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In this issue are the four additional New Mexico Society of Architects Honor Award winners. See pages 9-12. And the annual NMSA Roster. The roster is inserted in the center of the magazine for easy removal for your files.

The battle to save, and subsequently to restore, the west front of the United States Capitol Building has been won by the good guys. Both Houses of Congress have voted to restore the historic facade. I want to thank any of our readers who wrote to their Senators and Congressmen pleading for restoration. Citizen input can make a difference.

The May/June issues of New Mexico Architecture is also in the works. It will contain an article about the Wellington Place Apartments new Clubhouse. The article has been prepared by Regan Young, who graduated from the Architectural Department of the University of New Mexico in 1982.

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1982 Honor Awards — continued

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 architecture, 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.

Robert W. Peters, A.I.A.
Architect

Honor Award: Renovation
Dietz Farms Plaza
Shopping Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico

A remodeling of a 10 year old shopping center with goals of providing urban scale by use of a monumental wall, auto scale by redesign of the arcade and site to attract the passing motorist, and walking scale to relate to the shopper by providing a shaded and pleasant enclosure. A budget of 70,000 dollars for architectural work and 20,000 for landscaping provided limits which called for priorities to be established to gain the maximum impact.

Dietz Farms Plaza
Shopping Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Jury Comments
A fine remodeling job on a very minimal budget. A creative design approach which was brilliantly executed.

Architect:
Robert W. Peters, A.I.A.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Consultants:
Structural - W.R. Underwood Jr.
Landscape Architect:
Morrow & Worley

General Contractor:
Baker Construction Co., Inc.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Client:
Littleton Trust

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An 8 million gallon reservoir located in East Albuquerque near a prominent entrance to the University of New Mexico. The project was as a consultant to an engineering firm doing a structural renovation of the reservoir. The structurally supporting berm was surfaced with boulders which provide immediate textural interest until plantings matured. A warm-tone concrete fascia replaced a chain link fence barrier. Sheltered reading and conversation areas were developed in the space adjacent.

Jury Comments

We were impressed with the design assignment and believe the architect did an excellent job. The use of the reading and conversation areas was impressive and well done. The engineer is to be complimented who hired the architect for the aesthetics.
Honor Award: Renovation

Victor's Ristorante
Santa Fe

A restaurant remodeling project in Santa Fe completed in ninety days featuring Italian cuisine. The bar/lounge entry is designed to be a warm welcoming center. Interiors were enlarged by removing unnecessary partitions and simplifying forms. The patio was covered with a skylight to add more dining space.

Victor's Ristorante
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Architect:
Laban W. Wingert, A.I.A.
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Client:
Donna Cost

Jury Comments

This project was done in a nice clean manner to have been completed in such a short time. It has the proper ambiance for a restaurant through the good use of materials and interesting volumes.
Honor Award: Historic Preservation
John Cox Ranch
Santa Rosa

The John Cox Ranch
Santa Rosa, New Mexico

Architects:
Burran and Smith, A.I.A.
Clovis, New Mexico

Client:
John L. Cox

Jury Comments

An outstanding job. Good use of materials, especially the simplified arcades. The landscaping is very compatible. Existing and new materials handled in a very fine manner.

The remodeling of an existing ranch house built in about 1860 to create a contemporary vacation home and guest quarters. Covered porches and walkways are used to unify the buildings and provide a sense of the original Texas pioneer style. The site is opened by removal of a stone fence and additional landscaping added.
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