

2005 AIA Birmingham Design Awards

Over 200 Birmingham architects and other industry professionals gathered June 16, 2005 at the Hugh Kaul Children’s Zoo to celebrate their efforts and accomplishments at the annual AIA Design Awards Gala.

Keynote speaker Carol Ross Barney, FAIA, of Ross Barney + Jankowski Architects in Chicago, recipient of the 2005 AIA Thomas Jefferson Award for public architecture, shared her experiences in design process of the recently-completed Oklahoma City Federal Building and the Tuscaloosa Courthouse.

The evening culminated with the Design Awards, a recognition and celebration of the best work from Birmingham area architects as judged by a jury of four professionals: Bruce Lindsey, Department Head of Auburn University’s School of Architecture, Frank Flury, visiting professor with the Auburn University Rural Studio program, Seab Tuck, FAIA, of Tuck-Hinton Architects in Nashville, and Karim Shamsi-Basha, co-owner and Director of Photography for Portico Magazine.



The jurors selected 8 awards from a record-setting 39 entries. Honor Awards were given to Williams Blackstock Architects for the V&W Warehouse renovation and design of their own office; and to Giattina Fisher Aycock Architects Inc. for their design of of the Children’s Hospital Parking Deck and Data Center. Merit Awards were given to Krumdieck A+I Design for the addition to Barber Companies

Corporate Headquarters; Taylor Dawson & Associates for the Musselwhite Farmhouse; Giattina Fisher Aycock Architects Inc. for the First Commercial Bank in crestline: and to HKW for their design of both Vulcan Park and the Boy Scouts of America Volunteer Resource Center & Eagle Scout Tribute.



The top honor this year went to the Homewood Middle School, designed by Giattina Fisher Aycock.

The gala gives us architects a chance, at least for one evening, to set aside the deadlines, the budgets and the myriad distractions, to celebrate what drew us to architecture as a profession, quality design of our community. They also provide us with an opportunity to promote awareness outside the profession to the importance of design excellence. On behalf of the Birmingham Chapter of the AIA, thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s Design Awards and Gala.

Thank you,
 Trevor Matchett, AIA



Taylor Dawson & Associates



Giattina Fisher Aycock Architects



Giattina Fisher Aycock



HKW Associates

2005 Design Awards Survey

1. Did you enter this year's AIA Birmingham Design Awards? If not, please explain what, if anything would encourage you to do so in the future._____

2. Did you attend 2005 AIA Birmingham Design Awards Banquet? If not, skip to question 6.

3. How would you rate the execution of the following elements of this year's banquet? using a scale of 1-10 (1=poor, 10= excellent)?

- ___ date (Thurs. mid-June)
- ___ Emailed invitations/reminder
- ___ Venue
- ___ Cuisine
- ___ Seating arrangement
- ___ Keynote speaker
- ___ Publicity
- ___ Awards submittal format
- ___ Representation of awards submittals
- ___ Awards presentation
- other_____

4. Using the list of elements in question 3, place a star next to the items you consider most important to the event's success (up to 3 items). Place an X next to the items you consider least important to the success (up to 3 items).

5. Did you bring a guest to the banquet whose background is non-architectural? If yes, how would you rate their experience at the event (1-10)?

6. If you did not attend the event, please explain what if anything, would encourage you to do so in the future._____

7. Do you believe that a daytime seminar is better venue for architectural speakers, allowing the Awards Banquet to focus on Birmingham architecture (with no key note speaker)? If not, explain._____

8. Please offer any suggestions you may have for next year's event:
speaker_____
venue_____
date/time of year_____
award categories/
format_____
other_____

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