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## **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS HURON VALLEY ANNOUNCES 2016 HONOR AWARDS RECIPIENTS AT BIENNIAL GALA AWARDS CEREMONY**

As part of its commitment to advancing the contemporary understanding of architecture, the Huron Valley chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Huron Valley) announced the recipients of its 2016 Honor Awards Program at its biennial awards ceremony at the Bentley Historical Library on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

Twenty-nine projects, designed by registered Architects practicing in the Huron Valley Chapter area (Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and Washtenaw Counties), were submitted for consideration by an independent jury. Ten of the projects were selected by the jury to receive a merit-based Honor Award for the demonstration of skill and sensitivity in the resolution of aesthetic, functional and technical requirements, and/or the advancement of the contemporary understanding of architecture. All submissions will be exhibited at several locations throughout the year, starting with the Mallett's Creek branch of the Ann Arbor District Library for the month of November, then on to the Brighton Public Library. In addition, a Lifetime Achievement Award, two Firm Achievement Awards, the Emil Lorch Award, a Distinguished Community Service Award, and the Eugene Hopkins Distinguished Service Award were presented.

The 2016 AIA Huron Valley Honor Award recipients are:



□ **Building** category: **Hobbs + Black Architects**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 42,800 sq. ft., \$12.5M **Outdoor Adventure Center** in Detroit, Michigan, for The Roxbury Group / Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources. Contractor: Walbridge. The jury was impressed by the *“powerful and dynamic layout of interior space.”*



□ **Building** category: **Quinn Evans Architects**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 186,975 sq. ft., \$36M renovation of the **Knapp's Centre**, in Lansing, Michigan, for the Eyde Company. Contractor: Granger Construction. The jury noted the design as *“sensitive to context, well executed delineation of original work and new construction.”*



□ **Preservation** category: **HopkinsBurns Design Studio**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 13,000 sq. ft., \$4.2M **Chittenden Hall** in East Lansing, Michigan, for Michigan State University. Contractor: Christman Constructors, Inc. The jury stated the *“added dormers and chimney are fabulous nod to original design.”*

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□ **Preservation** category: **HopkinsBurns Design Studio**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 1,250 sq. ft., \$338K **Wing Lake Schoolhouse** in Bloomfield Township, Michigan, for the Bloomfield School District. Contractor: Frank Rewold and Son, Inc. The jury stated they *“couldn’t have done it better.”*



□ **Interior Architecture** category: **O-X Studio, Inc.**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 1,700 sq. ft., \$600K **Tomukun Korean BBQ** in Ann Arbor, Michigan, for Tom Yon. Contractor: The McFate Group. The jury noted *“custom work well executed... Wood detailing, sensitivity to materials was well done.”*



□ **Residential** category: **Angelini & Associates Architects**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 3,938 sq. ft. remodel of the Dunham Lake House in Highland Township, Michigan, for Matthew and Deborah Cabell. Contractor: Johnson Brothers Construction. The jury commented that the *“fireplace in [the] master [bedroom] gives historic texture and context. Well balanced addition by adding to both sides and preserving original.”*



□ **Residential** category: **Charles Bultman, architect**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 7,860 sq. ft., \$2.2M, Idaho House in Ketchum, Idaho, for James and Penelope Deyoung. Contractor: Dembergh Brown Builders. The jury commented that the *“beautiful context and siting creates many vistas”* and they appreciated the *“nod to the barn aesthetic.”*



□ **Small Project / Low Budget** category: **Lindhout Associates Architects**, of Brighton, won an Honor Award for the 1,057 sq. ft., \$226K **Afton Alps renovation**, in Hastings, Minnesota, for Vail Resorts Management Company. Contractor: Hoeft Builders Inc. The jury noted its *“Impactful and bold design.”*

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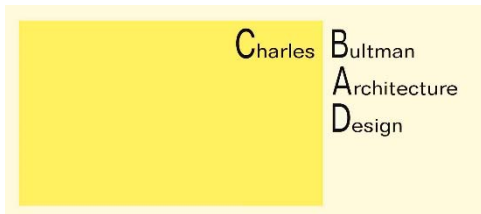
□ **Small Project / Low Budget** category: **O-X Studio, Inc.**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 3,000 sq. ft., \$235K, **Phire Branding office** in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Contractor: Done Rite Contracting. The jury appreciated the *"sensitive detailing and copper ceiling."*



□ **Small Project / Low Budget** category: **N\_SPACE ARCHITECTURES**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 589 sq. ft., \$78K, **Iorio's Gelateria** in Ann Arbor, Michigan, for Nick & Mary Lemmer. Contractor: Royal T Construction. *"Very nice sculptural gestures, materials [and] execution of architecture."*



□ A **Firm Achievement Award** was presented to **HopkinsBurns Design Studio**, of Ann Arbor. The Firm Achievement Award is given to any current practicing architectural firm in business for a minimum of five years. The award is presented to a firm which is well known and respected within the architectural community and has clearly demonstrated professional depth, breadth, collaboration or expertise.



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□ A **Twenty-Years-Plus Recognition** was presented to **Angelini & Associates Architects**, of Ann Arbor. The Twenty-Years-Plus Recognition honors an architectural practice, individual or corporate, headed by a chapter member, which has been in business for at least 20 years.



