



1986 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.



The 1986 Awards Jury was organized by Fred Shellabarger AIA, of Santa Fe. Other members included George Anselvicius FAIA, dean of the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of New Mexico, John Conron FAIA and Donna Quasthoff AIA of Santa Fe, and Gil Berry ASLA of Albuquerque. Their review of the competition entries was on an anonymous basis without knowledge of the identity of the entrants. The jury reviewed 44 entries, representing 26 firms, ranging from some of the largest in the State to one or two-person offices. Largest representation was from the Albuquerque Chapter, with approximately 68% of the entries, with the Santa Fe Chapter submitting 16%, landscape architecture firms 14%, and the Farmington Chapter with one entry or 2%. No entries were submitted by members of the Southern New Mexico Chapter.

The jury members were pleased with the number of entries, up from recent years, and the overall quality, but would encourage more entries from the Farmington and Southern Chapters. There were quite a number of school projects submitted, and that is represented in the awards, where two of the eight winners are schools. For the first time in several years, no awards were given for Historic Preservation or Remodeling/Restoration.

Of the eight Honor Awards given, five are in the Residential category, which the jury found to be clearly the most interesting. Of the eleven entries in the Commercial category, only one, an office building, was selected for an award. The majority of the Honor Awards went to small firms, who make up the bulk of the NMSA membership.



Photographs on this page were taken at the Annual Conference of the New Mexico Society of Architects, held in Santa Fe October 9-11, 1986. (Above) Dinner guests assemble for the Awards Banquet, held at the new Eldorado Hotel. (Above, right) New Mexico members of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects are pictured during the Fellows reception preceding the Awards Banquet. L. to R.: John McHugh FAIA, John P. Conron FAIA, Don P. Schlegel FAIA, Kenneth Clark FAIA, Van Dorn Hooker FAIA and George Anselvicius FAIA. (Below, right) Winners of 1986 Honor Awards include, from l. to r.: Wayne Lloyd AIA, Guy R. Johns ASLA, D. James See AIA, Edith Cherry AIA, John McHugh FAIA, Berent Groth AIA and Robert W. Peters AIA.