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ICMA's 14th Annual Excellence in Masonry

The Indiana Concrete Masonry Association celebrating its 50th year of promotion held its 14th annual Excellence in Masonry Awards ceremony in January at the Sheraton on Keystone. Attending were architects, mason contractors, project owners and members to honor selected projects for the 2007 Awards Program.



Excellence in Masonry New Orthopaedic Capital Center at Grace College

Architect: Design Collaborative

Owner: Grace College

Mason Contractor:

Weigand Construction Co., Inc.

Supplier: Masolite

Using all the criteria that governed the 2007 ICMA Awards Program —from design quality and applicable construction systems — the jury selected this project as the worthy recipient of “The 2007 Excellence in Masonry Award.”

Assuming this building's design has been governed by a limited budget, the jury was particularly impressed with the architects' decision to judiciously use masonry to achieve major visual impact when approaching the building from varied viewpoints. Coupled with the articulation of the form of the low-vaulted, entry elements and the major, curved-in-plan and columned, “frontise-piece,” wall the choice to use masonry materials in these important architectural elements appears to be very successful.

Continuing with their evaluation of the exterior, the jury also noted that these masonry-clad elements read very well against the metal-clad walls and cornices of the elements between them. At a smaller scale, the judicious use of limestone at the entry pavilions and the white brick on the curved wall speak to a restrained design vocabulary, something that is often missing in today's buildings. The last element of the exterior that the jury lauded was the use of the curved, masonry columned wall as an integral component of the building's signature signage.

The jury also noted that concrete masonry was used as an interior material in a very pragmatic and straight-forward manner in both major spaces like the gymnasium and support rooms such as the locker and shower rooms.

For all of the above, the jury unanimously voted to present this project with the 2007 Excellence in Masonry Award.



2007 Award Winners



Educational Design Award Riverside School

Architect: Fanning Howey

Owner: Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Mason Contractor: Complete Masonry Services

Supplier: Edgewood Building Supply

The jury selected this school for its successful design as it relates to both the “bending” of the linear axis of the building as well as the articulation of its major elements of the building. Combined, these give the building a unique and engaging relationship with the

site and reinforce the sense of the main entry. The decision to use masonry materials on the interior was seen by the jury as an “investment in the long-term sustainability” of the building as well as unifying the esthetic expression of both the exterior and interior. They also felt that the juxtaposition of the low-vaulted, roof elements clad in standing seam metal worked well in articulation of both the entrance canopy and major, “public areas” like the cafeteria.



Residential Hardscape Design Award Smythe Residence

Owner: Gary & Jeanine Smythe

Installer: Premier Patio & Landscape

Supplier: Masolite

Although this is a project of limited scope, the jury felt that it was worthy of an award based on both its overall design and specific elements. The restraint demonstrated has resulted in a simple, yet strong,

plan and a very comfortable relationship to the backyard lawn through the steps that “flow down” from the patio deck. The careful delineation of the top of the short retaining walls works well.



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Multi-family Design Award Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity House

Architect: Riddle Design, LLC

Owner: Wabash College

Mason Contractor: Hagerman Construction Corp.

Supplier: Edgewood Building Supply



This building greatly impressed the jury for its very successful execution of an architectural design that is based on historic precedent without “mimicking it.” It is obviously a building that is responsive to, and informed by, a college campus context. The design of the elevations is outstanding with the careful proportioning and detailing

of the windows, doors and detailing of brick and stone materials being especially noteworthy. These are complimented by the careful design, detailing and choice of materials for the roof — including the small one over the side entrance, and dormers. Lastly, the jury noted the excellent craftsmanship of the masonry as exemplified and evident on the chimney.



Concrete Design Award Culver's of Crawfordsville

Architect: K. R. Montgomery & Assoc.

Owners: John & Joan York

Mason Contractor: Tony Fish Masonry

Supplier: Masolite

The jury deemed this project worthy of an award after a great deal of discussion about its successful attempt to bring a sense of design order and quality to a building type — the franchise food establishment located on “the strip” — that is, too often, totally

lacking. The well-considered use of the white, split-face, and blue, glazed CMU's carry-out the company's color branding w/o resorting to gimmicky graphics or over-scaled signage.



2007 Award Winners



Commercial / Industrial Concrete Design Award Concord Township Fire Department, #2

Architect: Senefeld & Associates, Inc.

Owner: Concord Township Trustees

Mason Contractor: DeMuyt Masonry, Inc.

Supplier: Masolite

The jury commends the owner, the citizens of the community they represent, and the architect for designing a building that today is unfortunately often executed as a pre-engineered, metal-clad storage building. They noted that it is the use of the masonry that elevates this contemporary example of a traditional building type that has long

been associated with the concept of “civic architecture.” The horizontal banding and use of two distinctly different-scaled and colored, masonry materials is effective in unifying the apparatus and “house” portion of the building. The jury was concerned about both the a-symmetrical design of the prominent, gabled elevations of the apparatus bay and the scale of the columned-supported entrance door element which did not detract from the overall design and application of masonry.



Residential Design Award Cole Residence

Builder: Homes By Design

Owners: Doug and Laura Cole

Mason Contractor: Arteaga Masonry Inc.

Supplier: Edgewood Building Supply

In this category with a substantial number of worthy submissions, the jury felt that this project stood above the rest for its consistency of design esthetic as expressed through the use of both brick and stone masonry. The concept of

a “historisist style” is well executed in this large residence that derives its visual impact from the tradition of the French “Country Estate.” The jury was especially impressed with the use of brick as the material that visually defined the windows and doors as well as with the integration of this same esthetic with the development of the major landscape design elements.





Commercial / Industrial Clay Design Award Providence Shoppes

Architect: MAS Associates, LLC

Owner: Buckingham Companies

Mason Contractor: Unlimited Care, LLC

Supplier: Edgewood Building Supply

This project impressed the jury on every scale on which they evaluated it. Starting with the fact that this building typology often receives little above “basic cosmetic treatment,” they lauded the obvious investment in design quality by the owner. That is evident in breaking

down the scale of this large building in an urban context by defining the historic module of each retail establishment with living units above. It is then amplified through the careful design of relationships of the balconies, corbelled cornices, and masonry detailing. The design restraint, coupled with the creativity demonstrated by the architects in their use of a very limited number of window types and their varied arrangements, impressed the jury.



Institutional Design Award, Concrete Warsaw Community Church

Architect: Aspen Group

Owners: Warsaw Community Church

Mason Contractor: Byerly Masonry

Supplier: Carter’s Concrete Block, Inc.

The jury recognized that this building type — the “Mega Church” — presents a real design challenge in terms of both esthetic and budget decisions. They laud the owner for investing in masonry as the major exterior

material as it portrays a sense of both solidity and permanence. The use of the engaged pilasters and the horizontal banding contribute to breaking down of the scale of this building.





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Residential Hardscape Design Award Franz Residence

Owner: Bob & Jacee Franz
Installer: Franz Nursery, Inc.
Supplier: Masolite

The design and execution of this project impressed the jury to the degree that, in their minds, it elevated it above the other entrants in this category for an award. From the driveway entry-markers, to the retaining walls, to the walkway from the house to the major patio — and the patio development itself — they lauded the

visual impact of the limited palette of masonry materials, the thoughtful detailing, and the exceptional craftsmanship.

