Rocky Mountain Style

ASID Colorado's 2010 Crystal Awards



JUDGE'S MERIT AWARD, COMMERCIAL

TAG Restaurant >>> Kimberly Timmons Interiors Denver, Colorado

Chef/owner Troy Guard's TAG restaurant in downtown Denver's LoDo district has garnered critical praise for its eclectic menu, handcrafted cocktails and well-edited wine selection. Designer Kimberly Timmons, ASID, and her team created a warm, welcoming backdrop for the food and drinks within a narrow, historic building. The design of the two-level eatery, which includes a patio area, highlights the building's existing brick, wood and stone, and incorporates recycled millwork, furnishings, energy-efficient lighting and recycled-material countertops. Soffits help break up the expanse of the ceiling planes, while a wine library, organic light clusters and modern architectural details add sophistication. The project also received an award in the Hospitality, Under 10,000 Square Feet category.



JUDGE'S MERIT AWARD, RESIDENTIAL

Colorado Residence >>> Associates III Interior Design Denver, Colorado

Located in a mountain community, this 5,000-square-foot contemporary home melds into the environment through its design, as well as green building strategies and systems. Interior designers Kari Foster, ASID, and Natalie Lynch, Allied Member ASID, honored that vision through the use of sustainable materials for furnishings, fabrics and fixed interior finishes, and by selecting well-crafted furniture meant to become heirloom pieces. Borrowing from the surrounding site, the interior design team used high desert colors of sage, spruce, juniper, bark and lichen to emphasize the link between inside and out, and chose textural fabrics, smooth, organic finishes and natural materials. The project also received an award in the Primary Residence, 3,500 to 7,000 Square Feet category.

HE CURRENT ECONOMY, apparently, has not slowed great interior design in Colorado. ASID Colorado Chapter's recent design competition highlighted 29 projects that garnered the coveted Crystal Award, out of more than 150 submissions in categories ranging from residential design elements and traditional kitchens to healthcare projects over 15,000 square feet and hospitality projects over 10,000 square feet.

The awards were juried by the ASID Washington State Chapter, and, for the first time in ASID Colorado's history,

the judging process was done electronically. Jurors were able to access all the entries from a special website and go over them at their own pace, in the comfort of their own between coffices.

Here are two projects that not only received recognition in their categories, but also were given Judge's Merit Awards, the highest honor in the competition, as well as two other projects that received special recognition for their sustainable approaches to design.