

Ward + Blake Architects Receive Four Dream Home Awards

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Jackson Hole architects' winning conceptual home designs published in Habitation



Jackson, Wyoming—September 21, 2011—Ward + Blake Architects received four Dream Home Awards, presented annually to companies and individuals who “set new standards of excellence in the nation’s building industry,” according to the Dream Home Awards organization. The Jackson Hole architecture firm Ward + Blake received a Gold Award and two Silver Awards in the category of Best Conceptual Home Design plus a Silver Award in the category Best Whole House Remodel. Its Gold-winning design concept for the Freedom, Wyo., Sharp Residence is published in the annual Dream Home Awards issue of hab-i-tation Design Magazine.

Dream Home Awards are presented to those companies and individuals who assist in creating America’s Dream Homes; the awards honor trend-setting products and technology from the previous year. The competition is open to interior designers, architects, building and remodeling firms, communities and trade contractors from across the country who compete in categories related to custom home products, interior design, commercial and mixed-use projects. The program describes itself as “the only comprehensive competition open to the nation’s design-build industry.”

For its Gold Award-winning concept for the Sharp Residence, Ward + Blake integrated the residence with the environment, nestling it into the site's grassy slope – a distinct revision from the owner's original expectation of a two-story house. Three small ponds, created using excavated fill from the daylight basement, enhance the property's existing stream. In addition, the firm received Silver Awards for its designs of the Rominger residence in Jackson, Wyo., the Yanke residence in Thomasville, Georgia, and for the remodel of the Villa di Famiglia Vita in Alta, Wyoming.

Ward + Blake's use of a 'New West' architectural vocabulary epitomizes the growing Western Modernism movement. The Jackson Hole residential and commercial architects capture the authentic, independent spirit of the West while taking regional design in a fresh and modern direction. The Jackson, Wyo., residential and commercial architecture firm is known for its award-winning eco-friendly innovations and received the Wyoming AIA Award of Excellence. To view photographs of the awarded projects and learn more about the winners, see hab-i-ta-tion Design Magazine at <http://www.dreamhomeawards.com>. For additional information, contact Ward + Blake Architects at 307.733.6867.

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