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Are four of the seven winners in the New Mexico Society of Architects Honor Award program announced during the Awards Banquet held at the NMSA Annual Meeting last fall at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Because of space limitations, the three additional award winners will be published in the July/August issue, which is about to go to press. The Society's program of awards is designed to recognize excellence in the production of architecture. New Mexico Architecture is proud to present to our readers these architectural projects.

The cover of this issue is made possible by the generous contribution of Don Felts, AIA, who is responsible for the design of the Sawyer House (see pages 8 & 9).

I want to express my thanks for the layout of the NMSA Award pages to Nancy Weinman of Albuquerque. Thank you, Nancy.

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Annual Conference • 1986

The 1986 annual meeting and conference of the New Mexico Society of Architects - AIA will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Santa Fe October 9, 10, 11, 1986. The conference sessions consisting of thoughtful, provocative and timely subjects will occur on Friday and Saturday. They will include a keynote presentation by G. Z. Brown, AIA from the University of Oregon at Eugene. Mr. Brown's topic: "Sun, Wind, and Light - Opportunities for Design", will discuss the sun, wind and light as a primary element in the development of building form and materials. Brown uses historical and contemporary buildings to demonstrate how these elements can be used to form, enliven and enrich architecture. The lecture includes an architectural recipe for the creation of a gourmet thermal and light experience.

In addition Ms. Ellen Beasley, Preservation Planning Consultant of Galveston, Texas, will discuss the evolution of historic districts in such cities as Santa Fe, Savannah, Georgia, Telluride, Colorado and Indianapolis, Indiana. Ms. Beasley surveyed these communities in 1977 for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She has just completed a revisit and re-evaluation of the same communities. What has happened? Have they been "enhanced" or "dehanced" through the enactment and administration of historic district ordinances?

But that is not all. Other sessions and other panelists will explore these and other subjects of interest to the members of the New Mexico Society of Architects.

A gala New Mexico wine tasting reception is to happen at Shidoni Foundry in Tesuque Valley, as well as the traditional at homes dinners. A golf tournament is currently scheduled for Thursday. Tours are being planned, exhibits of architectural produces, as well as locally produced architecturally related crafts, are scheduled. The program terminates with a Fellows Reception and Honor Awards Banquet in the newly completed Eldorado Hotel, just across the street from the headquarters hotel.

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Every year a jury of renowned professionals, architects and others from allied fields are invited to judge the year's work by New Mexican architects. Their personal review of the local work is done on an anonymous basis so that they may not be influenced by the identity of any local architects. The projects this year were reviewed on an individual basis from slides. The jury made the following general comments on the subject of Regional Architecture.

**Jury Statement**

The jury gave Awards of Honor to seven projects out of thirty six submissions. The standard of the submissions was high. The jury particularly lauded the photography and made the suggestion that consideration be given to recognition of the photographers. The jury did note that there were few interior slides. Those projects that did receive an award generally made a very good presentation of the interiors. The jury encourages future submissions that show how a building relates to it's surrounding environment and how landscape contributes to design.

(Presentation of Awards winners will continue in the July/August issue of NMA.)

**William C. Muchow, FAIA**

William C. Muchow, FAIA founded his design firm, W.C. Muchow and Partners, in 1950 after having received degrees from Notre Dame, University of Illinois, and a Masters Degree in Architecture and Urban Planning from Cranbrook Academy. His firm has designed over 700 projects in the Denver area and has received several significant design awards. Mr. Muchow has served on eight major design awards juries and has served as juror on twenty one AIA chapter design awards programs throughout the United States.

Mr. Muchow is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World. He is the holder of a Rome Prize, has received the American Registered Architects Special Service Award, the Silver Medal of the Western Mountain Region of the AIA, and the Buell Honor Award of the Colorado Society, AIA, as Outstanding Architect.

He serves as member of the Denver Technological Center Design Review Board and the University of Colorado Design Review Board. He has served as National Treasurer of the American Institute of Architects, Past President of the Colorado Society of the American Institute of Architects and on the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

**Ida Pearl Jeffers**

Ida Pearl Jeffers has a long standing reputation of involvement in major community volunteer services in Albuquerque and New Mexico. She has been chair of the Environmental Planning Commission, of the New Mexico Architects/Engineers Joint Practice Committee, and of the Citizens Advisory Group for Community Development. She is a member of the Albuquerque Urban Transportation Planning Policy Board and various planning related city committees.

She has been a Guest Lecturer on planning at the University of New Mexico and in the Albuquerque Public School System. She received the Distinguished Public Service Award from the State of New Mexico in 1975 and the Distinguished Woman of New Mexico Award from the New Mexico Women's Political Caucus in 1976. She was Associate Director of the City of Albuquerque Municipal Development Department from 1978 through 1981 and is now a management consultant.

**George C. Dusang Jr., AIA**

George C. Dusang Jr., AIA attended Texas A&M University and graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Texas Tech University in 1956. He is a Registered Architect in the State of Texas and holds an NCARB certificate. He is a Member of the American Institute of Architects, the Texas Society of Architects, and the Construction Specifications Institute. He is past president and secretary of the El Paso Chapter of the AIA and President of the El Paso Chapter of the CSI. Mr. Dusang is an active participant in church, civic, and service organizations in El Paso.

He is a Partner in the El Paso firm of Carroll, Dusang and Rand. The firm was founded as a partnership between Edwin W. Carroll and Louis Dauble in 1945. Mr. Dusang joined the firm in 1956 and became a partner, along with Mr. Patrick Rand, in 1967. The firm has received two awards for Outstanding Architectural Design from the El Paso Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, an Award of Merit from the Texas Society of Architects for the Outstanding School Design Awards Program and an Honorable Mention from the Bell System National Design Awards program.

