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The Jenkins residence in Worcester Co., Md., designed by William R. Hopkins, AIA, Architect and Philip Szostak, AIA, of Morrisville, is one of two Honor award selections in this year's AIA North Carolina Design Awards competition. The 1995 design awards feature begins on page 13.

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Frank C. Harmon, FAIA

Raleigh architect receives Kamphoefner Prize

aleigh architect Frank C. Harmon, FAIA, remembers his interest in building beginning at an early age. He sat in an eighth grade English class and developed a keen interest in the architecture of a 19th century building located across the street from his Greensboro junior high school.

That interest led Harmon to speak with Henry Kamphoefner, then dean of the N.C. State University School of Design, about careers in architecture. That was only the beginning of Kamphoefner's influence on Harmon, this year's recipient of the North Carolina Architectural Foundation's Kamphoefner Prize — the \$10,000 award given to a North Carolina architect who demonstrates sustained contribution to the Modern Movement in architecture.

"He was one of the greatest deans in American schools of architecture," Harmon said of Kamphoefner, who was head

"(Kamphoefner) was a remarkable person. He was what you would call irrepressible. He was full of energy and enthusiasm for architecture, and he wanted his students to do the best they possibly could." of the school while Harmon was a student.

"He was a remarkable person. He was what you would call irrepressible," Harmon remembers. "He was full of energy and enthusiasm for architecture, and he wanted his students to do the best they possibly could. He always had high expectations for his students."

Harmon said Kamphoefner had a vision of architecture that came from the basic roots of the likes of Frank Lloyd Wright, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Frank C. Harmon, FAIA

and other masters of 20th century architecture.

"He knew all of these architects personally so his high standards are by direct contact," Harmon adds.

In fact, Kamphoefner's high standards were hard to ignore as a student and are now a part of the fabric of architecture in North Carolina.

"He held high standards for his students and faculty," Harmon said. "One of his great contributions is that he hired some of the most highly qualified and great teachers at the School of Design.

KAMPHOEFNER PRIZE WINNERS

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Frank C. Harmon, FAIA

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Frank C. Harmon, FAIA Raleigh

"Another influence of Henry is that he emphasized the craft as well as the design of architecture. He built a beautiful facility for the School of Design which had a woodworking shop, a metal shop and sculpture areas. That helped him set his students apart from other schools of architecture in that they knew how to use their hands, and they appreciated the craft of building.

"That has been one of his contributions and gifts to me an appreciation and access to the craft of architecture," Harmon said.

The award, Harmon feels, is recognition of the highest standard of architecture.

"It is very humbling to me to be in the presence of some of the other people who have won this award — people like Marley Carroll, Brian Shawcroft, Phil Shive and Ligon Flynn. I think of these as all really outstanding architects, and I'm honored to be in their company."

In private practice since 1979, Harmon's firm has completed 38 projects with a total value of more than \$19 million. He has won local and national recognition for his work. He designed the Rake and Hoe Garden Center Utility Building in Raleigh, which was chosen by *Time Magazine* as one of the

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10 best designs of 1988. It also received the North Carolina AIA Design Award in 1988 and won the *Spectator Magazine* First Design Award in 1989. The design was then featured at the North Carolina Museum of Art in 1992.

Harmon also designed the exhibition center for Philip Morris International in Richmond, Va.; a recreation center for SAS Institute in Cary; the cafeteria and storage areas of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation office buildings in Raleigh and Winston-Salem; the addition to the library and home economics buildings at Auburn University; the Bio Design Center at Duke University; Anderson Grove Preschool in Albemarle; and private residences. He previously worked for McKinn, Norfleet & Wicker Architects in Greensboro and was an associate with Richard Meier and Associates in New York.

Henry Kamphoefner worked closely with the North Carolina Architecture Foundation to create the prize bearing his name. It is funded through an endowment established by Kamphoefner and his wife, Mabel.

During his 25-year tenure as founder and dean of the N.C. State School of Design, the school rose to international prominence in architectural and design education.





(Above) Harmon's home in Raleigh and (below) Anderson Grove Preschool in Albemarle.

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(Above) The North Carolina Farm Bureau in Raleigh and (below) the Rake and Hoe Garden Center Utility Building in Raleigh.









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-DESIGN LINES-

"The client had a beautiful natural site on a salt water marsh. The charge was to place an object on the site that would improve it. The house is sculpture in a natural setting — a transparent temple on a solid base.

"When you have clients that are completely infatuated with the product, then you have to feel the effort was successful." William R. Hopkins, AIA **Jenkins Residence**

Location: South Point, Worcester County, Md. Architect: William R. Hopkins, AIA, Architect with Philip Szostak, AIA General Contractor: Carl J. Williams & Sons, Inc., Delmar, Md. Photographer: Gordon Schenck Project Completion Date: Spring 1991

The Jenkins residence is located on the edge of a scenic salt water marsh on a working farm in the South Point area of Worcester County, Md. The entry lane bisects acres of fields and ends at a grove of pines and century-old oaks and hollies.

The client requested a steel and glass structure, as he is strongly influenced by minimalist design. A doubleheight atrium serving living and dining spaces is the focus around which two master suites and a studio/ library revolve. The studio provides ample space for a grand piano with tranquil views of the surrounding tree grove and adjacent constant water-view reference. A roof deck allowing a spectacular 270 degree vista of Ayers Creek and adjoining salt marshes capped the program requirements.

Materials include white pointed brick base, with white structural framing and clear glass above. Interior materials include natural slate floors on the first floor and maple floors upstairs. Cabinetry is either maple or cherry wood with black granite surfaces. The roof deck is of redwood with a painted steel trellis. The house's four mechanical zones, continuous fed hot water loop and total electrical systems are provided backup power by a propane generator since the peninsula is frequented by powerful storms.

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