



AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Kamuela Residence

ENTRANT: Walker Warner Architects

ARCHITECT: Gregory Warner, AIA

CLIENT: Withheld per owner's request

CONTRACTOR: Quality Builders Inc.

LOCATION: Kamuela, Big Island, Hawai'i

PHOTOGRAPHY: Matthew Millman Photography

CONSULTANTS

INTERIOR DESIGNER: Mio Source Design Consultants
LLC in collaboration with homeowner

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: David Y. Tamura
Associates Inc.

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: GFDS Engineers

"The design is simple and understated." –Juror's Comment

This residence draws inspiration from its upland ranch setting, situated on a crease between two distinct microclimates on the Big Island. On its "wet side," the house forms intimate connections with a lush rainforest descending to a gulch stream surrounding Mauna Kea. The house responds to this dichotomy through its form—rising as it transitions from immediate to distant views and directing rainwater toward the natural watershed. Local artisans' work roots the house in place-sensitive Hawaiian tradition.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Each year, AIA Honolulu honors our fellow AIA architects through our Annual Design Awards Program, recognizing our members' achievements of superlative designs from an array of submitted works.

This year's submissions demonstrate unique and viable solutions to meet today's complex challenges. Using collaborative problem-solving and creative thoughtfulness, these works exemplify the key role that architects play in designing a better future for their clients and the community. Among these entries, attention to environmental considerations ("green design"), challenges of sustainability and energy efficiencies are the standard of practice just as much as health, safety, human welfare, code and construction technique are basics of the design program. The design solutions speak to the need for balance and restraint, humanity and spirit, sophistication yet livability. These are positive lessons for all of us to embrace as we rise to meet the demands of our ever-changing world.

This is the year of the Ox (2009), and from this proud field of entrants the jurors have selected the strongest; the best of the best to be honored. I hope you will enjoy, as much as I have, the opportunity to view the projects of all of the distinguished submittals and illustrious awardees. All of the entries are very fine and each contestant has the right to be proud of their achievement. Their work, both individually and collectively, speaks to the promise and hope that together we can continue to strengthen our communities through thoughtful, timely and sensitive design.

Jeffrey Nishi, AIA
2009 President, AIA Honolulu

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DOUGLAS BENSON, AIA is a design principal with MCM Architects PC in Portland, Oregon. Doug's focus is on the design of religious facilities and affordable housing. In practice since 1971, he has designed projects throughout the United States and China. He is currently working on a 5-story Workforce housing project in Bend, Oregon and a Catholic church and elementary school in Lewiston, Idaho. Doug serves as a Regional Director for the AIA Northwest and Pacific Regions.



FRITZ JOHNSON, AIA has been in private practice since 2005 when he founded Formwork, a modernist design firm focused on custom residential architecture in Honolulu. He holds a master's degree in architecture from Cornell and a B. Arch from Kent State University in Ohio. Past professional experience in the commercial studio at NBBJ West in Seattle—and under Jamie Von Klemperer at KPF in New York—inform both his current work and his approach to criticism in the context of the AIA awards program.



PU MIAO is a registered architect and an associate professor at the School of Architecture, University of Hawaii at Manoa. His building in Minhang, Shanghai won one of the two awards in the sixth Far Eastern Architectural Design Awards, and will appear in an upcoming issue of *Architecture Asia*. Miao also edited and co-authored the book *Public Places in Asia Pacific Cities* (Kluwer, 2001).



NATE SMITH, ASSOCIATE AIA manages the design and construction of high-end residential and hospitality developments throughout Hawaii and the United States. Smith holds a master's degree in architecture from the University of Hawaii and a bachelor's degree in urban planning from UC San Diego. His design collaborations have won AIA Honolulu, AIA Northwest Region and Education Design Showcase awards as well as AIA Honolulu Member's Choice Awards in 2001 and 2005.



ED WEINSTEIN, FAIA has practiced in the Puget Sound region for 38 years. A principal and founder of Weinstein AIU Architects + Urban Designers, he has worked on a wide variety of project types. His firm has received Seattle Chapter, Northwest and Pacific Region and National AIA design awards. As a result of his design accomplishments, he has served on numerous AIA design juries throughout the country, including the 2000 National AIA Honor Awards jury and the 2002 Chicago AIA Honor Awards Jury.