Excellence in Architecture
AIA’s People’s Choice Awards

By Katie Hamlin

Every year the American Institute of Architects-Southwestern Oregon Chapter (AIA-SWO) collaborates with the Willamette Valley section of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Oregon chapter, to sponsor the regional People’s Choice Awards for Architecture. Now in their 25th year, these awards are intended to “educate and inspire our fellow citizens by showcasing architecture, interiors, and landscape architecture projects created within the Southwestern Oregon Chapter area or by members of our chapters,” says Jenna Fribley, president-elect of the AIA-SWO. “The program demonstrates to the public the role of the architectural profession in enhancing the built environment.”

The winners are selected through a process of popular vote. Firms are required to submit presentation boards that are then put on public display before the voting; the exception is the student category, where the projects are digitally presented and select projects for the Mayor’s Choice Award. Design professionals also participate by voting for the Colleague’s Choice Award.

The AIA-SWO is based in the Eugene area, but the chapter extends from Corvallis to Roseburg, and from the Oregon Coast to Bend. In the future, the AIA-SWO hopes to include more projects from Corvallis and surrounding cities for the People’s Choice Awards. “The AIA-SWO is continuing to strategize on how to encourage more participation from the firms outside of the Southwestern Oregon Chapter area or by members of our chapters,” says Fribley.

In recent years, the People’s Choice Awards for Architecture has received more than 800 write-in votes from the public. This year, with the help of the public vote, winners from the Eugene area were selected for seven out of nine categories, along with one winner each from Corvallis and White City, near Medford. “We’re continuing to seek opportunities to engage communities in dialogue about the power of design to affect positive change in the built environment,” says Fribley.

Award Winners

PEOPLE’S CHOICE

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
Rose Cottage by Willard C. Dixon Architect

MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING

The Andy by ZEHM Architecture

COMMERCIAL

Hop Valley Brewing Testing Room by ABN Brands and zehnder design | architecture + interiors

PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL

Department of Veterans Affairs Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center & Clinics Expansion by Rowell Brokaw Architects, PC, in association with The Design Partnership, LLC

INTERIORS

Arbor South Offices by Arbor South Architecture

PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL LANDSCAPE

Eugene Riverfront Arts Center by Daniel Rosenthal

RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE

Fires & Light by Sangreal & Associates

UNBUILT PROJECT

Zen Garden House by Willard C. Dixon Architect

PIVOT Architecture

STUDENT PROJECT

Eugene Riverfront Arts Center by Daniel Rosenthal

MAYOR’S CHOICE

• WJ Skatspeck & Plaza by City of Eugene Parks & Open Space, Mears Design Group, Dreamland Skateparks, PIVOT Architecture

• Arbor South Offices by Arbor South Architecture

• The AIA-SWO Office by Willard C. Dixon Architect

COLLEAGUE’S CHOICE

• Hop Valley Brewing Testing Room by ABN Brands and zehnder design | architecture + interiors

• The Andy by ZEHM Architecture

• Fire & Light by Sangreal & Associates

• Zen Garden House by STUDIO-E Architecture
COLLEAGUE’S CHOICE
PEOPLE’S CHOICE: COMMERCIAL
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