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in pursuit of excellence

A discerning eye knows good design when it sees it. And there’s no doubt that each of our seven Edward Tanne and Design Excellence awards judges have discerning eyes (turn to page 103 for a look at their bios). But that doesn’t mean it was easy for them to select this year’s Gold, Silver and Bronze winners in 17 separate Design Excellence categories. The entrants within each of these groupings were vastly different—a contemporary loft versus a brand new restaurant; an actual residence versus an innovative, home-oriented invention. At times, the process was like comparing apples to oranges.

Yet no matter the aesthetic or purpose, superlative design possesses several uncompromising elements: It must be beautiful, it must be functional, it must be original, and it must be relevant. In addition, it must both serve the client’s needs and meet his expectations.

Falling into the 17 categories—Architecture (Contemporary, Traditional, Interior Space, Exterior Space, Historical Renovation), Green, Outdoor, Craftsmanship and Interior (Contemporary Design, Traditional Design, Living Room, Best Use of Art, Office, Dining, Kitchen, Bath, Specialty)—the winners of the inaugural 2008 Design Excellence awards meet all of these criteria (and more).

The following pages present a “look book” of sorts—a portfolio of Kansas City’s most inspiring structures and spaces. But these photographs are just drops in the bucket. It is our hope that readers will use the entire list that follows as an exclusive resource guide—a one-stop directory to our town’s best and brightest design talent. Congratulations to our winners!
RIGHT: Interior | Bath Gold Winner (two-way tie) Carrie Behner Rezac, Junk Architects. The purpose of this project, which uses slate, bamboo and glass accented with brushed nickel fittings, was "to provide an updated and fully functional contemplative meditation (room) ... inspired by the owner’s visit to Japan’s Zen gardens."


FAR RIGHT: Architecture | Contemporary Gold Winner (two-way tie) Jamie Darnell, El Dorado Inc.

Architecture | Contemporary
Gold
Hufft Projects, The Line House
El Dorado Inc., The Mixx
Silver
McHenry Schaffer Architecture, Nottberg Residence
Bronze
Webster Architects, Suburban Loft
El Dorado Inc., Hogdon Power
El Dorado Inc., Darnell Residence

Architecture | Traditional
Gold
Wendlandt & Stallbaumer, Larrabee Residence
Silver
RDM Architecture, Anderson Residence
Bronze
Wendlandt & Stallbaumer, Swade Residence
Junk Architects, Rotary Youth Center

Architecture | Interior Space
Gold
Rafael Architects, Christopher Elbow Artisanal Chocolates
McHenry Shaffer Architecture, Chefburger
McHenry Shaffer Architecture, White Residence
Silver
DLR Group, Sunlight Saunas
Wendlandt & Stallbaumer, Swade Residence
Bronze
BRR Architecture, BRR Bistro

Architecture | Exterior Spaces
Gold
Wendlandt & Stallbaumer, Swade Residence
Silver
Clockwork, Rogers Residence
Bronze
PGAV Architects, Argosy Hotel
Wendlandt & Stallbaumer, Larrabee Residence

Architecture | Historical Renovation
Gold
El Dorado Inc., Tyler Loft
Silver
Wendlandt & Stallbaumer, Larrabee Residence
Bronze
Clockwork, Gallo Building

ABOVE, BOTTOM: Interior | Traditional Design Gold Winner (two-way tie) Jill Tran, Jill Tran Interior Design. Judge Katie Van Luchene loved the “beautiful, sunny wall color.”


RIGHT: Architecture | Traditional Gold Winner Bruce Wendlandt, Wendlandt & Stallbaumer. “A wonderful restoration and expansion,” judge Knoll says. “(It has) open spaces with a cozy but expansive feel.”

FAR RIGHT: Interior | Kitchen Gold Winners (two-way tie) David Zebley & Geri Higgins, Portfolio. “We put a twist on contemporary cabinetry using mahogany ... usually associated with traditional applications,” Higgins says.
Green
Gold
El Dorado Inc., Darnell Residence
Silver
Enviro-Trash Concepts, Clean Chute
Bronze
McHenry Shaffer Architecture, Nottberg Residence

Outdoor
Gold
RDM Architecture, Anderson Residence
Silver
McHenry Shaffer Architecture, Giffith Residence
Bronze
Clockwork, Rogers Residence

Interior | Contemporary Design
Gold
McHenry Shaffer Architecture, Chefburger
Silver
El Dorado Inc., The Mixx
Bronze
El Dorado Inc., Digital Labrador
El Dorado Inc., Darnell Residence
McHenry Shaffer Architecture, Kidwell Residence

Interior | Traditional Design
Gold
John Rufenacht Associates, Morgan Project
Jill Tran Interior Design, Johnson Residence
Silver
Junk Architects, 6000 Main St.
Bronze
Danie Dunn Designs, Flaspholer Country Club District

