

Ward + Blake Architects Named AIA Wyoming Firm of the Year

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Jackson, Wyoming – September 27, 2011 – Ward + Blake Architects has been named 2011 Firm of the Year by AIA Wyoming at its recent Honor Awards ceremony. In addition, the Jackson, Wyo. firm won an Award of Citation for its EHA Family Residence. About its selection of Ward + Blake for Firm of the Year, the AIA states: “For nearly 20 years Ward + Blake has contributed to the ongoing design discourse of New West architecture in Wyoming by creating contextually designed public spaces and homes that possess an accountability to the site, client, and historical continuum in which they were conceived.”

“We are deeply honored by the Firm of the Year recognition from AIA Wyoming,” says Ward + Blake Principal Mitch Blake. “It is especially meaningful to receive an award that stresses collaboration and long-term contributions to the community, both of which have always been an important part of our overall mission.”

“It’s terrific to have our staff and body of work recognized in this way,” adds Ward + Blake Principal Tom Ward. “We continually strive to learn and grow, pushing the boundaries with our passion for sustainable, contextual design, honestly expressed. It’s gratifying to be acknowledged for how that looks over the past 20 years even as we continue to evolve and refine our mutual vision.”

The AIA Wyoming Firm of the Year Award recognizes the continuing collaboration among individuals in a firm that has produced distinguished architecture over a period of at least 10 years, has made significant contributions to the institute, the profession, and the community, and has transcended local boundaries. As a whole, the AIA Wyoming Design Awards program recognizes excellence in design, planning, and construction of projects located anywhere in the world that are designed by AIA architects registered and licensed in Wyoming. The 2011 awards banquet was held at Spring Creek Ranch in Jackson on September 23.

Ward + Blake’s EHA Residence, Winner of the Award of Citation, is a 7,334-square-foot home built in a grove of Aspens between the Teton Range and the Snake River in Jackson Hole. One of the home’s unique features is traditional dovetailed logs finished with cast glass “chinking” to allow diffused light into the interior space by day and to provide a lantern effect by night.

Ward + Blake Architects was built on a distinctive vision: be provocative in thought, flexible in nature and disciplined in execution. Since 1996, the firm has gained recognition for architecture that is sensitive to its environment and successfully integrated with its surroundings. Ward + Blake creates buildings that are tactile, modern, bio-climatically responsible, honestly expressed, technologically sound and artfully crafted. For additional information visit Ward + Blake online at www.wardblakearchitects.com or call 307.733.6867.

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