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Design Matters By Tom Briney, AIA



The value of getting this message across is hard to measure—but it's good to let the world know what we do!

Yes. Good design does matter.

This year the events of Design Pittsburgh have underscored how true this is for our region and our professional community. Beginning with the Gallery Crawl exhibition on September 29th, we kicked off Design Pittsburgh (a little early) with a public display of the 96 submissions for this year's awards competition. If you attended, you were one of over 600 quests to view and discuss the work of AIA Pittsburgh firms. (The vast majority of the attendees were not architects.) As I viewed the boards and mingled, what impressed me most were the conversations I overheard from non-professionals. Almost without exception, our "quests" talked of the quality of the design and presentations. the range of project types and the care and professionalism evident in the submissions. Some people expressed gratification that AIA Pittsburgh architects were spawning "these kinds of positive impacts in our communities." Clearly, a number of the attendees got to appreciate (for the first time) what we have been broadcasting for years: Our design is recognized for its quality and our work represents the best aspirations to make a difference in improving quality of life and our environment. The value of getting this message across is hard to measure—but it's good to let the world know what we do!

Two weeks later at the Design Gala, we hosted over **420 people** to formally begin Design Pittsburgh's annual Design Awards competition. Our sponsors, membership and clients shared a highly enjoyable evening of fellowship and discussion about the design submissions. Here the discussions were more about the consistent quality of the work and how we continually value the collaboration with clients and the other professionals that make good projects happen. We all should be gratified in how Design Pittsburgh continues to grow in participation and recognition. It's also noteworthy that a number of our younger and emerging professionals attended the exhibit—what a great

opportunity for them to see what AIA firms are doing locally and beyond.

At the Design Awards Ceremony, Andrew Herdeg, AIA from AIA San Antonio, the jury chair, emphasized a number of times the jury's positive comments about the thoughtful and well-crafted submissions they reviewed. In my discussions with him, this will be a message that I'm sure he will repeat next year at the convention in San Antonio. And, of course, we extend our congratulations to the award winners—peer recognition is probably the highest compliment, and this year it is well deserved.

Beyond the more immediate events of Design Pittsburgh, AIA Pittsburgh has allied itself over the past few years with the Allegheny County Medical Society (and recently with the Allegheny County Bar Association) to create forums to discuss topics of concern to our professions and region (for example: obesity and diversity). While our collaboration might seem odd at first glance, we each share a common concern for the future of the Western Pennsylvania region and how we can each influence public policy in creating healthier, more vibrant and sustainable communities. As part of Design Pittsburgh month, we co-hosted a radio spot with the Allegheny County Medical Society on KQV radio and the message was how good design can create opportunities for healthy living.

As you all know it takes considerable effort for us to get the recognition we deserve. Consider, too, the numbers I have quoted and the potential reach of AIA Pittsburgh's message. At your urging, the Chapter Board has worked diligently (and will continue) to create the right opportunities for this to occur. Let's enjoy this success and commit together to build on it for the future.

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Something Old, Something New By Anne Swager, Hon. AIA

I have been with the AIA long enough

to have heard almost every complaint several times. I am actually at that scary point where someone will bring up a "new" idea that we did a number of years ago. That's not to say that a good idea cannot be successfully recycled because it certainly can. It just makes my

> knees ache a little more when I find myself reliving our history.

