THE WINNERS’ CIRCLE OF EXTRAORDINARY WORK

While AWI Standard of Excellence (SOE) winners always are singled out as the best of the best, this year’s honorees in the annual program were faced with particularly complex projects and exceptional challenges. How they overcame them is part of the success story of each of the six honorees.

Communication, close coordination, experience, and problem-solving skills were integral to the successful completion of five specialized projects—Corporate, Education, Residential, Retail and Hospitality—and one other, Overall.

Fetzer Architectural Woodwork of Salt Lake City, UT, was honored with the Overall Standard of Excellence award for their work on an office building in the heart of Washington, DC, a few blocks from The White House.

See the winning projects by the six AWI Manufacturing Member honorees and explore more about the projects in various editions of AWI’s quarterly journal, Design Solutions. Learn how each achieved excellence.

49 AWI Members Prioritize Safety

Forty-nine AWI members made safety a top priority in 2020 and earned bragging rights about the importance of safety in their shops and on the job.

By being recognized in the 2020 AWI / Federated Insurance Safety Awards Program, they are able to use safety award honors in their marketing efforts as well as buttress team support.

Cherryworks, Ltd., Mass Cabinets, Inc., and FADCO, Inc. beat out their competitors and nabbed top honors in their categories this year.
AWI Membership Milestones

AWI extends Happy Anniversary wishes to 29 members for their long-standing support and membership loyalty.

Twenty-four members were recognized for 25-year membership anniversaries, and five members for 50 years as AWI members.

Your continuing support and involvement in AWI over these many years is very much appreciated and speaks to your satisfaction as part of the AWI Family. The longevity also attests to strong, effective management of your company over the past decades when architectural woodworkers were challenged with economic and other obstacles to success.

50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY*
Allen Millwork Company
Wichita, KS
BC Countertops
Indianapolis, IN
Parenti & Raffaelli, Ltd.
Mt. Prospect, IL
Somerset Wood Products
Company
Bound Brook, NJ
The Washington
Woodworking
Company, LLC
Landover, MD

* All are Manufacturing Members

25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
Millsoft *
Cincinnati, OH
Antreasian Design, Inc.
Indianapolis, IN
Biesse America, Inc. *
Charlotte, NC
Brooklyn Hardware
Manufacturing, Inc. *
Portland, OR

CCI Group
Longview, TX
Custom Caseworks
Sauk Rapids, MN
Damschen Wood, Inc.
Hopkins, MN
Dras Cases
Lake Mills, IA
Fairfield County
Millwork
Bethany, CT
FormWood Industries, Inc. *
Jeffersonville, IN
Genothen Casework
Tumwater, WA
Goebel Woodwork
Cuero, TX
Hoge Lumber Company
New Knoxville, OH
 Impressions
Architectural Millwork
Cypress, TX
Jaynes Structures, Inc.
Albuquerque, NM
Merrick Millwork and
Seating
O’Fallon, MO
Nikolai Manufacturing,
Inc.
New Westminster,
BC, Canada
Okeana Hardwoods &
Manufacturing
Okeana, OH
PCI Cabinetworks
Harleyville, SC
Pinnacle Cabinet &
Millwork, Inc.
Cheyenne, WY
Stuck Wood Works, Inc.
Milwaukee, WI
Vintage Millworks, Inc.
Nashville, TN
Wilcox Woodworks, Inc.
Manassas, VA
WoodTech/Interiors,
Inc.
Charlotte, NC

* Supplier Members; all others are Manufacturing Members

Your Voice, Your Vote within AWI!

Each year the seats of a limited number of Board of Directors’ members become open for election as AWI members retire from AWI oversight and governance.

This year the Nominating Committee submitted the names of three candidates for election to the board for a two-year term that will commence Jan. 1, 2021.

Unless there are other qualified Director candidates added to the nominees’ slate by signed petition no later than Oct. 15, 2020, the following candidates profiled in the September edition of NewsBriefs will be presented to the membership for election to two open seats on the board:

• Cory Bitner of TMI Systems Corporation, Dickinson, ND
• Liz Ingebrightsen of Sproviere’s Custom Counters, Addison, IL
• Randy Lange of Lange Bros. Woodwork Company, Inc., Milwaukee, WI

Election of directors to fill two vacancies will take place from Nov. 1-15, 2020.
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Sample Search Results: Humidity

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- Dimensional Stability, Relative Humidity, and Moisture Content
- General, Architectural Woodwork Institute
- More PLAM Issues
- Jobsite Condition
- Wall Paneling and Closed in Building
- Dimensional Change
- Dimensional Change Responsibility
- And more!