□ A **Fifty-Years-Plus Recognition** was presented to **Hobbs + Black Architects**, of Ann Arbor. The Fifty-Years-Plus Recognition honors an architectural practice, individual or corporate, headed by a chapter member, which has been in business for at least 50 years.



□ A **Firm Founder Recognition** was presented to **William S. Hobbs** of Hobbs + Black Architects, founded in 1965. The Firm Founder Recognition honors a chapter member who has founded a successful architectural firm – one that has had a minimum of five persons on staff for at least 10 consecutive years.

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□ The **Eugene Hopkins Distinguished Service Award** was presented to **Tamara E. L. Burns, AIA**, of Ann Arbor. This award honors a chapter member who has clearly demonstrated distinguished and outstanding service to the AIA.

Tamara Burns is recognized for her many years of active service to the American Institute of Architects and the profession. Tamara has served in numerous positions on the Huron Valley Chapter and AIA Michigan board including chapter president, and in 2013, she served as the AIA Michigan President. She was Huron Valley's champion for the Blueprint for America initiative celebrating the 150th anniversary of the AIA, leading the AIAHV in a series of seminars and training sessions for the general public designed to increase knowledge and awareness of the impact great design can make in a community. She served as 2015 AIA Convention Programming Co-Chair which shaped the experience for the 20,000 attendees, focusing on relevance and diversity. She also served on the national AIA Component Partnerships Committee from 2004-2006 which studied and set forth recommendations on how to strengthen relationships and deliver value to all members. In addition, since 2011, Tamara has chaired Ann Arbor's first Design Review Board which reviews large development projects in Ann Arbor's downtown, providing an opportunity for early dialog with the developers on the values of the Ann Arbor community.



□ The **Emil Lorch Award** was presented to **Dr. James J. Chaffers, FAIA**, of Ann Arbor. This award recognizes a chapter member in education coincident with professional practice, corporate enterprise, government, or legislation who has made exceptional contributions to the profession in academia and an allied field or corporate enterprise, and who promoted the mission of the AIA in their endeavors.

Dr. Chaffers is recognized for his distinguished academic/professional career as an international practitioner and Emeritus Professor of Architecture at the UM Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. He is the recipient of three "Distinguished Faculty" and three "Outstanding Teacher" Awards and has also been honored as "Educator of the Year" of Michigan Colleges and Universities.

In his academic/professional roles, Dr. Chaffers has served as Director of the University of Michigan Ph.D. Program in Architecture, Director of the Villa Corsi-Salviati Design Studio in Florence, Italy, and 10-year Director of the Taubman College West African Studio in Kumasi, Ghana. In addition to serving as a role model and mentor, Dr. Chaffers has been involved in a number of TCAUP and University-wide initiatives, and has for nearly 30 years served as a member of the Detroit Housing Workshop, of which he also is a founder. The group provides pro bono architecture and planning services to residents and has involved hundreds of students over the years.

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With the focus of his professional and academic work being the reflective exploration of design links between spatial quality and human spirituality, Dr. Chaffers was asked in 1998 to serve as Senior Design Juror for the design competition of a "living memorial" in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The winning entry emerged from over 900 competitive briefs submitted by the international design community. The completed memorial, unveiled in October 2011, now stands on the U.S. National Mall, in Washington, DC.



□ The **Distinguished Community Service Award** was presented to **David Esau, AIA**, of Ann Arbor. This award recognizes a chapter member who has performed distinguished and outstanding service to the broader community through involvement in government, volunteer, or service organizations, or who has provided pro-bono services to community organizations. David Esau is recognized for his long history of community activism and service, serving on numerous boards including The People's Food Coop, The Ann Arbor Hands on Museum, The Arts Alliance, and the Huron Valley chapter of the AIA. David also has been a strong advocate for Accessibility and Universal Design having served on the Michigan ADA Steering Committee to promote compliance with the ADA, speaking at conferences and writing for numerous publications about accessibility issues and fair housing. David also wrote "The Accessible Home", a booklet on home modifications for people with disabilities that is distributed by the Center for Independent Living. He has also completed pro bono work with consumers of the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living related to housing accessibility.



□ The **Lifetime Recognition Award** was presented to **Jan Culbertson, AIA**, of Ann Arbor. This award recognizes an architect who has clearly demonstrated distinguished leadership in any phase of the profession over an extended period of time. This award is made in recognition of outstanding achievement in one or more areas of professional endeavor and/or notable contributions to the AIA. Jan Culbertson is recognized for her many years of professional practice; her position as senior principal at Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative (A3C); her efforts to educate and promote sustainable design projects throughout the architectural community and to the public; her many years of outstanding service to the AIA; as AIAHV President, as AIAHV 2030 Professional Education Coordinator, her service to AIA Michigan as a member of the Committee on the Environment, as a member of the Health Facilities Planning Seminar Project Presentation Committee, as a member of AIA National's Board Community Committee, and as having served as a positive role model and mentor to many architects who have witnessed her dedication to the profession.

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The American Institute of Architects is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to organize and unite its members and to continuously improve the profession of architecture. The Huron Valley Chapter is comprised of architects in Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and Washtenaw Counties.

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