

Bucks AIA presents annual design awards

Four area architects' design excellence has been recognized by the Bucks County chapter of the American Institute of Architects for four projects in the Delaware Valley region.

Judging the 2009 competition were six principals and senior designers from the firm of John Milner Architects, Chadds Ford.

The AIA Bucks Awards were presented at the group's annual holiday party held at the New Hope Arts Center.

Moira McClintock, 2009 outgoing president, inducted 2010's new officers: President Jane Wilson; Vice President-President Elect Ralph C. Fey, Secretary Gary O'Connor, Treasurer Kelly Leigh Willard.

Silver Award

*Kelly Leigh Willard
Carversville Pool House,
Solebury Township*

The challenge in this top-winning entry was to integrate a modern swimming pool into the historic mill site while guarding the character of this village on the National Register for Historic Places. Fulfilling the owner's wishes that the pool and pool house be a "modern surprise" shielded from public view, the designer created a 900-square-foot family gathering space and changing area tucked within the three ruined stone walls; its fourth

wall provides a poolside southern exposure through the 9-foot tall, 45-foot long glass sliding door.

Honor Award, Commercial

*Jeremiah Ford III
and Jane Wilson
Ford 3 Architects
New Apple Storage Barn
Pam and Gary Mount, Terhune
Orchards, Lawrenceville, N.J.*

The owners were looking for onsite, controlled-atmosphere, long-term fruit storage that was sustainable, operationally efficient and visually compatible with Terhune Orchards' existing 19th-century buildings. A stick-built wing and a traditional timber-framed wing provide space for the refrigeration units powered in large part by solar panels on the south-facing roof and substantial dry storage and special farm activities from day camps to barn dances.

Honor Award, Residential

*Raphael Architects – Michael
Raphael, AIA, and Greg
Frederick, Project Manager
Beck-Wright Residence and
Studio
Doreen Wright and Robert
Beck
Solebury Township*

Deeply involved owners — an artist and corporate executive — made the creation of this Arts and Crafts-style residence and its adjacent barn studio a collaboration



From left are Kelly Leigh Willard, Silver Award; Jane Wilson and Jeremiah Ford III, Ford 3 Architects, Honor Award, Commercial; Moira McClintock, 2009 Bucks AIA president; Ralph Fey, Ralph C. Fey Architects, Honor Award, Adaptive Reuse; Michael Raphael, Raphael Architects, Honor Award, Residential; and Charles Chichester, Ralph C. Fey Architects.

with the architect and builder. The rocky, wooded hillside site is little disturbed by the house that rises out of it, and the interior's efficient open plan, warm woods, natural light and collections of art take full advantage of the setting. The project incorporated sustainable design, materials and systems into the renovation of the original 700-square foot cabin and construction of a 1600-square-foot addition and studio.

Honor Award, Adaptive

Reuse

*Ralph C. Fey Architects –
Ralph
C. Fey and Charles Chichester,
project manager
Tri-County Performing Arts
Center
Village Productions, Pottstown*

This 17,000-square-foot community performing arts center is an adaptive-reuse renovation of the J. J. Newberry Co. department store that preserved not only the Art Deco façade but also many of

the charming historic interior features. The \$2.5million design-build project delivered a 200-seat black-box theater, back-of-house support spaces, offices, rehearsal rooms and intimate music studios for the nonprofit arts organization. The entire structure is handicapped-accessible and utilizes green building technologies. The project is at the forefront of the Pottstown Revitalization, Pennsylvania Keystone Opportunity Zone.