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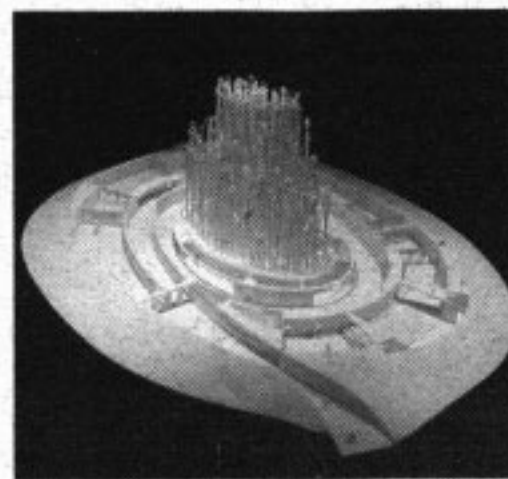
## Excellence in Architecture Awards



Six awards for Excellence in Architecture were announced at the AIANH 27th Annual Awards Banquet at the New Hampshire Institute of Art, January 22.

Three Honor Awards were distributed: **La-vallee Brensinger Architects** of Manchester, NH, for the **IDEXX Laboratories** in Westbrook, ME; **Richard Monahan Jr. AIA Architects** of Peterborough, NH, for the **Leeson Residence** in Arroyo Seco, NM; and **Albert, Righter, and Tittmann** of Boston, MA, for a lakeside residence in New Hampshire.

Two architectural firms won Merit Awards: **Samyn D'Elia Architects** of Ashland, NH, for the **Ashland School House Renovation** and



*Recognition for Unbuilt Architecture, Jerusalem Peace Monument Center by Bart Sapeta AIA and Jan Sawka.*

to **Bonin Architects & Associates, PLLC** of New London, NH, for a cottage renovation in New London.

Recognition was also given to one project in the Unbuilt Architecture Category, designed *Cont. on p. 4*

## Clinton Sheerr Award

*Award for Excellence in NH Architecture goes to Patricia Sherman FAIA*



**Patricia Sherman FAIA**

architecture that exemplify excellence in design at the highest level.

The 2011 Clinton Sheerr Award for Excellence in New Hampshire Architecture was bestowed on **Patricia Sherman FAIA**, of Newbury, NH. The award honors and promotes New Hampshire architects and their

In naming the winner, John Merkle AIA, the 2010 recipient of the award, noted that "Patricia Sherman has a true passion for the profession of architecture as well as a passion for ethical practice. She also has big picture vision and a strong history of sharing her vision to the benefit of the profession at large and for the people of New Hampshire. At the same time she has always been grounded in thoughtful action."

Pat has used her position as an architect to make significant contributions to the profession at both state and national levels. At the

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by **Bart Sapeta AIA** and artist **Jan Sawka** for a Peace Monument Center in Jerusalem.

### Honor Awards

Lavallee Brensinger's IDEXX Laboratories is a corporate office major campus expansion and renovation, that enabled IDEXX to meet two goals: to reinvent the company's image as an innovative, world-class leader in science and technology; and to create a more human-friendly and inspiring work environment, which includes a connection to nature. The new exterior façade unifies new and existing construction with a clean, white masonry veneer, representing the elegant precision of "science." The expansive exterior is anchored by towers, noting points of entry and vertical interior circulation. Clad with zinc panels, the towers convey an "earthy" feeling and a link to nature.

A unique courtyard or "BioCourt" was created within the core of the massive building, offering employees an outdoor space for meetings, lunch breaks, or respite. Abundant daylight pours into offices in both the addition and existing building. The facility's primary circulation path travels by the BioCourt, allowing a strong visual connection to nature throughout the day.

The construction manager was Pizzagalli Construction.

*Jurors' Comments: "...great plan integrating old and new; 'biocourt' very successful; provides year round focal point and calming environment, as well as a welcome relief to what could be an overwhelming interior space."*

Richard Monahon Jr. AIA Architects designed a new 3000 sf house in Arroyo Seco, NM, for a young family that grew out of their original two-story 800 sf house. Built in the high desert, surrounded with views to the Sierra de Cristo Mountains, the house responds to the strong local design and materials. The 14-inch adobe wall house, wrapped in low roofed portals, maintains a cool interior in the summer and warmth in the winter.

The owners were the builders. The goal was to build a sustainable, passive solar and energy efficient house and make as little impact on the site and its alfalfa field as possible. The nearby 500-year old local water, cultural, and community resource – the Acequia ditches – irrigate high northern New Mexico farms.

The house received a Build Green New Mexico Gold Level Certificate for meeting its building and environmental standards and received a \$11,000 tax credit. BGNM is similar to a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating.

*Jurors' Comments: "...great plan/spatial organization with entry courtyard; strong fit into environment; great integration of traditional and contemporary forms. The interiors present an atmosphere, which anyone would enjoy."*

The third Honor Award went to another private residence, an original design for a new summer camp on a lake in New Hampshire for clients very fond of their existing camp on the same lake, designed in 1969, also by Albert, Righter, and Tittmann. The angular geometry of the new camp's roofs, its dynamic arrangement of buildings, and its minimalist eave and rake detail, recall the original camp.

The camp consists of a main living cabin, a sleeping cabin and a guest cabin. Dividing it



### HONOR AWARD:

**New Mexico House**

**Richard Monahon AIA Architects,**  
**Peterborough, NH**

*Photo: Duffy Monahon*