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Austin, May 11, 2018 — On May 10, the Austin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Austin) gathered Members, Allied Members, community leaders, and architecture enthusiasts at the Austin Central Library to celebrate stellar design and those leading the charge to improve Austin’s built environment. Just three weeks prior, four esteemed jurors—Billie Faircloth, AIA, Claudia Harari, Andrew Klare, and Roberto de Leon, FAIA—spent the weekend in Austin deliberating over 146 submissions. With much thoughtful debate, the jurors narrowed the submissions to 14 Design Award winners and 4 Awards of Merit recipients. All of the award-winning projects were located in Austin.

“This year’s jurors were incredibly thoughtful and rigorous,” says AIA Austin Executive Director Ingrid Spencer. “They were interested in projects that elevated a building type or sent a message that design could solve problems, be functional, and still be beautiful. They wanted to show that Austin architects are truly transforming Austin—with projects that bring attention to underused public spaces, challenge traditional building technology, interact with landscapes in unique ways, and provide our city with beautiful, comfortable, human-scaled gathering spaces, houses, and businesses.” The resulting awards represent exceptional recent work by Austin architects and AIA Austin members.

The winning projects will be exhibited at the Austin Central Library from May 16 until June 30. Attendees of the exhibition will have the opportunity for the public to vote for a People’s Choice Award from among the winners. Go to aiaaustin.org for more information.

Design Awards

Eberly
Clayton & Little

Lamar Union
BOKA Powell and Michael Hsu Office of Architecture

Flyrite North
Dick Clark + Associates with Marlon Blackwell Architects

Griffin School
Murray Legge Architecture

John Gaines Park Swim Center
Stanley Studio

St. Edward’s University Holy Cross Hall
Baldrige Architects

Constant Springs Residence
alterstudio architecture, LLP

South 5th Residence
alterstudio architecture, LLP

Rio Grande Residence
Charles Di Piazza and Chris Cobb

Texas French Bread Dining Terrace
Charles Di Piazza and Chris Cobb

W Dock
Miró Rivera Architects

Three-Courts House
A Parallel Architecture

Austin Central Library
Lake|Flato & Shepley Bulfinch
Sustainability Commendation

Bluebonnet Studios
Forge Craft Architecture + Design with Dick Clark + Associates
Sustainability Commendation

Awards of Merit

Community First! Village Micro House
McKinney York Architects

Deep Curiosity
Derrington Building Studio, Wilson Hack, and Drophouse Design

Inwood Place
Tim Cuppett Architects

Hill Country House
Miró Rivera Architects
Sustainability Commendation

Honor Awards: Also awarded at the celebration were five honor awards, selected by AIA Austin's Honor Awards Committee. These five individuals or groups were given awards based on their proven record of extraordinary commitment to improving Austin's communities, neighborhoods, and/or environment.

JOHN V NYFELER, FAIA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD. Awarded for extended commitment to community service or significant contribution evidenced by a positive impact on urban, environmental, or neighborhood issues.

Winner: AIA Austin CodeNEXT Advocacy Team: **David Carroll, AIA; Tyler Stowell, AIA; Victoria Scott Carpenter, Assoc. AIA; Beau Frail, AIA; Blair McKay; Stephi Motal, AIA; Michele van Hyfte, AIA**

EMERGING PROFESSIONAL AWARD. This award is presented to a member or associate member for professional achievement in leadership during the early years of participation in AIA Austin.

Winner: Shelby Blessing, AIA

ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD. Awarded to an individual Associate AIA member who best exemplifies the highest qualities of leadership, and has demonstrated unparalleled dedication and commitment to the AIA Austin Chapter, the community, and to the profession of architecture.

Winner: Gerardo Gandy, Assoc. AIA

THE FIRM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. This award is the highest honor that AIA Austin can bestow on an architecture firm for outstanding contributions to the community, the profession or for producing distinguished architecture.

Winner: STG Design

THE COMMUNITY VISION AWARD. The award was added in 2011 to acknowledge individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding efforts to improve the community and quality of life through urban planning and development.

Winner: Housing Authority of the City of Austin

ABOUT AIA AUSTIN: The Austin chapter of the American Institute of Architects, AIA Austin has over 1,000 architect and designer Members, and 180 Allied Members. AIA Austin is the voice for our region's architecture community. We advocate for our members, the profession, career development, and design excellence. AIA Austin operates out of the Center for Architecture in downtown Austin, a gallery and gathering space, and works with its chapter affiliate, the Austin Foundation for Architecture, to provide scholarship and educational opportunities. For more information on AIA Austin, please visit www.aiaaustin.org, or contact Erika Thompson at 512.452.4332.