Hands down, we get more unsolicited advice, running commentary, praise and criticism over design awards than for anything else we do. Members seem to break into two camps. A group of you think giving each other awards is akin to the emperor without any clothes. It is nothing more than self congratulatory flaunting of projects that please architects more than the clients for whom they were designed. The other camp thinks of awards night as closer to the Oscars replete with the intrigue of who is going to win and what was the jury really thinking. Of course, the vast majority of you fall somewhere

My true confession...I love design awards. I love buildings. Hove cities. Hove towns and villages. Mostly I love the art of architecture done well and how it shapes cities, towns and villages. I am fascinated by your abilities to pull a building together and have it work on so many levels. I know that spaces done well make me feel better, function better and even can lift my doldrums on a grey Pittsburgh day. Obviously, I am an architecture junky. If you were to listen to my mother, she would tell you that because my heinous kindergarten teacher squashed my innate artistic abilities by trying to make me use my right hand instead of my left, I became an executive director instead of an architect. I am not sure how she came to this profound deduction but she's said it with the greatest of conviction for as long as I can remember. Be that as it may, I have a great time looking through the binders as they arrive and then again as the jury is going through them. Before any of the events began this year, I snuck over to our rented space and looked through the boards which gave me an entirely different perspective on the range of projects submitted.

Once again, Design Pittsburgh was a rousing success! For the first time this year, we were able to participate in one of the Cultural Trust's Gallery Crawls. It was mind boggling to get 600 visitors milling around looking at the projects and actually talking about them. By the end of the evening the ballot box for the People's Choice Award was overflowing. We had long run out of the "way more wine than we will ever need" and came close to exhausting our supply of garbage bags, cups, and napkins. It was exhilarating (and exhausting) to see just how many people cared enough about the art of what you do to not just look over the 90 plus submissions, but to argue about what they liked best, or least and why.

Next year we hope to replicate the success of the Gallery Crawl. To do so we will have to find a large enough space in the Cultural District that can accommodate all of the boards, people and our events. Throughout the upcoming year we will be looking for more opportunities to get the word out about what you do and how artfully you do it. Your suggestions on how we might accomplish this are always welcome. Who knows? We might even dust off a few old ideas and put them to good use.



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How it Works

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Design Awards which are judged by an out of town jury and open to any member of AIA Pittsburgh, AIA
Middle Pennsylvania or any member of any AIA chapter across the country who has a project in the 22-county area represented by AIA Pittsburgh and AIA Middle Pennsylvania.

The mission of these awards is to recognize and promote excellence in the craft of architecture, as created by the members of AIA. This year, awards were given in five categories:

Architectural Detail/Craftsmanship,
Open Plan, Regional and Urban
Design, Interior Architecture and
Architectural.

What do the awards mean?

- The Silver Medal is AIA
 Pittsburgh's highest award and is
 presented at the jury's discretion. It is
 only presented in the Architectural
 category. Only one Silver Medal can be
 awarded and the jury may choose not
 to award it. The last Silver Medal was
 awarded to Bohlin Cywinski Jackson
 for The Barn at Fallingwater in 2005.
- Honor Awards are granted for overall excellence to projects in the Architectural, Regional and Urban Design and Interior Architecture categories. Certificates of Merit recognize an outstanding aspect of a project such as detailing or adaptive reuse. Open Plan and Architectural Detail/Craftsmanship projects are only eligible for Awards of Excellence.

— The Green Design Citation, presented this year by Mascaro Construction and The Mascaro Sustainability Initiative, recognizes projects that have integrated green building strategies and practices into the design to reduce environmental impact. This award also recognizes the growing impact that buildings have on human health, worker productivity, and environmental and regional prosperity. Projects in the Architectural and Interior Architecture categories are eligible for Green Design Citations.

The jury may award as many or as few Honor Awards, Certificates of Merit or Awards of Excellence as they like. design awards

ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS



HONOR AWARD AND GREEN DESIGN CITATION

Project: The Stuckeman Family Building for the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture

Client: The Pennsylvania State University

Architecture Firm: Overland Partners / WTW

Architects

Project Team: Richard DeYoung, AIA, Joseph Nagy, AIA, Thomas Wiley, AIA, Ken Schrock, Betsy Garrity, Carol Glorioso, Rocky Kernick, Alan Klauss, AIA, Paul Greb, Christine Kwolek, Jeff Mataya, Jamie Gamble, Robert Schanck, AIA, Ginger Teapole, Robert Shemwell, AIA, James Shelton, Juan Ortego, Richard Archer, FAIA, Timothy Blonkvist, FAIA, Madison Smith, Robert Schmidt, Lauire Zapalac, Jeff Russell, Pi Cheng Sun, Greg Snow, Greg Seay, Kyle Onderko

Contractor: Whiting-Turner Contracting Company

Photographer: Esto Photographics, Inc.

