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Project
The Lion House

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Schroeder Piwoni, Inc.

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City
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Architect's Statement
Once a splendid example of an urban villa sited on a typical Milwaukee residential boulevard, the Lion House has, because of its public edifice and architectural quality, always drawn use of symbolic significance despite its small size. The Neoclassical Palladian style structure survived demolition and became the administrative headquarters of Concordia College until their move in 1982. In 1983, a fire gutted the inside of the then vacant house. Recognizing its importance to the neighborhood, Westside Conservation Corporation acquired the property and hired the architect to renovate the building for reuse as its headquarters.

The new interior with its two-level layout respects the existing shell by developing the square cupola-like room at the center of the house. Inside, antique elements (light fixtures, handrails, moldings, etc.) are used to contrast with an austere rationalistic aesthetic. Outside, the structure is restored to Federal National Park Service standards. The result is a building made whole again and respectful of the intentions of its original architect.

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**Architect's Statement**

The Downtown Racine Development Corporation, in concert with the City of Racine, sought to create a new multi-purpose facility to accommodate a multitude of ethnic and civic activities. The facility would serve as a focal point for the new Racine harbor and 1,000-slip marina development on the shore of Lake Michigan. The client sought a building which would bring new life to a blighted area and promote additional downtown development.

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Architect's Statement
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The external access to the addition was gained through a courtyard garden providing an interface with the existing building. The plan was an extension of the volumetric shape reflected in the existing structure. A free standing limestone sun screen and window frames and the use of matching brick provided contextual references to the existing building. Flexible chapel seating arrangements were enhanced by providing a variety of focal points including views to the lake. The renovated sanctuary interior was transformed into processional, articulated and participatory spaces highlighted by quality lighting, variations of color, focus and superb acoustics.

Photography, Eric Oxendorff
Jury Comment
The addition has a dignity and power of its own without upstaging or overpowering the church. It extends the metaphor of what you think of as church architecture. It is the beginning of a cloister and, in its quiet way, it has in fact made the church a stronger image.
Project
Sparta Free Library

Architect
Potter Lawson & Pawlovecy, Inc.

Contractor
John E. Clements Construction

City
Sparta, Wisconsin
Architect's Statement

The architect was requested to program and design an addition of approximately 5,000 square feet to both floors of an existing library (nominated to the National Register of Historic Places) located in a small central Wisconsin community. The goal of the project was to effect a modern working library based on today's standards, retaining the period character of the original building while doubling its size.

The addition was designed to compliment the existing building. Window treatment is similar to the original, but subtly different in style, volume and placement. Brick color was matched closely, and limestone courses and quoins were repeated. The half-story limestone base of the original building was rendered in concrete with thin rustication joints on the addition. Close inspection reveals little difference in materials attesting to the skill of the workmanship on this project, both outside and inside. The finished composition has a unity of materials and detailing with subtle differences, so the careful observer can detect the difference in ages of the two sections.

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Merit

Jury Comment
The building has a vernacular matter-of-factness about its design and construction as it alludes to the architecture that exists in the region. It suggests the charm that a Platonic, simple shape might have as a religious institution.

Project
Unitarian Church North

Architect
Kubala Washatko Architects, Inc.

Construction Manager
Kubala Washatko Architects, Inc.

City
Mequon, Wisconsin

Architect's Statement
The congregation requested that a new church be designed with space for 350 people to worship, gather for fellowship and complete administrative tasks. They desired a replica of an eight-sided barn of a style constructed and used in the Southeastern Wisconsin area during the late nineteenth century. The design reflects the philosophical and spiritual view of the congregation by providing a tangible link with its regional heritage and its egalitarian perspective.

The structure is in harmony with the rural setting while successfully blending traditional construction techniques with state of the art technology. The low-lying nature of the site required extensive recontouring in order to insure proper drainage as well as the full utilization of natural lighting in the lower level. Generous dimensioning of the cupola and the windows also help to illuminate and ventilate the worship space. The massive timber frame was maximized as a design element in order to convey a sense of strength and continuity.

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We, of course, are confident that WSA members will be splitting up the $125,000 in prizes.

Dean Carl Patton and Professor Jeffrey Ollswang, AIA, of SARUP made an eye-opening presentation on the Competition at the WSA Convention in May. The goal of the ICDC is to generate visions of the city of the future. The theme is the "Future of the Industrial City." Milwaukee will serve as the prototype for which competitors will create images of the way cities should be planned, designed and built. The results of the Competition will be disseminated internationally through a traveling exhibition, catalog, conference presentations and video.

Competitors in this open competition sanctioned by the International Union of Architects will illustrate their visions of the city of the future by proposing designs for three areas in Milwaukee: the central city district, mature residential neighborhoods and the growing edge of the city. The program will include detailed information about Milwaukee and expected future conditions upon which entrance will develop their designs.

Registration for the Competition opened in July. The registration fee is $75, with checks or money orders made payable to: SARUP/UWM Foundation/ICDC. To qualify for entering the ICDC, all registrations with the fee must be postmarked or delivered no later than November 30, 1988. For further information, write: ICDC, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201 . . . or call (414) 229-4014 and ask to speak to the ICDC Staff.

Questions from competitors may be submitted through December 31, 1988. Answers to questions will be mailed to all competitors by January 31, 1989.

