Call for Submissions
2001 EDRA / Places Awards

Places and the Environmental Design Research Association announce our fourth annual awards for Place Design, Planning and Research. We seek nominations for exemplary projects from any design or related discipline, such as architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, planning, lighting design, interior design, graphic design, geography, sociology and psychology. Awards will be presented in July, 2001, at EDRA’s annual meeting, at which there will also be an exhibition and symposium. Winning projects and commentary will be published in the Fall, 2001, issue of Places.

Place Design awards recognize projects that demonstrate excellence as human environments and a strong relationship between research investigations and design outcomes. Projects can consist of individual structures or spaces, or groups of elements that work as a unit. They can involve the design of something new or the reuse of existing resources. The scale can be large or small, ranging, for example, from a community playground to a regional greenway. Projects must have been completed within the last five years, but long enough ago to assess how well they function for users.

Place Planning awards recognize projects that establish direction for the design, management or use of a place and demonstrate a strong basis in research and participation. Nominations can include master plans, specific plans or elements, management plans, vision documents or charrette proposals. The scale of consideration can be large or small, ranging from a specific area to a region. Plans can consider a variety of issues, such as urban design, open space, preservation, environmental management, capital projects, housing, public art, social services or economic development. Plans must have been sponsored by an organized entity—such as a public agency, community group, private business or institution.

Place Research awards recognize projects that investigate the relationship between physical form and human behavior or experience, and which seek to inform design practice. All types of research about the design, use and management of places can be nominated—including projects that document the form or perception of places, evaluate the use or management of places, or provide background for specific designs or plans. Research should address how people interact with places from a behavioral, social or cultural perspective, how people experience places, or the processes through which places are designed, built and occupied.

To Enter
Official entry forms are available now; the receipt deadline for entries is March 2, 2001. For more information, contact:

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Submitters may wish to review write-ups of past award winners and jury comments. A package of the three awards issues of Places published is available for $30, plus $5 shipping. A package of articles by former jurors on themes of research, participation and preparing nominations is available for $10, plus $4 shipping. Please contact Places at 718-399-4313, or placepratt@aol.com

Jury
Allan B. Jacobs
Urban Designer, Professor
University of California, Berkeley

Mary Griffin
Architect, Turnbull, Griffin, Haesloop

Thomas Hanrahan
Architect, Dean,
Pratt Institute School of Architecture

Judy Corbett,
Executive Director,
Local Government Commission

Robert Sommer
Environmental Psychologist, Professor,
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Walter Hood
Landscape Architect,
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