

# Outstanding architecture

## Panel cites excellence in residential designs

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This year's American Architects/Houston Design Awards have gone to 15 Houston architects and firms.

Chosen by a national panel of jurors, the projects will be on view during an awards gala at the newly remodeled Metro-Majestic Theater in Houston's Market Square District on Thursday.

The three jurors were Rudolfo Machado, of Machado & Silvetti, Boston; William Pedersen of Kohn Pedersen Fox, New York City; and Cathy Simon of Simon Martin-Vege Winkelstein Morris of San Francisco.

From more than 100 submitted projects, the jurors chose six houses, an unusually high number, declaring that they found the residential designs by Houston architects to be of remarkable quality.

The honor awards, AIA's top architecture prizes, went to:

■ **The McCurdy Lodge in Hills Prairie, by Carrie Glassman Shoemake, Architects.**

An informal Hill Country lodge with porches, balconies and lookouts at several levels, it was built for an environmentalist who enjoys fishing and hunting. While celebrating the outdoors it provides shade and is sited to catch prevailing breezes.