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The project is a private residence on two acres of flat land in the Rio Grande bosque in north Albuquerque. The site is bordered by the riverside to the west and has a view of the Sandia Mountains to the east. There is cottonwood forest as well as alfalfa fields, orchards and vineyards around the site.

The two owners of the house have diverse working hours. Therefore, a major program requirement was to distinctly separate the living and sleeping areas. Another requirement was to provide outdoor garden areas with walls that shield the occupants from the immediate neighbors but allows visual access to the mountains in the distance.

The owners enjoy cooking and home beer brewing. They required a spacious kitchen with commercial appliances and extensive preparation areas. They also required a pantry for storage of large vats, crocks and brewing supplies as well as a cool room for storage of beer.

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Jury Comments:

This is a well done piece of modern architecture. Of all the projects, it has the highest consistency of design. It was commended for its technical solutions and harmonious interiors.
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Rehabilitation
Wool Warehouse Theatre and Restaurant
Albuquerque, New Mexico

The original Wool Warehouse was built in 1929 and was used for the storage and sales of wool hides. Prior to being transformed into a theatre and restaurant, it was used by the City of Albuquerque for the storage of records. The renovation brings the first private entertainment facility to downtown Albuquerque since the early 1970's.

In order to accommodate the theatre, a substantial portion of the roof structure was removed. This allowed a full height proscenium opening with a fly loft to be constructed. It also allowed the addition of stepped seating platforms which accommodate 425 people. Careful attention was given to sight lines while still providing circulation space for dining. The stage area is designed to offer complete theatrical flexibility.

The kitchen is located so that it serves both the theatre and restaurant with little distraction to either. Elevators provide handicapped access to the theatre and restaurant and also provide service to the kitchen. A ground floor vestibule and lobby directs patrons past the administrative.ticket area and up the main stairway to the theatre and restaurant. There is a large second floor lobby and art gallery for theatre patrons.

Considerable effort was made to deal with the acoustical problems associated with the theatre. Especially those problems brought about by the close proximity to the railroad tracks, the kitchen, and the restaurant. The backstage area provides a sound barrier between the stage and railroad tracks. The walls around the stage and auditorium are designed to keep stray noise and light from the kitchen area out while reinforcing the actor's voices without electronic amplification.

The interior motif reflects an art decor adaptation of Egyptian like columns with flared capitals. The motif is reflected in the carpet, ticket windows, bar mirror, etched glass theatre lobby doors, and entry elements.

Jury Comments:
The jury commended the courageous decision to step forward and renovate this building. "This is a good conversion of an old building for an innovative new use". The jury liked the playful atmosphere brought about by the renovation.
Wool Warehouse Theatre and Restaurant
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Architect:
Boehning, Protz, Cook & Associates, P.A.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Interiors:
Jean Ellet Pettingell, Designer ASID

Theatre:
W. George Schreiber

Mechanical:
Bridgers & Paxton Consulting Engineers

Electrical:
Uhl & Lopez Engineers, Inc.

Landscape:
Dennis C. Wilkinson, A.S.L.A.

Owner:
George and Betty Luce

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Honor Award
Gene Dyer
Architect and Urban Designer

Urban Design
The Seam "No Man's Land"
Jerusalem, Israel

This project is the urban design of No Man's Land, Jerusalem, Israel. The program is to develop a comprehensive plan that will integrate the politically separate sections of this ancient city. The designers had to anticipate modern traffic requirements, new buildings, and new circulation patterns. The end product had to imply a nonaligned public identity.

In order to establish the recognition of The Seam as an area of many uses for all people, a new circulation system weaves the halves of the city together. A major new entry, Road Number One, is the processional vehicular path to the central city. The road emphasizes the urban history along its path. Vital services to the Old City, via Damascus gate, will be strengthened to create an active multi-use zone. A major emphasis of the project is to illustrate that new developments can be sensitive to existing historic scale and texture. These new developments will strengthen the link by introducing new activity.

The first phase will include the major circulation infrastructure and will position vital public uses to create substantial pedestrian activity. Multi-use development will grow incrementally in planned stages as decided by the city.

Jury Comments:
This project was the best of all submitted. The Jury was impressed with the quality and clarity of the drawings. The excellent handling of people, vehicles and spaces in a harmonious setting with the surrounding environment was noted. This is one urban development which is clearly expressed in the design, and relates well to the topography.
The Seam
The Urban Design of
"No Man's Land"
Jerusalem, Israel

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The Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek,
The Office of the City Engineer, Jerusalem

Architects:
Gene Dyer
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Todd Johnson
Denver, Colorado
Clifton Page
Cambridge, Mass.

Assisted by:
Dorothy Dyer
Ellen Johnson

Associated Firm:
Dan Vind, Construction Coordinator
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Renderers:
Gene Dyer
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Surrounded by the oasis-like vegetation of the Rio Grande Valley, this 4000 square foot residence clusters around a courtyard and encompasses spectacular views of the nearby mountain range.

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The house walls off the harsh sun and wind from the west and acts as a passive solar heat receptor on the south through the use of vented trombe walls and a greenhouse/solarium area. Clerestories at the living room, study and gallery spaces bring soft light into the home and are also used for ventilation.

A large beam of traditional turquoise color pierces the courtyard and terminates as a cascading source of water at the fountain. Materials of construction on the project include wood framing with stucco finish on the exterior. Interior forms and materials of brick flooring, white walls and exposed wood ceilings provide a sympathetic setting for the client’s collection of Southwestern art and craft artifacts.
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