Interior | Living Room
Gold
One Stop Decorating, Smith Residence
Silver
Jill Tran Interior Design, Key Residence
Bronze
Jill Tran Interior Design, Erwin Residence

Interior | Best Use of Art
Gold
PGAV Architects, 2345 Grand Ave. Entry Renovation
Silver
McHenry Shaffer Architecture, Mittle Residence
RIGHT: Craftsmanship Gold Winner (three-way tie) | Glass/Mirror, Clockwork. Created for CLK Management, this commercial lobby space features a 15-foot-long seamless LCD panel that loops company branding information, relevant news and lifestyle imagery. Frosted glass and textured glass panels were used on the offices, so every employee has exterior views.

FAR RIGHT: Craftsmanship Gold Winner (three-way tie) | Millwork, Clockwork. The bar element in this residential kitchen was made from a slab of walnut salvaged from a nearby fallen tree that the firm used to "anchor the materials and ideas for the space."

Bronze
McHenry Shaffer Architecture, Nottberg Residence

**Interior | Office**
Gold
El Dorado Inc., National Center for Drug Free Sport
Silver
PGAV Architects, Garmin International Headquarters
Bronze
Clockwork, CLK Management

**Interior | Dining**
Gold
El Dorado Inc., Pizza Bella
Silver
Jill Tran Interior Design, Key Residence
Bronze
PGAV Architects, Argosy Casino

**Interior | Kitchen**
Gold
Portfolio Kitchen & Home, D’Amato Kitchen
McHenry Shaffer Architecture, White Residence
Silver
Portfolio Kitchen & Home, O’Leary Kitchen
Clockwork, Green Residence
Bronze
McHenry Shaffer Architecture, Millstein Residence

**Interior | Bath**
Gold
Matthew Lero, 4219 Oak St.
Junk Architects, 2701 W. 51st St.
Silver
Clockwork, Rogers Residence
Bronze
Portfolio Kitchen & Home, D’Amato Residence

**Interior | Specialty**
Gold
Jill Tran Interior Design, Key Residence Sports/Media Room
RDM Architecture, Kaplan Residence Laundry
Silver
Portfolio Kitchen & Home, Petrow Residence Dressing Room
Bronze
Portfolio Kitchen & Home, O’Leary Residence Mud Room
H2B Architects, Hall Residence
ABOVE: Outdoor Gold Winners Richard D. McDermott, Michael Schumacher & Jerad Foster, RDM Architecture. Judge Knoll comments that the “beautiful” decks on this residence “seem very usable.”

RIGHT, TOP: Interior | Best Use of Art Gold Winner PGAV Architects. The firm believed the “planar, austere lobby would be greatly enhanced by a sculpture that ... relieved the rigid geometries and monochrome color scheme” of the Mies van der Rohe-style space. Judge Clawson says it looks “very New York and chic.”

RIGHT, BOTTOM: Interior | Specialty Gold Winner Jill Tran, Jill Tran Interior Design. Tran calls this sports/media room a “paradise for the sports fan.”
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kathy koehler & heather bortnick
Kathy Koehler began her real estate career in 1982. Her daughter, Heather Bortnick, became her partner in 1996. Their team of about 20 agents has been ranked No. one in the KC metro area by the KC Business Journal for 15 years running. Both Kathy and Heather are proud to judge the ’08 Design Excellence Awards.

heather clawson
There are two types of creative people: those who know from birth exactly what they want to do and those who get sidetracked. Clawson is one of the latter. She finally followed her true passion when she became an interior designer in 2005. Her blog, “Habitually Chic,” is making waves online and, now, in KCHD.

chadwick brooks
The editor of KC Home Design and KC Magazine, Brooks has cultivated his taste through extensive research and prior work under the direction of designer and artist Bruce Bursett. With a love for world travel, elegant textiles and antiques, he possesses a unique knowledge of design history and contemporary trends.

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Vice president, audience development at Anthem, Benda graduated in 2000 from Wichita State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She is proud to have launched many of KC’s favorites in her five-plus years at Anthem: KC Magazine, KCB, KCHD, KCHD’s hardbound book and now its awards program.

katie van luchene
Van Luchene has been covering exemplary design in Kansas City for more than a decade, first as writer then editor for Kansas City Home Design. Her role has come full circle as executive editor of the re-launched KC Home Design. “This awards program allows us to honor the talented individuals and firms that fill our pages.”

jeremy knoll
Jeremy is an architect and KC native who is dedicated to advancing the principles and awareness of sustainable design. His research and leadership within PGAV Architects’ Westwood office and with the U.S. Green Building Council have resulted in new, far-reaching initiatives, many on the national level.