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DESIGN Arlington Awards



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING,
HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT | URBAN DESIGN

DESIGNArlington is a biennial awards program that seeks to increase public awareness of outstanding design and to recognize and encourage design excellence. Distinctive architectural, preservation, landscape, and public art projects will be recognized for their contributions to the betterment of Arlington's built environment.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible projects must have been completed since 2017 and may fall into any number of categories:

- New Construction
- Renovations
- Additions
- Historic Preservation/ Rehabilitation/ Adaptive Re-use Projects
- Public Art
- Public Space & Landscape Projects (Plazas/ Parks/ Streetscapes/Green Infrastructure)
- Sustainable Design
- Biophilic Design

The jury process is "blind" - the identities of the entrant and design team are not revealed to the jury. Members of the awards jury, as well as the firms, organizations, agencies, or employers they represent, are not eligible to submit for an award. Arlington County retains the right to disqualify any entry that does not meet the program requirements or that presents a conflict of interest.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Projects that damage or demolish historic buildings or facades recognized for preservation in County plans or that are classified as "Essential" or "Important" in the Historic Resources Inventory (HRI) are not eligible, unless the projects received: 1) a special exception approval by the County Board, or 2) a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB).

Historic preservation projects must meet additional eligibility and submission requirements:

- Buildings involved in the project must be at least 50 years of age to be considered historic.
- The project narrative should include the known history of the building, scope of work, building condition before the project, and particular conditions addressed.
- Inclusion of photographs showing the existing conditions before the completed project.
- Projects involving historic garden apartments, shopping centers or commercial buildings must indicate the resource's status in the Historic Resources Inventory (HRI) on the nomination form.

JUDGING

Entries will be judged based on their overall design quality according to their own merit, not in competition with each other.

A jury of architecture, urban design, historic preservation, public art, and landscape design professionals will review all nominations and select winners of the 2023 DESIGNArlington Awards. The jury will decide the number of awards that will be distributed. All applicants will be notified if selected for an award or not.

VALUES FOR CONSIDERATION

A DESIGNArlington Award recognizes and celebrates projects that represent the best of Arlington. They achieve excellence in accordance with the County's design priorities, including:

- Visual composition and aesthetics
- Relationship to the context
- Contributions to a sense of place that defines Arlington
- Sustainable design and development
- Accessibility to all people regardless of their age or ability
- Preservation of historic buildings, facades, elements and character
- High-quality craftsmanship
- Creative use of durable materials
- Overall qualities of Biophilic design

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions please contact Brett H. Wallace: bhwallace@arlingtonva.us or at (571) 329-0876.

Information and updates on the 2023 DESIGNArlington Awards Program can be found on Arlington County's Planning Division [website](#).

SCHEDULE

Call for Entries Announced
Submissions Due
Awards Announced

October 16, 2023
December 22, 2023
February 2024

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications may be submitted by a member of the project or design team, which may include the property owners, design professionals, or general contractors. It is incumbent upon the applicant to provide a complete list of all participants substantially contributing to the project's design and execution and give them proper credit. Failure to provide a complete list may result in disqualification.

Submissions will only be accepted via email as high-resolution PDF document(s) no larger than 18 MB sent to the email address below. All submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. (EST) on Friday, December 22, 2023. No extensions shall be permitted, and late submissions will be disqualified.

Email Address: designarlington@arlingtonva.us

Use the following parameters to complete your entry. Any entry not submitted in the manner specified shall not be considered by the jury.

Entry Form: Include a separate PDF document of the fully completed entry form as part of the submission package.

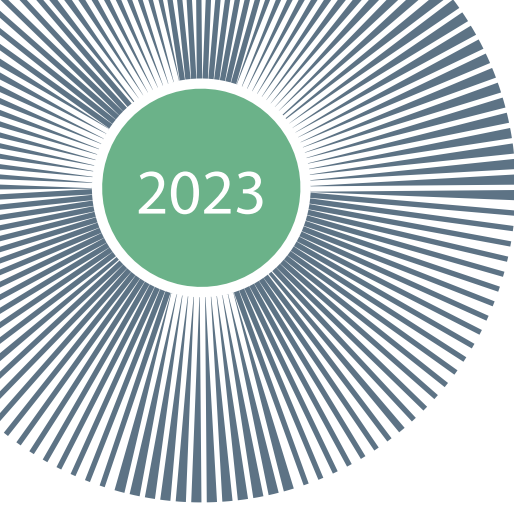
Project Description: Include a narrative describing your project in a document saved as a single PDF (20-page maximum). The narrative should contain the following:

- Project name;
- Project address/project location map;
- A brief narrative (one-page maximum) of the project goals, design challenges, design solutions, design inspiration and any additional relevant information. Indicate whether the project is new construction, an addition, renovation, or adaptive re-use and whether any buildings were relocated or demolished; and
- Project imagery (e.g., drawings, plans, elevations, photographs, prints, renderings, etc.) necessary to give a full understanding of the project. Interior photographs need not be included. Submit only photographs and drawings with permission for unrestricted release and reproduction in connection with publicity for the awards program.

In order to remove bias, identify the name of the designer or design firm only in the entry form and not within the Project Description materials or narrative (which are the documents that the jury will review).

2021 DESIGNArlington Award Winner,
The Aubrey, West Rosslyn
Alan Karchner





Entry Form

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PROJECT TYPE (check all that apply)

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renovation | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Art |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addition(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional/ Civic | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Space (plazas/parks/streetscapes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptive Re-use | <input type="checkbox"/> Biophilic Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Design |

PROJECT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Original Construction Date: _____

Year Project Started and Completed: _____

HRI Category (if applicable): _____

OWNER INFORMATION

Name _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

ARCHITECT / DESIGNER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

GENERAL CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

OTHER DESIGN / PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

PHOTOGRAPHER INFORMATION

Name _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

SUBMITTED BY

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

How did you hear about the Awards Program? _____

I _____, owner of the submitted project, approve of this entry to the 2023 DESIGN Arlington Awards Program. (For multiple owners, please attach additional statements as needed.)

I authorize unrestricted public release and reproduction of entry contents, including all photographs for displays, exhibits, and publicity.

(Signature)