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The Winners' Circle of Extraordinary Work

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OVERALL

Project: Office Building, 1101 16th Street, Washington, DC
Woodworker: Fetzer Architectural Woodwork, Salt Lake City, UT (QCP Licensee)
Design Solutions: Summer 2020
Photographer: Allan Schindler

This Platinum LEED™ trophy-class office building links two adjacent 1970s buildings into one, situated on a prominent corner in Washington, DC, a few blocks from The White House. The architectural woodwork included a large sculpted 3D parametric wood wall panel system and reception desk of Basswood, 16/4 thick, straight grain, light in color with minimal pitch. Panels are spray stained with light orange stain and two clear topcoats of lacquer. The 18-foot floor-to-ceiling sculptural wall seamlessly bridges the two previously separate building lobbies. The sculpted 3D wood wall panels were the most difficult to produce and the most noteworthy element of the project.

CORPORATE

Project: MathWorks Lakeside, Natick MA
Woodworker: Millwork One, Cranston, RI (QCP Licensee)
Design Solutions: Winter 2020
Photographer: Richard Mandelkorn

The 520,000 sq. ft. Lakeside Campus of MathWorks, was designed to reflect the organization and culture of the software developer’s existing headquarters. Architectural woodwork elements provided by Millwork One include various types of wood wall and ceiling paneling, radiused wall panels at two monumental stairs with integral decorative wood slats, built-in radiused and upholstered bench seating in several locations, wood and decorative laminate casework, main reception desk with stone and glass cladding, wood wall tiles at the main reception area, and more. Work at the monumental stair was deemed to be the most intricate and challenging by the architect, woodworker and project owner. Millwork One and the architect firm Gensler also were involved in MathWorks’ Apple Hill headquarters design.
EDUCATION
Project: Holtschneider Performance Center, Chicago, IL
Woodworker: Bernhard Woodwork, Ltd., Northbrook, IL
(QCP Licensee)
Design Solutions: Spring 2020
Photographer: Mark Ballogg

The 185,00 sq. ft. music center constructed for Chicago’s DePaul University is comprised of teaching studios, rehearsal space, concert hall, two recital halls and a jazz hall. The primary objective in the selection of finishes for the interior design was to utilize materials that would enhance both the aesthetic and acoustic qualities of each space, according to Bob Roubik, principal of Antonuvich Associates, the architect. Two different wood species were used—rift sawn White Oak introduced in less formal recital halls, and quarter sawn Makore employed in the main concert and entry lobby. The upstage wall at the main concert hall is significant in both its intricacy and its highly visible location. It is a built-up solid piece of woodwork with surface oscillations that mimic stage curtains. The wave wall at the front of the main performance hall is one of the most stunning woodwork items in the building, according to a university official.

RESIDENTIAL
Project: Pacific Coast Residence
Woodworker: Zepsa Industries, Charlotte, NC
Design Solutions: Spring 2020
Photographer: Durston Saylor

This 9,000 sq. ft. residence was designed by John Gilmer Architect, Inc. of New York City, who modeled the house after English country homes that incorporate fine woodwork and detailing with paneled rooms and interesting, shaped ceilings. The barrel vaulted and coffered ceiling in the study "is one the most intricate pieces executed by Zepsa," say the homeowners. Throughout the home, Zepsa provided interior doors and jambs, cabinets, complex geometrical ceiling woodwork, radius wall paneling and fitted rooms, architectural grilles, standing and running trim, and a secret door/bookcase in the library. Figured Sycamore, quartered figured Sapele, solid and veneer Mahogany, Walnut and rift sawn White Oak were used in the home. Finishes included a variety of custom stain and topcoats, cerused Oak and shop lacquers.

See Design Solutions at www.awinet.org for details about the challenges tackled in these SOE winning projects.

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RETAIL
Project: Iki Japan Retail Space, Houston, TX
Woodworker: Acacia, Porter, TX
Design Solutions: Winter 2020
Photographer: Connie Anderson

Iki Japan sells a variety of handmade and hand-finished items from Japan at both its retail store as well as an online shop that ships products around the world. The unique boutique features flat cut Spanish Cedar veneer and lumber for wall and ceiling panels, Ipe lumber for flooring, post Oak lumber at entry doors and frame, along with a pergola, product displays, tables, furniture and light fixtures. Acacia also provided leather panels, natural stone and quartz elements, signage, ornamental metal components, a custom basalt water feature and custom cast door hardware.

HOSPITALITY
Project: The Adelphi Hotel, Saratoga Springs, NY
Woodworker: MMC Millwork, Troy, NY
Design Solutions: Fall 2019
Photographer: Dominick Ranierei Architect

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Adelphi Hotel is the last hotel with a grand porch to grace the Broadway Historic District in Saratoga Springs. Renovation of the historic Italianate hotel restored it to its original grandeur and included many challenges along the way. Architectural woodwork includes wardrobe units, headboards and extensive trim for the guest rooms, wall paneling in the lobby, fluted columns and the bar. Major items were fabricated of Walnut while trim was Poplar. All the woodwork, whether stain or paint grades, was factory finished with conversion varnish. The wardrobe units featured Walnut interiors and painted exteriors, and since the elevators to the guest rooms are so small, the wardrobes had to be designed and built in modules in order to fit into the elevators.

