1983 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 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:

Jury Statement

The general standard of submissions was high, as reflected by the jury giving 8 awards out of 23 submissions. While the jury was pleased with the submissions in all categories, awards were not selected by category, but purely in response to good design efforts.

George Anselevicius, A.I.A.

Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of New Mexico since August 1981, Anselevicius was formerly Chairman and Professor of Architecture, State University of New York, Buffalo; Chairman of the Department of Architecture, Harvard University; and Dean of the School of Architecture, Washington University, St. Louis. He has also taught in Zurich, Switzerland and Ahmedabad, India, as well as the Institute of Design, I.I.T. Chicago. A Graduate of the School of Architecture, Leeds, England, he is a partner of Anselevicius and Rupe, St. Louis, and has worked with S.O.M., Chicago, and Minoru Yamasaki, Birmingham, Mich. He has served on juries nationwide, and has lectured at numerous American Universities. He is organizer of a summer program in architecture held at San Miguel De Allende, Mexico, since 1974.

William C. Muchow, F.A.I.A.

William C. Muchow, FAIA, founded his Denver firm, W.C. Muchow and Partners, in 1950, having received degrees from Notre Dame, the University of Illinois, and Cranbrook Academy of Art, where he received a Master of Architecture and Urban Planning in 1948. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and of the International Institute of Arts and Letters, has served as Western Mountain Region Director of the AIA since 1982. His professional activities have included service as President of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards during 1975-76, as a member of the Colorado Board of Architectural Examiners, and the National Advisory Panel for General Services Administration Architectural Services.

He has lectured at major universities and served on the National Accrediting Board Team for the architecture schools at the University of Illinois, Arizona, Houston and Tulane. A frequent seminar speaker at conferences, he has also served on AIA design awards juries for three regional conventions and 16 local and state chapters, including this year’s New Mexico jury. His firm has won numerous design awards and he is the holder of a Rome Prize, the Silver Medal of the Western Mountain Region, AIA, and the Buell Honor Award of the Colorado Society, AIA, as Outstanding Architect of 1983.

Dwight L. Busby, A.I.A.

Dwight L. Busby, A.I.A. is a registered Civil and Structural Engineer as well as an Architect, holding registrations to practice in these fields in a number of the Rocky Mountain and Southwestern States. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa in Civil Engineering with several additional years of education in Architecture at Iowa State University and Arizona State University. Mr. Busby's current firm Busby Associates, Ltd., of Phoenix, Arizona, is the outgrowth of two previous firms and has been continuously in the consulting field of Architecture and Engineering since 1955. He served for over nine and one-half years on the City of Phoenix Planning and Zoning Commission, two and one-half years as Chairman. His membership includes a number of professional and technical organizations, including the American Institute of Architects and the National Society of Professional Engineers.