1985 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 architectural design, 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 Mexican 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. The jury made the following general comments on the subject of Regional Architecture.

Jury Statement

The jury gave Awards of Honor to seven projects out of thirty six submissions. The standard of the submissions was high. The jury particularly lauded the photography and made the suggestion that consideration be given to recognition of the photographers. The jury did note that there were few interior slides. Those projects that did receive an award generally made a very good presentation of the interiors. The jury encourages future submissions that show how a building relates to its surrounding environment and how landscape contributes to design.

(Presentation of Awards winners will continue in the July/August issue of NMA.)

William C. Muchow, FAIA

William C. Muchow, FAIA founded his design firm, W.C. Muchow and Partners, in 1950 after having received degrees from Notre Dame, University of Illinois, and a Masters Degree in Architecture and Urban Planning from Cranbrook Academy. His firm has designed over 700 projects in the Denver area and has received several significant design awards. Mr. Muchow has served on eight major design awards juries and has served as juror on twenty one AIA chapter design awards programs throughout the United States.

Mr. Muchow is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World. He is the holder of a Rome Prize, has received the American Registered Architects Special Service Award, the Silver Medal of the Western Mountain Region of the AIA, and the Buell Honor Award of the Colorado Society, AIA, as Outstanding Architect.

He serves as member of the Denver Technological Center Design Review Board and the University of Colorado Design Review Board. He has served as National Treasurer of the American Institute of Architects, Past President of the Colorado Society of the American Institute of Architects and on the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

Ida Pearl Jeffers

Ida Pearl Jeffers has a long standing reputation of involvement in major community volunteer services in Albuquerque and New Mexico. She has been chair of the Environmental Planning Commission, of the New Mexico Architects/Engineers Joint Practice Committee, and of the Citizens Advisory Group for Community Development. She is a member of the Albuquerque Urban Transportation Planning Policy Board and various planning related city committees.

She has been a Guest Lecturer on planning at the University of New Mexico and in the Albuquerque Public School System. She received the Distinguished Public Service Award from the State of New Mexico in 1975 and the Distinguished Woman of New Mexico Award from the New Mexico Women's Political Caucus in 1976. She was Associate Director of the City of Albuquerque Municipal Development Department from 1978 through 1981 and is now a management consultant.

George C. Dusang Jr., AIA

George C. Dusang Jr., AIA attended Texas A&M University and graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Texas' Tech University in 1956. He is a Registered Architect in the State of Texas and holds an NCARB certificate. He is a Member of the American Institute of Architects, the Texas Society of Architects, and the Construction Specifications Institute. He is past president and secretary of the El Paso Chapter of the AIA and President of the El Paso Chapter of the CSI. Mr. Dusang is an active participant in church, civic, and service organizations in El Paso.

He is a Partner in the El Paso firm of Carroll, Dusang and Rand. The firm was founded as a partnership between Edwin W. Carroll and Louis Daubie in 1945. Mr. Dusang joined the firm in 1956 and became a partner, along with Mr. Patrick Rand, in 1967. The firm has received two awards for Outstanding Architectural Design from the El Paso Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, an Award of Merit from the Texas Society of Architects for the Outstanding School Design Awards Program and an Honorable Mention from the Bell System National Design Awards program.

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