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***Architecture Minnesota* Takes Home Gold From MMPA Awards**

Minneapolis, Minnesota - - - *Architecture Minnesota*, the magazine of the American Institute of Architects Minnesota (AIA Minnesota), won three awards from the Minnesota Magazine & Publications Association's prestigious Minnesota Publishing Excellence Awards last night. In the category "association publication with a circulation of under 50,000," *Architecture Minnesota* received the Gold Award for Best Single Topic Issue for the May-June 2003 issue, Housing For Lifestyles. The jury commended the publication for its "beautiful cover," and for being both "visually eye catching" and "intellectually stimulating."

In addition, a Bronze Award went to the feature article "Modern Luster," also in the May-June 2003 issue, by Phillip Koski, AIA, architect, Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc., Minneapolis, and incoming chair of the *Architecture Minnesota* Advisory Committee, The January-February 2003 issue of *Architecture Minnesota*, The Sustainable Challenge, also won a Bronze Award for Best Single Topic Issue.

"It's thrilling to be recognized by your peers for the excellence you've achieved," says Camille LeFevre, editor-in-chief, *Architecture Minnesota*. "In particular, I'm especially thankful for my *Architecture Minnesota* Advisory Committee, whose members provide the insights, ideas and support, and often the writing, that helps make such success possible, especially given my responsibilities as the only editorial-staff member on the magazine."

"In the past five years, the magazine industry in Minnesota has grown dramatically, with the industry's standards for excellence evolving, as well," she continues. "In addition, our competitors in this category are magazines with several editorial staff members and sizeable budgets for writing, art and production. So I'm quite proud of receiving three awards this year, especially a Gold Award."

In 1997, the MMPA established the Publishing Excellence Awards to recognize and foster outstanding publishing achievements in the areas of editorial, design and overall excellence. The judges are volunteers from the industry selected based on their expertise.

In 2002, *Architecture Minnesota* won a Bronze Award for Overall Excellence. In 2000, the magazine won a Gold Award for Best Regular Column for Talking Point, by Bill Beyer, FAIA, principal, Stageberg Beyer Sachs, Inc., Minneapolis.

Architecture Minnesota, the primary outreach tool of AIA Minnesota, is published to educate the public about architecture designed by AIA MN members, and communicate the spirit and value of quality architecture to both the public and its membership.

*The American Institute of Architects Minnesota, founded in 1892, is dedicated to strengthening our communities, improving our built environment, and providing exceptional design. For more information on the organization and Minnesota architectural firms, reference our web site at www.aia-mn.org and pick up a copy of *Architecture Minnesota*, the award-winning architectural magazine of the Midwest.*