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Interiors honored

Interior architecture awards were presented to Kenneth Neumann/Joel Smith and Associates for the corporate offices of Great Lakes Gas Transmission, and to Harley, Ellington, Pierce and Yee Associates for a private family chapel in the Midwest. This is the first year that AIA Detroit has conferred awards in the area of interior architecture.

The 25-year award was based on a building that was handsomely built and reflects the formalist style of the 1960s. The jurors admired the simplicity of the plan and the dynamic roof forms. Also taking simplicity into mind, the jurors gave an honor award to the Chester Street parking structure in Birmingham. Although such a structure is considered commonplace in today's urban setting, there is a clarity in the use of basic building materials — brick and concrete.

More noteworthy are the tinted glass cylindrical pavilions housing the stairwells that could be compared to architectural sculpture when lighted at night. The two interior architecture awards were based on timeless qualities and the use of finely crafted materials. These qualities also serve to reinforce the fact that good design can last a very long time.

The honor awards jury was chaired by Portland, Ore., architect Robert Frasca together with two other Portland architects, Robert Thompson and Tom Hacker. Frasca

has been responsible for the design of major urban developments in Portland and throughout the Northwest. He is a member of the National AIA Committee on Design. The award recipients were juried anonymously.

Gill lashes out

The highlight of the activities at Cranbrook was a talk by keynote speaker Brendan Gill, New Yorker magazine columnist, who discussed the "Disneyization" in "Architecture." His talk was a rallying cry against the ills that exist in our society, particularly the built environment. He compared the decline of the Roman empire, with its broken roads and leaking aqueducts, to the

infrastructure of American cities today. He condemned society for ducking and looking away as a substitute for thoughtful planning, toil and sacrifice.

With messianic zeal, Gill overtly brought the current status of architecture into question. He emphasized the significance of the 1932 exhibition of modern architecture staged at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

'Practicing serious architecture? Don't make me laugh.'

Brendan Gill

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As for constructing a wood foundation, Blustie said there are a few special requirements the builder needs to know before installing one. "It doesn't sit on concrete footing like most foundations; it sits on pea rock (which facilitates draining)," he said. Because of this, getting the foundation level is a little bit more work.

The most important aspect of wood foundations, he said, is the importance of bracing. "All the nail patterns are very tight, and very specific."

Unlike a concrete basement, the wood foundation incorporates the floor, walls and the basement ceiling (first floor), he said. Bracing them all correctly, and getting them square, is critical if the foundation is going to support the weight of the house properly.

"It's a very rigorous job that frame carpenters wouldn't follow (without specific instructions)," he said. Bracing and nailing that at first seems unnecessary, turns out to be important later in the project. Someone who wants a wood foundation should find builders experienced in installing them to prevent possible problems later on.

As for durability, there is no reason why a wood foundation basement wouldn't last as long as a poured concrete basement or foundation.

Blustie said he first came across the idea of wood foundations at a builders show, and he was researching into it in greater depth when a client inquired about wood foundations.

Whether wood foundations will become more widely used, Blustie said he couldn't speculate. "You have a tremendous amount of tradition to overcome," he said.

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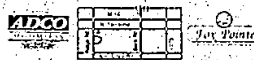
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