



**AIA**  
Silicon Valley



## DESIGN AWARDS 2020

**CALL FOR  
ENTRIES** **REGISTRATION  
DETAILS**

### Main Categories + Eligibility

Entrants must be licensed architects. Members of the AIA Silicon Valley may submit projects completed after December 2011 located anywhere. Non-Members can submit only projects built in the County of Santa Clara after December 2011.

**ARCHITECTURE** Open to any project type, including renovations, adaptive reuse, preservation, multi-family housing, commercial and new construction.

**RESIDENTIAL** Open to only single family residential home projects. This category includes new builds, remodels, additions and historic preservation.

**URBAN DESIGN / MASTER PLAN** Projects beyond the scale of an individual building which expand the role of the architect by contributing to urban planning and community development and which demonstrate a significant contribution to improving the quality of life in neighborhoods, communities or regions. Examples include, but are not limited to, civic projects; landscape projects; urban planning; environmental projects; and design advocacy on behalf of the public.

**INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE** Interiors projects not limited by scale, budget, or project type. Entries may include renovations, additions, adaptive reuse, preservation or new construction.

**SMALL PROJECT / BIG IMPACT** Commissions that leverage design opportunities to produce a positive impact beyond the limits imposed by small scale and/or budget. Projects may be of any type or scale including furniture and industrial design.

**UNBUILT / RESEARCH / COMPETITION\*** Projects of any scale or type whose construction has not commenced at the deadline for submissions to this awards program. Projects are eligible for consideration even if their physical realization is never anticipated. This includes the work of students in accredited school architecture programs pursuing degrees in architecture or otherwise on a career path toward a professional degree in architecture.

\* Entrants for the Unbuilt Projects category shall be similarly qualified, but in addition to these qualifications, entrants may also be Student or Associate members of the AIA Silicon Valley.

**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** Projects of any scale that were performed pro bono by a member of AIA Silicon Valley to make the world a better place through service and philanthropy qualify.

### Special Award Categories + Eligibility

Through its Special Awards program, the chapter recognizes outstanding achievements in four distinct areas. Open only to members of the AIA Silicon Valley.

**BIRGE CLARK AWARD** This award recognizes outstanding achievement in architectural design as expressed in a body of work produced by an individual architect over a period of at least 10 years. The award is intended to honor the individual rather than the firm. The emphasis of the awards is the quality of the body of architectural work, consistently designed, over the career of the architect.

**FIRM AWARD** This award recognizes a firm that has consistently produced distinguished architectural design for a period of at least 20 years and has contributed to the advancement of the profession in at least three of the following areas: architectural design, research, planning, technology, practice, preservation and innovation. In addition, the award honors a firm that promotes continual collaboration among individuals, produces work which transcends a specific area of expertise, has a record of community service, and develops a culture which educates and mentors the next generation of architects.

**25 YEAR AWARD** This award recognizes a distinguished project of enduring architectural significance, which has retained its central form, character and integrity intact over time. The entry shall have been completed 25 to 50 years ago, after January 1, 1969 and prior to January 1, 1994.

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD** By uploading one photograph of your choice, paid entries will automatically be entered into this award category. The award is selected via public participation through an on-line website. The viewer is invited to choose from a select list of designs located in Santa Clara County.

**VIRTUAL CEREMONY** **THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 29**

## Entry Fees

Entries received after July 31, midnight (PST) are an additional \$50

Registration fees are non-refundable. Payable by check, Mastercard, Visa or American Express, PayPal

Member of AIA Silicon Valley \$250

Non-Member \$450

Students + Associate Members of AIA Silicon Valley \$100

## Deadline

Your entry fee and submission materials must be received via Submittable no later than Friday, September 4, 2020 (midnight PST) for the Special Awards / Friday September 11 (midnight PST) for the Main Category. After registering, you will be emailed a link to complete your application. It may take until the end of the next business day to receive the link.

## Tips and Tricks:

- After registering, work on the 5 files that have to be downloaded and filled out. (located on AIA SVC website)
- Your entry will be anonymous to the jurors. Be sure nothing in your submission is traceable to you or your firm (PowerPoint file).
- Provide a diagram(s) that explain the main idea.
- Select one photograph for People's Choice Award. Uploaded as a single image.
- Because the entry is anonymous, consider naming the project in a way that will describe its strongest feature.

## Entry list of to-do's:

- Have AIA member number and payment handy for registering.**
- Name of the contractors/builder that worked on the project.**  
Please be sure of the spelling. The builder's company name will go beneath your firm name (in a smaller font of course!)
- Complete the 5 required documents to upload into Submittable (available on AIA SVC website):**
  - Common App
  - PowerPoint (max. 20 slides of images, less than 20MB saved as PDF)
  - Photographers Permission/Release form
  - Paid Interns form
  - Contact information of contractors/sub-contractors
- The Common App must be submitted for the following projects in the Main Category:**

Architecture	Interior Architecture
Residential	Small Project / Big Impact
Urban Design / Master Plan	Social Responsibility
- Read the disclaimer text**  
Registration fee is non-refundable. User has the ability to save the application as a draft and complete later. Deadline for completed submissions is September 4, 2020 by 12:00 PM (PST). By submitting a Design Awards application, you understand there will be no prize money and the winning submissions will be highlighted in various local and national media outlets as part of the AIA Silicon Valley's activities. By making a submission, AIA Silicon Valley shall have the right to use or not use any submissions in any manner or medium it chooses. You waive all rights, claims and any cause of action that you may have against AIA Silicon Valley or any third parties associated with the Design Awards program. A valid submission may not contain material that violates or infringes another person's or entity's rights. By entering the AIA Silicon Valley Design Awards, you agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless AIA Silicon Valley, its officers, directors, employees, owners, parent entity, affiliates, agents and licensees, and any other parties assisting in this awards program from and against any and all claims, actions, demands, and liabilities. By registering, and making a submission, you waive any and all objections to jurisdiction and the venue in the courts covering California and submit to the jurisdiction of the California State and Federal courts. Award recipients will be notified through the information provided in the application.



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