CONVENTION SPONSORS
Thank you for your support of AWI 2020 Virtual Convention Sponsors. We couldn’t do this without your participation and support!
Three types of awards were conferred in various business size categories:

- **Best Safety Achievement Award**
- **Zero Lost Time Accident Achievement Award**
- **Safety Improvement Recognition Award**

The competition submission period extended from Jan. 13 through March 6, 2020. It coincided with the OSHA Form 300A (Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses) filing. Those companies with 10 or fewer employees, and are not required to complete OSHA Forms 300 and 300A, were still eligible to enter the contest.

The following honorees can proudly display their award at their business to help promote company pride, teamwork, and safety awareness. The award also confirms to your team that you care about their safety and well-being. Congratulations to all.

**BEST SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
Cherryworks, Ltd.  
10,000 to 19,999 Hours  
Mass Cabinets, Inc.  
20,000 to 99,999 Hours  
FADCO, Inc.  
More than 100,000 Hours

**ZERO LOST TIME ACCIDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
10,000 to 19,999 Hours  
- Cervantes / Salgado Architectural Woodworking  
- Cherryworks, Ltd.  
- PCI Cabinetworks

20,000 to 99,999 Hours  
- Acacia Originals, LLC  
- Andy’s Cabinets and Millworks, Inc.  
- Arizona Western Fixture & Display, Inc.  
- Chamberlain Companies, Inc.  
- Classic Millwork and Products, Inc.  
- Commercial Millworks, Inc.  
- Conley Caseworks  
- Impressions Architectural Millwork  
- Interior Wood Specialties, Inc.  
- Interscapes, Inc.  
- Lange Bros. Woodwork Co., Inc.  
- Lyndan, Inc.  
- Lutz Woodworks, LLC  
- Mass Cabinets, Inc.  
- MDN Cabinets, Inc.  
- Midwest Commercial Millwork, Inc.  
- Pond Cove Millwork, Inc.  
- Prestige Millwork, LLC  
- Riverside Construction Services, Inc.  
- Siewert Cabinet & Fixture Mfg., Inc.  
- Strata Design  
- Giffin Interior & Fixture, Inc.  
- Hillcraft of Wisconsin, LLC  
- Inter Ocean Cabinet Company  
- Johnson Brothers Planing Mill, Inc.  
- Millwork 360, LLC  
- Millworkone  
- Mock Woodworking Company  
- Pacific Cabinets, Inc.  
- Wilkie Sanderson  
- Windham Millwork, Inc.  
- Wood Technologies, LLC

**SAFETY IMPROVEMENT RECOGNITION AWARD**
20,000 to 99,999 Hours  
- Chamberlain Companies, Inc.  
- Interscapes, Inc.  
- Pond Cove Millwork, Inc.  
- Prestige Millwork, LLC  
- Riverside Construction Services, Inc.  
- Siewert Cabinet & Fixture Mfg., Inc.  
- Strata Design  
- More than 100,000 Hours  
- American Millwork & Cabinetry  
- Bernhard Woodwork, Ltd.  
- Brochsteins, Inc.  
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- Millwork 360, LLC  
- Millworkone  
- Pacific Cabinets, Inc.  
- Panel Specialists, Inc.  
- VT Industries - Eggers Division  
- Wilkie Sanderson  
- Windham Millwork, Inc.
**AWI Membership Benefit Brief**

**Member Directory**

Whether it is the online Member Directory on www.awinet.org or the Member list published in *Design Solutions* Magazine, this is a great way to get your company information in front of prospective customers.

The best way to capitalize on this benefit is to ensure your information is complete and up to date in the AWI database. Many people search for companies based on the categories that members choose on their profile. If your company does not have any categories checked, no one will find you.

Primary contacts should login to www.awinet.org and choose “Organizations – Manage Organization” on their profile page. You will be able to update your information and make sure you stand out in the crowd!

**AWI Family Gatherings: Connect, Learn, Share!**

June, AWI launched a new way to connect with AWI National and other members! Titled “Family Gatherings,” they are online forums which take place on Fridays at 3:00 pm (ET).

Get involved, learn, share and build connections within the AWI family of members. These gatherings also are a great way to end your week.

**Recorded Forums**

The Family Gatherings have hosted panelists and special guest speakers discussing a variety of topics, including COVID-19 developments, federal government financial assistance during the pandemic, workforce development, economic indicators, personal challenges, and much more.

If you miss the Family Gatherings, the recorded forums are accessible in the Members Area of www.awinet.org, where you can click on the drop-down “Members Only” menu for “Webinars.”

**How to Connect**

Whether you have attended all the recent AWI webinars or if you are just getting involved, we are excited to have you join the weekly Friday Family Gatherings! To attend, respond to AWI’s email inviting your registration, which is free of charge as a benefit of your AWI membership.