

SCHEDULE:

- Entry Fee: Entry form and fee postmarked by September 18, 2015
- Award Submissions: Project submissions postmarked October 13, 2015
- Jury Convenes: Jury meets week of October 25, 2015.
- People's Choice Award: Voting online October 27, 2015 – November 10, 2015
- Awards Presentation: Awards presented at the AIAVT Annual Meeting on December 10, 2015 at the Middlebury Inn, Middlebury.

BENEFITS:

- All entries to be displayed at the annual meeting, People's Choice Exhibit, and in a traveling show designed to increase awareness of good design among the general population; stops include Shelburne, Brattleboro, White River Junction, 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, 2005. 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 2015, 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.

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. The entry binders will be on display alongside the Exhibit Material at the Awards Banquet.

- 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 will be on display on one occasion—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:** Upload to AIAVT Dropbox folder one jpg image file sized at 700 pixels (max.) x 700 pixels (max.) and not larger than 750 kb (0.75 mb)—with *nothing* embedded on the image (i.e., no watermarked text, borders, frames, etc.) 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:** One 18-inch x 18-inch rigid presentation board (such as foam-core) with mounted photo(s) and other information about the project *in a 2-dimensional format*. A 2.5-inch x 4-inch identification label/area must be included in the lower right hand corner of the board, leaving a half-inch border below and to the right of the label/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: Award recipients will be required to submit the following for each winning project:

- **For Exhibits:** A second 18-inch x 18-inch presentation board to complement the first board submitted. A 2.5-inch x 4-inch identification label/area must be affixed to the lower right hand corner of the second board, leaving a ½-inch border below and to the right of the label/area. The identification area must include the firm name, the project name and location, and the photographer’s name. Firms may also want to include their address and website. Please indicate if this second board is to be displayed to the left or right of the first board.
- **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 Fee:** Entry forms, with fees included, must be postmarked by **9/18, 2015**.
- **Award Submissions:** Entry submissions must be postmarked or hand delivered by **10/13, 2015**. Images and PDF binder must be uploaded to AIAVT Dropbox account by same date.
- **Presentation Boards for Exhibit:** Presentation boards would be appreciated on **10/13/2015** with the printed binders, but can be accepted up to **11/27/2015**.
- **Award Recipients:** Award recipients’ extra uploaded images are due **11/6, 2015; extra board due 11/27**.

AWARD JURY: Montreal

MAIL ALL MATERIALS TO: AIA VERMONT, ATTENTION: CAROL MIKLOS, 88 BLACKBIRD LANE, CHARLOTTE, VT 05445