

Ward + Blake Architects Receive Two “Dream Home Awards”

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Jackson architects win national awards for custom home and multi-family lodge



Stepped sod roofs and 360-degree Jackson Hole views mark Dream Home Awards “Best Conceptual Custom Home Design” winner (photo property of Ward + Blake Architects)

Jackson, Wyoming – June 28, 2010 – Ward + Blake Architects has received two 2010 Dream Home Awards, for “Best Conceptual Multi Family Design” with the firm’s Miller Park Lodge and for “Best Conceptual Custom Home Design” with the PLC residence, both local projects for the Jackson, Wyoming-based architecture firm. The national Dream Home Awards, announced by the Wall Street Journal, honor trend-setting products and technology from the past year and are given to professionals who have helped take the home building industry to a new level. Winners received recognition in the June issue of hab-i-tation Design Magazine.

“Conceptual designs are fun because that’s the stage where you get to use your imagination to address a wide variety of potential challenges, including building code, climate, sustainability and particular site issues,” says Ward + Blake Architects Principal Mitch Blake. “We’re honored to receive two awards from the Dream Home judges, especially for projects in our own Jackson Hole backyard.”

A planned mixed-use development in downtown Jackson, the 37,000-square-foot Miller Park Lodge houses offices, a day spa, short-term luxury accommodations and commercial space. The eco-friendly design anticipates LEED Silver certification and includes rooftop gardens that help mitigate storm runoff as well as providing unique outdoor space for guests.

The other winning project, the PLC residence, offers 360-degree views from its butte-top Jackson Hole site, despite strict skyline building restrictions. The Wyoming-hardy green-build design incorporates the architects’ patented seismically stable EarthWall rammed earth building system, stepped sod roofs, and Alaskan yellow cedar windows for structural resilience in potentially severe weather.

Ward + Blake’s winning projects in hab-i-ta-tion Design Magazine may be viewed online at <http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/dreamhome/awards2010/>. A complete listing of 2010 winners also is available online at http://dreamhomeawards.com/images/2010_Winners_Program.pdf. Ward + Blake is the only Wyoming firm to receive awards in the 2010 competition, which, according to Kelly Michele, Education Chair of Dream Home Awards, recognizes professionals who are “transforming the industry in an extremely positive way.”

Ward + Blake’s use of a ‘New West’ architectural vocabulary epitomizes the growing Western Modernism movement. The firm’s residential and commercial designs capture the authentic, independent spirit of the West while taking regional design in a fresh and modern direction. The firm is known for its award-winning eco-friendly innovations and received the Wyoming AIA Award of Excellence. For additional information, visit www.wardblakearchitects.com or call 307-733-6867.

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