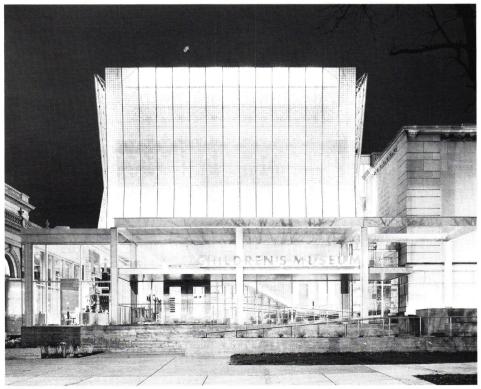
Description: Just as the school seeks to unify the departments of architecture and landscape architecture, this building encourages collaboration with the design of open and interconnected interior spaces and studios. The exterior addresses its site with two distinct personalities — one façade a contemporary completion to a brick quadrangle, the other a recycled copper response to its surroundings.

Jurors' comments: The design benefits from a strong and very programmatically relevant diagram that is expressed throughout the interior and is clearly translated to the exterior. The use of the public open space interlocking with the studios is very successful. Combined with abundant daylighting, these strategies make for a really wonderful learning environment. The thinness of the building reinforces strong interior spatial connections as well as to the surrounding campus. You seem to be ever aware of the surrounding green space. The dramatic and iconic gesture to the campus on the east end of the building is particularly strong. The exterior articulation strikes a balance and allows the building to appropriately respond to it various solar orientations and campus context."

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HONOR AWARD AND GREEN DESIGN CITATION

Project: Children's Museum of Pittsburgh **Client:** Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

Architecture Firm: Koning Eizenberg Architects /

Perkins Eastman

Project Team: J. David Hoglund, FAIA, Richard Northway, AIA, Debbie Przekop, AIA, Shayne Blacksburg, Nate Burdette, Holly Jordon, Kris Kennedy, Lee Pellegrino, AIA, Rick Rebottini, Erica Paul

Contractor: Mascaro Construction Company, L.P.

Photographer: Esto Photographics, Inc.

Description: This Silver LEED certified project was planned, designed, and constructed using sustainable practices. The expansion and renovation involves adaptive reuse of landmark historic structures linked by an innovative steel and glass contemporary structure which forms a dynamic wind sculpture.

Jurors' comments: It is a fairly simple equation, but realized with confidence and a certain amount of restraint: a little jewel box. The addition as an art piece along with its generous porch dramatically but gracefully achieves it public role. It does things well for the city and the kids. It seems very purposeful in its strategy... A wonderful ephemeral piece that changes throughout the day. As a Children's Museum, it is wonderful that you can inhabit the art piece as well as admire it.... It is very successful at connecting two structures with its modernity being a nice counterpoint to the two historical structures. I like the lightness of it compared to the two very heavy historical structures.

ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS



HONOR AWARD

Project: Biomedical Sciences Tower III

Client: University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Architecture Firm: Payette / JSA Architecture Planning Engineering Interior Design

Project Team: Kevin Sullivan, AIA, George Marsh, Jr., AIA, Thomas Mrozenski, Jr., AIA, Scott Womack, AIA,

Robert Cortopassi, John Barnett

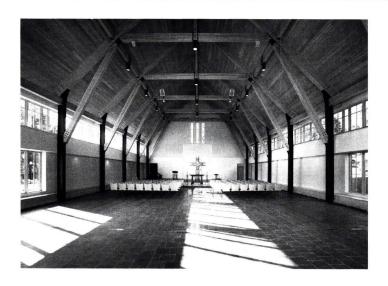
Contractor: Mascaro/Hunt, A Joint Venture **Photographer:** Warren Jagger Photography

Description: The building is organized into two bars of laboratory facilities, shared by a central corridor. The articulation of the building's twin bars of laboratories both maximizes the number of labs within the square footage and anchors its position at the meeting point of the University's upper and lower campus grids.

