

Masonry Institute honors the best designs

A record 12 Michigan building projects and their architects have been recognized for masonry-design excellence in the ninth annual "M Awards" program.

The awards are sponsored by the Masonry Institute of Michigan, Farmington Hills, in cooperation with the Michigan Society of Architects. Awards were presented Jan. 21 at a banquet in Livonia.

Three architectural firms received two "M Awards":

- Hobbs & Black Associates Inc., Ann Arbor, for the Kerrytown Shops, Ann Arbor, and the Oakwood Hospital Canton Center, Canton.
- William Kessler and Associates Inc., Detroit, for the Battle Creek Intermodal Passenger Facility, Battle Creek, and the Upton House Adaptive Reuse in Sterling Heights.

• Straub Associates/Architects, Troy, for the Brighton Civic Center, Brighton, and the Nature Interpretive Center, Sterling Heights.

Other architectural firms cited for design excellence include:

- Design Plus, P.C., Grand Rapids, for College East Apartments, Hope College, Holland.
- Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates Southfield, for the Clifton and Dolores Wharton Center for Performing Arts, Michigan State University, East Lansing.
- Abraham Kadushin Associates, Architects and Planners, Ann Arbor, for the Martin Luther King Community Hall, Detroit.

• Kenneth Neumann/Robert Greager and Associates, Southfield, for the City of Brighton Volunteer Fire Department, Brighton.

• Russen/Neumann Associates, Architects/Planners, Southfield, for the Flint State Office Building, Flint.

• TMP Associates Inc., Bloomfield Hills, for the Cranbrook Quadrangle Restoration, Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills.

Winners were selected from 41 entries from members of the Michigan Society of Architects. Judgment was by a jury of architects from Chicago.

Cast-bronze "M Awards" were presented to the architects and to the owners of winning projects. Awards were also given to Masonry Institute-member mason contractors involved in construction.

Mason contractors cited included:

- Bracy & Jahr Inc., Quincy, for the Battle Creek Intermodal Passenger Facility.
- The Grunwell-Cashers Co. Inc., General Contractors, Detroit, for the Cranbrook Quadrangle Restoration.
- Ideal Masonry Inc., South Lyon, for the Brighton Civic Center.
- J & J Mason Contractors Inc., Lansing, for the Wharton Center for Performing Arts.
- Jones & Simpson Inc., Mason Contractors, Flint, for the Flint State Office Building.
- Ranieri Masonry, Farmington Hills, for the Brighton Volunteer Fire Department.

• N.C. Construction Co., Detroit, for the Martin Luther King Community Hall.

• Leo J. Vandervennet & Sons Inc., Livonia, for the Oakwood Hospital Canton Center.

The awards jurors were C. William Brubaker, FAIA, Perkins & Will Partnership; Fred Bernheim, AIA, Bernheim, Kahn & Lozano; and John F. Hartray Jr., AIA, Nagle Hartray Associates, all of Chicago.

Brubaker, the jury chairman, announced the awards which were presented by Dwight S. Lewis, chairman of the Masonry Institute of Michigan, and Dick W. Stocum, AIA, president of the Michigan Society of Architects.

Keynote speaker for the banquet was Louis G. Redstone, FAIA, of Louis G. Redstone Associates Inc., Livonia, who introduced his latest writing, "Masonry in Architecture," as published by McGraw-Hill Book Co.

The Masonry Institute of Michigan is the educational, technical and promotional arm of Michigan's masonry industry. Masonry includes brick, concrete block, stone, glass block and other hand-laid materials.



Honored as one of the best masonry designs of the year by the Masonry Institute of Michigan was this fire station in Brighton.

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