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RAVE Awards Acknowledge Residential Architects' Vision & Excellence



Minneapolis, Minnesota – Nine residential architecture projects by Minnesota architects have been selected for this year's Residential Architects Vision and Excellence (RAVE) Awards. The RAVE program, in its sixth year, was created by AIA Minnesota and *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine* to recognize excellence in residential design and raise awareness of the benefits of using an architect. Forty-nine submissions were entered in different categories including new and remodeled homes, large and small sizes and budgets.

The jury was comprised of Charles Liddy, AIA, Miller Dunwiddie Architects; Phillip Koski, AIA, Leo A. Daly; Martha Yunker, AIA, Yunker & Associates, and Shawn Gilliam, editor, *Home Magazine*. They selected the following projects:

Mediterranean Revival

Addition/Remodel Less Than 800SF
TEA2 Architects
Tom Ellison, AIA, Andrea Peschel Swan, AIA

EcoDEEP Haus-Home

Addition/Remodel Over 800SF
Kevin Flynn, AIA, LEED AP, Roxanne Nelson, AIA, LEED AP, Joe Krumpelmann, AIA, LEED AP

Skybar

Addition/Remodel Over 800SF
Thomas Whitcomb Architect, Inc.
Thomas Whitcomb, AIA, Daniel Whittaker

Bungalow Renovation

Addition/Remodel Over 800SF
Alchemy LLC
Geoffrey Warner, AIA

Minnehaha Creek Addition

Addition/Remodel Over 800SF
Albertsson Hansen Architecture, Ltd.
Todd Hansen, AIA, Christine Albertsson, AIA, Greta Trygstad



Swan Fish Camp Residence

New Residence, Less Than 2000SF

Swan + Simmons Architecture, Ltd.

Andrea Peschel Swan, AIA, Charlie Simmons, Colby Mattson, Assoc. AIA

Farquar Lake Residence

New Residence 2000-3500SF

ALTUS Architecture + Design

Tim Alt, AIA, Chad Healy, Roger Cummelin, AIA

Minnetonka Residence

New Residence Over 3500SF

ALTUS Architecture + Design

Tim Alt, AIA, Roger Cummelin, AIA

BookStairCase

Delightful Detail

CityDeskStudio

Ben Awes, AIA, Christian Dean, AIA, Bob Ganser, AIA

The winners will be recognized at an event, sponsored by Marvin Windows at Hotel Ivy in Minneapolis on Thursday, June 25, from 6:00-8:30p.m. The 2009 RAVE Award-winning projects will be featured in the July issue of *Home* magazine, a quarterly publication by *MplsSt.Paul* and displayed in the AIA Minnesota office gallery. Images of the projects with jury comments can be seen at www.aia-mn.org/rave/09.cfm. Registration for the \$25 June event is available at www.aia-mn.org/rave.

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MILLE LACS FISH CAMP

CATEGORY: NEW HOME, LESS THAN 2,000 SQUARE FEET

THE TEAM: ANDREA PESCHEL SWAN, AIA; CHARLIE SIMMONS; COLBY MATTSON, ASSOCIATE AIA

FIRM: SWAN + SIMMONS ARCHITECTURE

DESIGN GOAL/SOLUTION: Architect Andrea Peschel Swan and her husband, Bret Swan, wanted a family fishing retreat that would take advantage of lakefront property while respecting the surroundings.

CONNECTION TO NATURE: The cabin captures lake views and an optimal southern exposure. The use of materials is congenial as well: The playful pattern of the white siding takes its cues from the surrounding birch trees and dramatic snowdrifts in winter; the blue metal roof mimics the cool tones of the lake.

VERTICAL DESIGN: The relatively narrow three-level plan includes a rear-facing,



lower-level garage that nestles into the hillside. This garage arrangement is cost-effective, energy-efficient, and respectful of the natural surroundings.



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MEDITERRANEAN REVIVAL, MINNEAPOLIS

 **CATEGORY:** ADDITION/REMODEL, LESS THAN
800 SQUARE FEET

THE TEAM: TOM ELLISON, AIA; ANDREA PESCHEL
SWAN, AIA

FIRM: TEA 2 ARCHITECTS

DESIGN GOAL/SOLUTION: The owners of a Mediterranean-style home wanted its awkwardly remodeled façade to return to its historical splendor.

SUNROOM UPGRADE: Architects replaced a 1970s solarium that didn't connect to the home's history or style with a more appropriate window-wrapped sunroom. The window's muntins now match those of the rest of the home. The team further boosted curb appeal by adding a roof structure above the entry, building a well-scaled balcony, and transforming a nonfunctioning balcony into a window box. A small pad of pavement gave way to a larger terrace adjacent to the sunroom.

COMPLEMENTARY INTERIOR: An interior renovation included the addition of a fireplace surround built of the same Minnesota Kasota stone used on the terrace and sunroom's exterior.



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