Jurors' comments: We like the playfulness of the fenestration which differentiated the various programmatic volumes. The scale of this building could have been a burden, but the designers took the issue to task. All of us appreciated the strategies to break down the overall mass especially the end volumes. It is an unusually handsome urban building especially given its program. They took a complex building and wove a series of handsome facades out of it. There is a good layering and bridging of interior and exterior spaces. The open public glass corners would seem to be a wonderful surprise for visitors and an appropriate use for such an important area within a complex building"



ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS



CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Project: David Johnson Memorial Chapel

Client: Thiel College

Architecture Firm: Desmone & Associates Architects

Project Team: Luke Desmone, AIA, William Brocious, AIA

Contractor: Rien Construction

Photographer: Massery Photography, Inc.

Description: This project consists of a new multi-denominational chapel for an independent liberal arts college, using the liturgical progression of rituals as the primary theme for ordering the placement of liturgical spaces and symbols. The exterior use of red brick and limestone trim reflects the character of the 135-year old campus while the interior laminated wood timber and steel structure creates a rhythmic pattern through the gathering space.

Jurors' comments: Super simple programmatically but lots of restraint shown in the design. Nicely articulated and reverential. Great use of natural light. Simple details that are not overwrought on the inside. It appears to match the scale and context of the other college buildings and the residences that are implied beyond.



CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Project: Arch Street Loft **Client:** Name withheld

Architecture Firm: Loysen + Kreuthmeier Architects

Project Team: Peter Kreuthmeier, Karen Lovsen, AIA, Dave Green, Jennifer McCarthy.

Sallyann Kluz, Eugene Leung

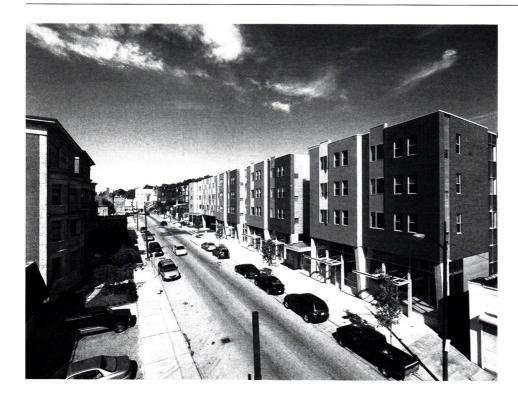
Contractor: Clearview Project Services Company **Photographer:** Massery Photography, Inc.

Description: What used to be home to an automotive service garage and warehouse has been converted into a contemporary living space. The large open space uses level changes to define various "rooms" and sandblasted glass to allow light in while maintaining a level of privacy.

Jurors' comments: I appreciate the restraint, the rich but simple palate of materials on the interior and very honest expression of what the building is about. Only made a few moves which are all clean and simple, and do not detract from the overall existing space. The design maximizes the potential of the original structure. The entrance as a three-dimensional forced perspective creates a dramatic entrance event in a very short space without being a room.

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ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS



CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Project: Fairmont

Clients: Affirmative Investments, Presbyterian SeniorCare, Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh

Architecture Firm: Rothschild Doyno Architects, P.C. Project Team: Daniel Rothschild, AIA, Kenneth Doyno, AIA, Michele Andrianse, Assoc. AIA, Geoff Campbell, AIA, Carrie DiFiore, Assoc. AIA, Tara Earnest, Assoc. AIA, Glenn Gilbert, Assoc. AIA, Jeff Kalina, Nuri Miller, Terence Oden, AIA, John Orsini, AIA, Kate Tunney,

Assoc. AIA

Contractor: Mistick Construction **Photographer:** Massery Photography, Inc.

