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Suyama takes top AIA award

By [JOURNAL STAFF](#)

Suyama Peterson Deguchi's design of the Shuchart residence took the top award at the AIA Honor Awards Monday night.

Architect and moderator Brian Carter said the house is "architecture at the highest international standard."



Photo courtesy of Suyama Peterson Deguchi

Jurors said they were impressed with civic spaces, such as Seattle City Hall, and the innovative design of Boeing's 737 plant in Renton. Bohlin Cywinski Jackson/Bassetti Architects won a Commendation for City Hall, and NBBJ won an Award of Merit for the Boeing plant.

Designs for several colleges, a high school theater and a jail captured most of the seven awards. NBBJ and Mahlum Architects each won two.

Awards Committee Chair Jon Taylor said the jury was asked to examine the entries for their innovation and value to both the client and society.

There were 175 entries of built and unbuilt projects. Juror Shirley Blumberg noted that one-third of the entries were residential, but said she found many of those projects "quite conservative."

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Other AIA award winners

Seattle City Hall

Commendation

Architect:
Bohlin
Cywinski
Jackson/Bassetti
Architects

General contractor:
Hoffman
Construction

Consultants:
KPFF

Consulting Engineers, structural; Wood/Harbinger, Inc., mechanical; Sparling, electrical; SvR Design, civil; Gustafson Guthrie Nichol Ltd., landscape; Swift & Co., associated landscape; Fisher Marantz Stone, lighting; The Greenbusch Group, acoustical; Davis Langdon Adamson, cost estimating; Beliz Brother, lead artist; and James Carpenter Design Associates, commissioned artist



Jury comments: “The form of Seattle City Hall demonstrates the city’s grappling with issues of building the civic realm. The design configures internal and external spaces to encourage discussion and interaction.”

Photography: Nic Lehoux

Nathan Hale High School Performing Arts Center

Commendation

Architect:
Mahlum
Architects

General contractor:
Sellen
Construction

Consultants:
Coughlin
Porter

Lundeen, civil and structural; Hough Beck and Baird, Inc., landscape; Hargis Engineers, mechanical and electrical; Michael R. Yantis Associates, Inc., acoustical; and Knudson and Ward, theater



Jury

comments: “An impressive educational facility achieved on a modest budget. It not only supports the processes of learning but welcomes the surrounding community.”

Photography: John Edwards Photography

Snohomish County Jail expansion

Commendation

Architect:
NBBJ

General contractor: M. A. Mortenson

Consultants:
Abacus Consultants, electrical; CBG Consulting Engineers, mechanical; Magnusson Klemencic



Associates, structural; Greenbusch Group, acoustical and A/V; Perteet Engineering, transportation/traffic analysis; Reid Middleton, civil; Shockey Brent, land use and environmental analysis; Site Workshop, landscape; and Walter Parking Consultants, parking

Jury comments: “Having this building in the middle of the city helps us all to overcome our reservations about incarceration, transcending

connotations of the jail as a place removed from society and hiding transgressors.”

Photography: Frank Ooms

Nordheim Court, UW

Commendation

Architect: Mithun

General contractor: Walsh Construction

Consultants: Perbix Bykonen, structural, and SvR Engineers, civil

Jury comments: “A pleasant place for student living and learning takes excellent advantage of the site.”

Photography: Doug Scott



Seminar II, Evergreen State College

Award of Merit

Architect: Mahlum Architects

General contractor: DPR, Inc.

Consultants: SvR Design Co., civil; Murase Associates,



landscape;
AHBL, structural; Sparling, electrical; Wood/Harbinger, mechanical;
Greenbusch Group, acoustical and A/V; Candela, lighting; and
Paladino and Co., green building

Jury comments: "Embedded in the landscape, the scheme links classroom, administrative and faculty office functions through a system of walkways and connected learning pavilions. The combination of spaces creates a true climate for learning."

Photography: Lara Swimmer

Boeing 737 plant, Renton

Award of Merit

Architect:
NBBJ

General contractor:
Turner
Construction

Consultants:
Bill Fontana, acoustical;
Magnusson Klemencic Associates, structural; Notkin Engineering, Inc., mechanical; Sparling, electrical; SSA Acoustics, acoustical; and Stafford Design kitchen



Jury comments: "Here, one of Seattle's key manufacturers at the center of the global business community has advanced the shape of the American workplace. The design effectively brings together engineers and fabricators."

Photography: Michelle Litvin

The jurors were impressed with George Suyama's design for the Shuchart home in Broadmoor, with its shed roofs and three rectangular volumes. "Each interior space relates directly to a dedicated private exterior space," jurors said. "We see near perfection in precise detailing: a rigorous, economical and coherent design statement."

Callison won a design challenge for its concept for "Footprints," a memorial to the homeless that could be moved around the city. The memorial would be made up of concrete and bronze footprints, each

bearing the name of someone who died homeless.

Seattle City Council member Peter Steinbrueck said displaying the project somewhere in the city is "doable."

All entries for the homeless memorial will be on display at City Hall beginning Tuesday, Nov. 15.

For more on the AIA Awards, see page 3 of today's DJC.

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