



AIA
Vermont

Annual Design Awards — 2017 Call for Entries

SCHEDULE:

- Entry Fee: Entry form and fee postmarked by September 15, 2017
- Award Submissions: Project submissions postmarked October 6, 2017
- Jury Convenes: Jury meets between October 16 and October 20, 2017
- People's Choice Award: Voting online October 26, 2017 – November 6, 2017
- Awards Presentation: Awards presented at the AIAVT Annual Meeting on December 7, 2017 at Gate House Lodge, Sugarbush Resort, Lincoln Peak, Waitsfield

BENEFITS:

- All entries to be displayed at the annual meeting, People's Choice exhibit, and in a traveling show designed to increase the public's appreciation for architecture; stops have included Shelburne, Manchester, Northfield, Montpelier, White River Junction, Stowe, Jericho, and other locations.
- Announcement of award recipients to the media following Annual Meeting. ***Recipients are asked not to publicize their awards in any way (website, Facebook, etc.) until after the Annual Meeting.***
- Online voting for the People's Choice Award. This opportunity will be promoted to the greater public.

ELIGIBILITY:

This design awards program recognizes and honors excellence in architectural design by registered licensed architects who are members of AIAVT. Architecture firms that are domiciled in Vermont may submit projects from anywhere in the world. Architecture firms domiciled outside of Vermont but with a principal who is a reciprocal architect member of AIAVT may submit projects located in Vermont. Projects may include any built structure, building or project type (including rehabs, interiors, and monuments). Projects must have been completed after January 1, 2007. Multiple entries are permissible. All materials included in project submissions must be cleared for publicity and reproduction. Projects that have received AIAVT awards in the past and projects by design professionals serving as jurors for 2017, or by their firms, are not eligible.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

The sole judging criterion is design excellence. The jury is empowered to determine the extent to which design excellence is informed by aesthetic, functional, contextual, sustainable, social or other characteristics. The jury will be asked to honor projects in three categories, defined by scale (as they see fit): "Small Project," "Medium Project," and "Large Project."

AWARD LEVELS:

At the discretion of the jury, awards may be made at the Honor, Merit and Citation levels for each category. The jury may also elect to make no such distinctions in any given category.

JURY:

Members of AIA Rhode Island

SUBMISSION FORMAT:

A. Confidential Binder Submissions

Design materials must be unidentifiable and conform to an 8½ x 11 or 11 x 8½ inch binder format (3-ring and spiral binding styles are both acceptable). Each portfolio must be bound and contain the following information to be accepted:

- An outline (maximum 250 words) with a statement of the problem, goals and conceptual solution.
- A description of the project, identifying project type, size, program, responsibility of the architect, location, type of client, completion date, total construction cost, environmental features, and other relevant information.
- A maximum of 10 pages (i.e., 20 sides) including relevant drawings, building and site plans, sections, and photographs and all text as requested above.
- A prepaid self-addressed envelope, adequate for safe return of binder/s. Binders will be returned after the Awards Event in the envelopes provided by entrants. If a prepaid envelope is not provided we will assume the binder and its contents may be recycled.
- After AIAVT has received entry materials, entrants will be emailed “blind” identification forms. A form for each submission must be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope, with no visible identification of the entrant, and affixed to the back of the binder. *A loose, unenclosed, second copy of the blind form for each submission should be sent within the submission mailing package; this form is for AIAVT office use only.*

***Note: An invitation to one, individual AIAVT dropbox folder
will be sent to each entrant after receipt of entry form***

B. Electronic Submission of Binder

- Upload to AIAVT Dropbox an exact PDF version of each 8 ½” x 11” binder. PDF of binder may be on display at the Awards Dinner and may also be used to give jurors the ability to preview submissions electronically.

C. Exhibit Materials

The following materials are to be submitted for multiple uses, including a potential exhibit in the fall for a “People’s Choice Award.” *These materials are not sent to the Jury.*

- **For AIAVT Website: **New dimensions for 2017!!**** Upload to AIAVT Dropbox Folder one JPEG image file sized 2000 to 3000 pixels on the longer edge (height or width). For example, both 1500 x 2000 and 2000 x 3000 sizes meet this recommendation. Use RGB color; sRGB color space is best for overall appearance on a variety of screens. *Nothing* should be embedded on the image (i.e., *no watermarked text*, borders, frames, etc.) Any photo submitted with a watermark will not be eligible for the People’s Choice. Provide the firm name, the project name and location, and the photographer’s name in a text file but *not embedded* in the image.
- **For AIAVT Annual Meeting Power Point:** Upload to AIAVT Dropbox folder one 10” wide by 8” tall (max.) image at 144 dpi—with firm name, the project name and location, and the photographer’s name *embedded* in the image.
- **For Exhibits: **New for 2017!!**** Entrants will be uploading files for the 18-inch x 18-inch presentation boards to the website www.blueprintsetc.com. Select “upload FTP” and identify that your file is an “AIAVT board” in one of the submission text fields on the website. Files should include photo(s) and other information about the project. A 2.5-inch x 4-inch identification area must be included in the lower right hand corner of the board image, leaving a half-inch border below and to the right of the area. The identification area must include the firm name, the project name and location, and the photographer’s name. **We suggest you also include your website and firm address since these boards are a marketing tool.**

FEES:

Entry fees are \$140 for the first project submitted; \$125 each for additional projects. Payment can be made by check, payable to AIA Vermont. Entry fees are nonrefundable.

AWARD RECIPIENTS—EXTRA SUBMISSION MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- **For the AIAVT Annual Meeting Power Point Display:** Upload (to the same AIAVT Dropbox folder used for uploading exhibit material) up to five 10” wide by 8” tall (max.) images at 144 ppi—with the firm name, the project name and location, and the photographer’s name *embedded* in the images.

DEADLINES:

- **Entry forms, with fees included, must be postmarked no later than September 8.**
- **Entry submissions must be postmarked or hand delivered no later than October 6. Images for website, power point presentation, and PDF binder must be uploaded to AIAVT Dropbox account by same date.**
- **Presentation Poster Files for Traveling Exhibit: Must be uploaded to www.blueprintsetc.com by November 10. Contact at Blueprints Etc.: Mike, 802-865-4503.**
- **Award Recipients: Extra images uploaded no later than November 10.**

MAIL SUBMISSION BINDERS TO: AIA VERMONT, ATTENTION: CAROL MIKLOS, 88 BLACKBIRD LANE, CHARLOTTE, VT 05445. CALL 802.425.6162.