Description: The building connects to the existing neighborhood fabric by responding to the rotated street grid and the historic lot widths across the street. Street frontage is maintained by providing parking to the rear accessed through a drive-under bridge.

Jurors' comments: This is a very smart project. It employs many sound traditional urban strategies while managing to keep the design fresh and modern. Nice detailing in spite of a very tight budget. Kept it simple. Right proportions. The designers achieved a design that accomplished much more than its budget might have implied. The use of geometry is very purposeful in breaking up and scaling the buildings. It is a retrained but thoughtful response to the precedent set across the street without being slavishly historic. Simple gestures in the rhythm and the palette."

REGIONAL AND URBAN DESIGN AWARDS





HOW TO USE THE PATTERN BOOK



Before beginning your project, determine its location, Velocity Zone (per the International Residential Code), climate, soil type, and floodplain elevation. In siting the buildings, consider solar orientation and prevailing wind patterns to take advantage of environmental opportunities for passive heating and cooling.





DENTIFY NEIGHBORHOOD TYPE AND CHARACTER

Within the Community Patterns section, you'll find a discussion of Neighborhood Pattern that includes an overview of the unique characteristics of each type of traditional neighborhood street, each keyed to the Transect Zone which identifies the range of appropriate build



IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE

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HONOR AWARD

Project: Louisiana Speaks: Pattern Book

Client: Plan Baton Rouge

Architecture Firm: Urban Design Associates

Project Team: Raymond Gindroz, FAIA, Rob Robinson, AIA, David Csont, Eric Osth, AIA, Andrew Dresdner, Alexandra Laporte, Erica Bertke, Emily Burnett, Edward Erfurt, Melissa Piper, Jeffery Schwaiger, Atul Sharma, Susann Reimann, Donald Zeilman, AlA

Description: In response to the vast number of houses and buildings that need to be rebuilt since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, this pattern book provides both the guidance

and tools for builders to take on this task.

Jurors' Comments: Wonderful effort as a planning document which can be used by a community. Focus is on the most positive aspects of the established vernacular. Information is clear and concise and beautifully illustrated.



CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Project: Penn-Fairmont Master Plan

Clients: Friendship Development Associates with Bloomfield Garfield Corporation, Garfield Jubilee Association, Affirmative Investments, and Presbyterian SeniorCare

Architecture Firm: Rothschild Doyno Architects, P.C.

Project Team: Daniel Rothschild, AIA, Kenneth Doyno, AIA, Lisa Baker, Assoc. AIA

Description: A process involving two neighborhood organizations and numerous neighborhood meetings, the goal was to produce a community-inspired, context solution for this dense, mixed-use project in the City of Pittsburgh. Both groups and the city offered enthusiastic acceptance at the end of the process and Phase One construction began in 2005.

Jurors' Comments: The architectural project was worthy more of recognition because of what they accomplished from an urban design standpoint with a very limited budget. The design plan is a hopeful expression of what it means to have an urban community.

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE AWARDS



HONOR AWARD

Project: Macromedia Corporate Headquarters (now Adobe)

Client: Macromedia (now Adobe)

Architecture Firm: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson

Project Team: Jon Jackson, AIA, Michael Maiese, AIA, Kent Suhrbier, AIA, Gregory Mottola, AIA, Maria Danielides, Doug Speckard, Jonathan Hayes, Mike Gwin, AIA,

Jarrett Pelletier, Kyle Hollick, Darin Curts **Contractor:** Devcon Construction Inc.

Photographer: Nic Lehoux Photography, Ltd.

