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Selections for Eighth Annual Home of the Month Represent Range of AIA Minnesota Architects' Work



MINNEAPOLIS, MN - The eighth annual Home of the Month program, a cooperative venture of the American Institute of Architects Minnesota (AIA Minnesota) and the *Star Tribune* newspaper, announced their selection for monthly features on Wednesday, March 24 at an event at International Market Square. The selections will will by published on the first Sunday of each month, May 2010 - April 2011, in the *Homes* section.

The selection panel, comprised of Kit Selzer, senior remodeling and projects editor for *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine; Connie Nelson, senior lifestyles editor for *Star Tribune*; Linda Mack, architecture critic for the *Star Tribune* for 21 years; Paul Mittendorff, AIA, ESG Architects and Paul Neuhaus, AIA, senior designer at Perkins+Will; met on Wednesday, March 24, to select the projects.

The selection panel sought out projects that conveyed a unique and valued design solution as presented on project boards. The selection panel did not visit any of the sites. They reviewed the submissions, gauging a project's encouragement of a sense of place, how it responds to its surrounding context, any particularly distinguishing characteristics, and how it reflects its owners' vision of home.

SELECTIONS (in alpha order by firm and include project, firm, architects/ designers and project):

Albertsson Hansen Architecture, Ltd.

Christine Albertsson, AIA, Ryan Fish, AIA, Laura Cayere-King, Assoc. AIA Remodeling for Everyday Living and Celebrations

Albertsson Hansen Architecture, Ltd.

Todd Hansen, AIA, Corri Sandwick, Assoc. AIA *Minneapolis Bungalow Remodeling*

Fuse57

Mike Bader, AIA 242 Morgan

Nguyen Architects, Inc.

Tan Nguyen, AIA Hanson Addition



Rehkamp Larson Architects

Jean Rehkamp Larson, AIA, Will Spencer Grussing Renovation

Rehkamp Larson Architects

Mark Larson, AIA and Ryan Bicek, AIA Lake Sylvia Retreat

SALA Architects, Inc.

Wayne Branum, AIA, CID, Deb Kees, AIA and Meghan Kell Cornell, AIA Shopa Residence

SALA Architects, Inc.

Meghan Kell Cornell, AIA with Katherine Hillbrand, AIA and Donald Rowe, AIA Le Petit Poucet

SALA Architects, Inc.

Kelly Davis, AIA with Timothy Old, RA, CID and David Ferguson Deschamps Residence

SALA Architects, Inc.

Eric Odor, AIA, LEED AP with Sara Whicher Farm Flight

Swan Architecture

Andrea Peschel Swan, AIA Mille Lacs Fish Camp

TEA 2 Architects

Dan Nepp, AIA, CID with Petra Schwartze Deephaven Revival

For more information on the projects and to view images, go to: www.aia-mn.org/hotm/10.cfm

Through this program, AIA Minnesota and the *Star Tribune* aim to educate and inspire the public about the value that architects can bring to a home building process, expand understanding of the many housing choices for potential homeowners, represent a diversity of price range for architecturally designed homes and support a growing residential architectural community.

All selected projects were designed by an AIA Minnesota member who is a registered architect; either new construction for a single family residence in Minnesota or Western Wisconsin, or a radical transformation of an existing single family residence in Minnesota; completed since January 1, 2007; and not published previously in the *StarTribune*.

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