Submissions are due no later than May 31, 1989. Deliberations of the seven-member Competition jury will take place next June; and the winners are to be announced in July, 1989.

Between now and December 1988, SARUP will be actively seeking registrants for the Competition. Ads will be appearing in major journals around the globe and 25,000 posters on the Competition, in both French and English, are being distributed world-wide.

All WSA members are encouraged to enter. You can't win if you don't. Also, if you would like to become a sponsor of the International Cities Design Competition as an individual or firm, please contact the ICDC Staff at SARUP.
Fall Workshop

The 1988 WSA Fall Workshop will be held Friday, September 30, 1988 at the Madison Civic Center. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this educational conference.


The lineup for the 1988 Fall Workshop truly represents a potpourri of seminars on issues and topics of concern to the profession.

But that's not all. Following the Fall Workshop program, Edgar Tafel will give a free lecture at the Elvehjem Museum of Art in Madison as part of the Southwest Chapter's Architecture Week activities.

And that's still not all. You'll also want to tour the exhibition at the Elvehjem Museum entitled "Frank Lloyd Wright in Madison: Six Decades of Experimentation and Design." This exhibition is attracting international attention and will run from September 2 to November 6, 1988.

Wood Design Award

The American Wood Council invites entries in the 1988 Wood Design Award Program, the seventh national program honoring design excellence in wood buildings.

Awards will be given for residential and nonresidential buildings, both new and remodeled. Projects must have been completed since January 1985 to be eligible.

To qualify for the program, buildings must have a dominant wood appearance, although they need not be built entirely of wood. Remodelings or additions must involve a significant alteration to the structure.

The deadline for receipt of submissions is September 30, 1988. There is no entry fee.

For program requirements and entry forms, contact the American Wood Council, 1250 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Phone (202) 833-1595.

Boston Visions

The Boston Society of Architects is sponsoring a national design competition. Architects, urban designers, artists, and other visionaries throughout the United States are invited to design Boston's future.

The entry fee is $60; $30 for students. A kit with competition rules and program information will be provided. Send a non-refundable check or money order payable to Boston Society of Architects to: Boston Visions, BSA, 305 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02115.

Registration opened July 15, 1988 and entries are due October 31, 1988. There are $50,000 in prizes.
People & Places
Potter Lawson & Pawlowsky, Inc., is celebrating its 75th year of continuous practice in Wisconsin. Their office is located at 15 Ellis Potter Court in Madison.

Clarence Huettenrauch, AIA, has received the prestigious Construction Specification Institute Fellow Award. Clarence is one of only 150 individuals that have received this esteemed honor. The award was made in recognition of his contributions to the advancement of construction technology through educational publications and innovative design and methods, outstanding proficiency in specification writing, and invaluable contributions to the SPEC-TEXT COMMITTEE.

David Uihlein, Jr., AIA, has been appointed by Governor Tommy Thompson to the Governor’s Commission on Taliesin. The four primary charges of the Commission include: preparation of a physical preservation program for Taliesin; preparation of a program for public access to the Taliesin buildings and facilities; recommendation of the “most appropriate” administrative organization to assist the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation in the planning, management and oversight of the preservation and ongoing operations of the Taliesin properties and preparation of an estimate of the five-year capital and operational costs of managing the Taliesin properties, as well as review of potential revenue sources.

Arlan Kay, AIA, has been named Wisconsin’s State Coordinator for the Intern-Architect Development Program. IDP is designed to give structure, direction and support to the internship training experience.

Towns Support QBS
The Wisconsin Towns Association has endorsed the WSA’s Qualification Based Selection (QBS) program. The Towns Association endorsed the program as a service to its members in its June newsletter.

This type of support for QBS provides additional exposure and momentum to the program. QBS was endorsed earlier this year by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Endorsement by the Towns Association means the QBS public service program is available through the Association to its 1,800 members. The QBS Facilitator is available to provide assistance to Wisconsin municipalities in establishing a process for selecting an architect. The QBS Facilitator also will serve as a resource person at several meetings sponsored by the Towns Association throughout the year.

The WSA extends its appreciation to Richard Stadelman, Executive Director, and the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Towns Association for their support for QBS.

Antitrust
Up until the early 1970’s AIA policy considered competitive bidding unethical and competition by AIA members on the basis of fees unprofessional. However, that policy violated antitrust laws which forbid competitors from agreeing on how or how not to compete.

The U.S. Justice Department challenged the AIA’s policy, and in 1972 the AIA consented to a decree prohibiting it from adopting such a policy or from saying anything that would imply that submitting price quotations is a bad thing for architects to do.

The Justice Department is now investigating whether the AIA and three of its components have complied with the consent decree. The WSA is not among the components being investigated.

The AIA believes strongly that at the end of the investigation the Justice Department will agree that neither the AIA nor any components has done anything to violate any law. It is important to note that the market for architectural services is highly competitive, and that architects are capable and eager to rise to the challenge that competition presents.

Membership Action
Healy, Michael D., was approved for Associate Membership in the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter.

Reginato, Grant, was approved for AIA Membership in the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter. He advanced from Associate Member.

Dallich, Dan, was approved for AIA Membership in the Northeast Wisconsin Chapter.

Dallich, Renee, was approved for AIA Membership in the Northeast Wisconsin Chapter.

Mathys, Timothy H., was approved for AIA Membership in the Northeast Wisconsin Chapter.

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