Description: The goal of this space was to create a new centralized workplace that would foster community. The headquarters spans an entire city block, incorporating a historic warehouse, a parking structure, and a newer office building. The project renovates the 210,000 square foot warehouse into a facility which includes a 'Town Hall', focus group research rooms, digital screening rooms, a ninety seat auditorium, recording studios, and labs, as well as open teaming areas for workstations.

Jurors' comments: A very honest response to the integrity of an old industrial building. The interventions are to the point, simple and well crafted, allowing the existing building components and the systems to be celebrated. The best darn looking mail room/post office ever!



HONOR AWARD

Project: The Center For Turning and Furniture Design

Client: Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Architecture Firm: Pfaffmann + Associates, P.C.

Project Team: Robert Pfaffmann, AIA, Jimmy DeCecco, AIA, Gregory George,

Assoc. AIA

Contractor: Mid-State Construction

Photographer: Roy Englebrecht Photography and Pfaffmann + Associates, P.C. **Description:** Interior renovation as a collaborative project with the College of Fine Arts, creating a design which directly reflects its use and is itself an educational tool. All elements of the project were considered for their value in illustrating how materials and

methods can be used.

Jurors' comments: I appreciate the consistency of the detailing and attitude that is carried throughout the project. Simple architectural moves to constantly reinforce the program. The materials that are expressed are what the kids are learning about...there is no better way to illustrate the program to the kids. The design seems almost surgical which makes each event the more compelling.

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INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE AWARDS



HONOR AWARD

Project: Hughes Residence Renovation

Client: Ms. Kristin Hughes

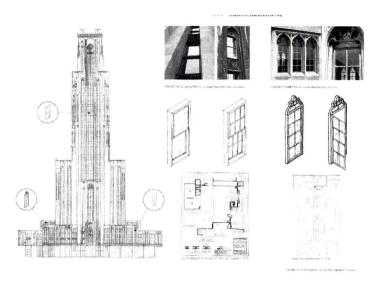
Architecture Firm: studio d'ARC architects, P.C.

Project Team: Gerard Damiani, AIA **Contractor:** Ms. Kristin Hughes, Owner **Photographer:** Denmarsh Photography

Description: A substantially modified interior space, this home now allows for an abundance of natural daylight and creates a series of open spaces. A series of sliding door panels, open grid fiberglass grating and translucent surfaces were all used to allow the spatial depth of the interior to be modified by the owner.

Jurors' comments: I like the variety and complexity of space in a relatively small house. I like the essentially open plan that it defined spatially by some simple skillful articulation like the transparent wall. Delightfully simple level of complexity. With the exposed system, the level of design and execution is wonderful.

OPEN PLAN AWARDS



AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Project: Cathedral of Learning/Oakland Civic Center Conservation Study

Client: University of Pittsburgh

Architecture Firm: Pfaffmann + Associates, P.C.

Project Team: Robert Pfaffmann, AIA, Matthew McNutt, Assoc. AIA. Christine Brill.

William Easlick, John Axtell

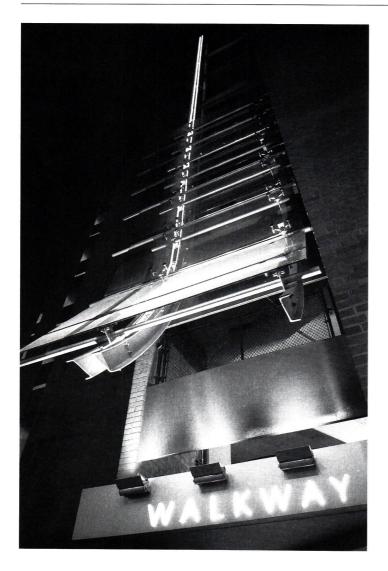
Contractor: FJ Busse Company

Photographer: Archival and/or Pfaffmann + Associates, P.C.

