the Construction Specifications Institute.

The Honor Awards for Renovation and Historic Preservation will be presented in the March/April, 1983 issue of New Mexico Architecture.