Description: Made possible by a grant to assist universities in managing and preserving the integrity of significant historic buildings, sites and landscapes, the Cathedral of Learning/Oakland Civic Center Conservation Study provides a comprehensive architectural conservation assessment and preservation plan for a contiguous group of architecturally significant structures that comprise the heart of the University of Pittsburgh's campus.

Jurors' comments: A level of inquiry that rarely happens and is even more rarely implemented. Understanding the historical nature to that level of detail is admirable. Even given the limited information we were provide, it was a joy to admire. There is a notion that the firm basically worked with the client to recognize the past, understand the maintenance and developed a plan that has a potential to be implemented. By being so thorough and pragmatic, they have created a very sustainable strategy by allowing this wonderful old campus to be maintained. It is a wonderful celebration of the art of building and construction craftsmanship.

ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL / CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARDS



AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Project: Smithfield Liberty Parking Garage Canopy

Client: Pittsburgh Parking Authority

Architecture Firm: Pfaffmann + Associates, P.C.

Project Team: Robert Pfaffmann, AIA, Erik Hokanson, AIA, Greg George, Assoc. AIA,

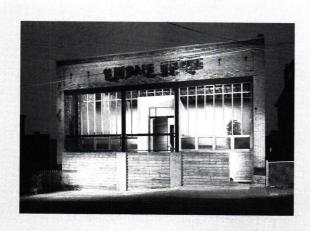
Kurt Beres

Contractor: FJ Busse Company

Photographer: Pfaffmann + Associates, P.C.

Description: A steel spine with ribs that supports the progressive placement of glass panels that increase in size and slope as they reach the bottom, the canopy was been added to the existing garage to highlight a pedestrian entrance. The panels are backlit and highlighted from below with floodlights and then accented with a vertical blue LED line along the spine of the structure.

Jurors' comments: Successful in the way it handles marking an entry and doing so in a way that brings elegance and whimsy to a mundane parking garage. Lots of finegrained detail that is beautifully executed. Most successful at night with a notion of a shaft of colored light. Very simple marker without having to have a giant flashing sign. The integration of the lighting is obviously the most successful part.



COLUMBIA GAS PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Project: Arch Street Loft

Architecture Firm: Loysen + Kreuthmeier Architects **Project Team:** Peter Kreuthmeier, Karen Loysen, AIA,
Dave Green, Jennifer McCarthy, Sallyann Kluz, Eugene Leung

Contractor: Clearview Project Services Company **Photographer:** Massery Photography, Inc.

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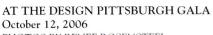












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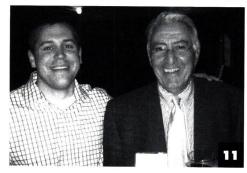














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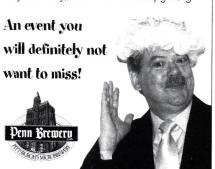


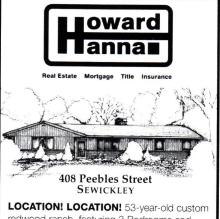


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By Becky Spevack

From the Firms

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Butler County has contracted with **Burt Hill** for design services for the new West End Community and Learning Center and a new 72 unit low-income elderly housing apartment building as well as renovations to Cliffside Apartments.

Pine-Richland School District broke ground in September for a new Upper Elementary School, designed by **Eckles Architecture**. The new facility will be 190,000 sf with 52 classrooms to accommodate 1,200 students in grades four through six.

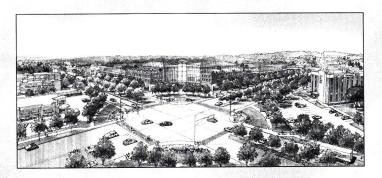
Edgeworth Elementary School has completed a new renovation and additions, designed by **Eckles Architecture**. The project included 64,000 sf in renovations and 37,000 sf in additions.

Foreman Architects Engineers have been selected to perform a study for the Uniontown Area School District for the additions and renovations to the Uniontown Senior High School.

Rothschild Doyno Architects recently completed urban planning and schematic design on Montgomery Place (below), a \$77 million mixed-use project in Newark, NJ. The centerpiece of the urban design is a block-long retail street that can be converted to a public square for concerts and farmers' markets.



Working in collaboration with Millcraft Industries, **Strada** is leading the design of the Fifth Avenue District master plan development for the downtown Pittsburgh. Strada has completed another master plan, for the redevelopment of Hermitage, PA (below).



Business Briefs

▶ Burt Hill announced three new employees to its Pittsburgh office. John Kaminski of Ross Township is a graduate engineer. James McMullan, AIA, brings more than 15 years of design and production experience focusing on large scale residential and hospitality projects. Nicole Duncan, Allied Member of American Society of Interior Designers, has joined the firm as an interior designer. Joining the Butler office are Sarahann Bordick as a technical specialist for Plumbing and Fire Protection and Diane Bookwalter as an electrical engineer.

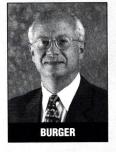






Perfido Weiskopf Wagstaff + Goettel announced that **Elmer B. Burger, II, AIA** has joined the firm as a senior associate and director of business development. He has more than 30 years of experience with firms in Boston Massachusetts, Providence, Rhode Island and Washington, DC as well as Pittsburgh.

Rothschild Doyno Architects PC hired Melanie Buzgan, Assoc. AIA and Pam Theiss. Ms. Buzgan joins the staff as an Intern Architect. She holds dual Master degrees in Architecture and Urban Design at Kent State where she served with the Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative. Ms. Theiss was employed at Chatham College as part of the administrative staff.

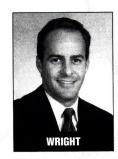






Loren Wright, AIA was promoted to associate at Pieper O'Brien Herr Architects. Loren serves as the managing director of the Pittsburgh office of Pieper O'Brien Herr Architects.

Strada hired **Raymond F. McCaughey, AIA** as a senior project manager. A graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, he will be actively involved in major projects such as the Fifth and Forbes Redevelopment for the City of Pittsburgh.







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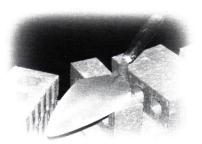
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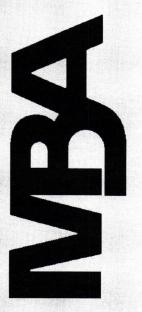
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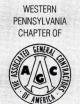


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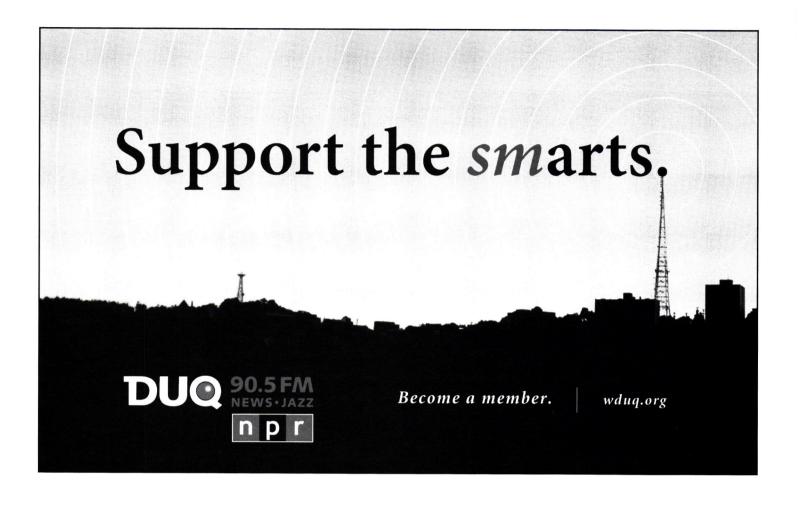
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