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Feature Article: 2014 AIA Southwest Michigan Design Awards winners

The [southwest Michigan chapter of the American Institute of Architects](#) recently recognized some of the best projects out of the area at its annual Design Awards Celebration. [See full article in grbj.com.](#)

Honor Award

[Arcadia Brewing Co.](#), Kalamazoo, submitted by [TowerPinkster](#)

The 28,500-square-foot facility is located on a former brownfield site in downtown Kalamazoo that once housed a coal-burning power plant, according to the chapter. The site was selected for its “redevelopment potential and proximity to other walkable destinations.” The facility is on the east bank of the Kalamazoo River and along the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail. Site planning allows for easy access by canoe, kayak and bike. Future outdoor plans will maximize green space with rain gardens, a beer garden and a kayak and canoe launch.

Jury comments: “The reuse of a brownfield site and daylighting are two sustainable features of this well-thought-out building. The entry is done well with an introduction to the brewery through the windows even before arriving inside. It fits well on the site, is inviting to the public, works well with the environment and reveals its function with carefully placed glazing.”

Merit Awards

Brunner Residence, St. Joseph, submitted by [Allegretti Architects](#)

Jury comments: “This project is built in an existing neighborhood. The detail of the windows and the front porch is modern, but ties back to the traditional neighborhood and a time-honored architectural style. At a time when most housing is ‘stock,’ it is refreshing to see an owner interested in working with an architect to think through the design inside and out.”

Battle Creek Math & Science Center, Battle Creek, submitted by [TowerPinkster](#)

Jury comments: “An expressive addition to an existing building creates a new image and allows for engaging spaces. Good daylighting, an expressive use of color and exposed/highlighted building systems seems to be a successful strategy to engage youth in STEM curriculum.”

South Haven Marina, South Haven, submitted by [Slocum Architects](#)

Jury comments: “Good choice of materials for this marina building. The entry with laminated lumber frame and appropriate sunscreens give the building a joyful identity. Well-thought-out balance between durable materials and aesthetic enhancement of a modest-size facility.”

The Most Anticipated Buildings of 2014!

Published by Fox News, Architectural Digest recognizes projects from around the world that push the design limits of architectural thinking. [Click here to learn about these projects!](#)

Detroit eyes RFPs to refortify R. Thornton Brodhead Naval Armory



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In its 84 years, the [R. Thornton Brodhead Naval Armory](#) along the Detroit River has hosted a future president, a future boxing legend, and untold numbers of U.S. sailors, Marines and Coast Guard members.

But since it closed its doors in 2003, scappers have been more prevalent visitors to the 107,000-square-foot building at 7600 E. Jefferson Ave.

Now, the city is developing a request for proposals to redevelop the armory, which sits on 4.5 acres and was named in 1947 after Capt. R. Thornton Brodhead, who as lieutenant commander of the Michigan naval force lobbied the city and state for construction of the armory, which was built in 1929 and 1930.

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Guest Peter Osler on Damian on Design



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On this episode of [Damian on Design](#), we welcome architect Peter Osler! Peter is the son of David Osler, a prominent Modern architect who passed away in September of this year. Few families have made as big of an impact on Ann Arbor (and all of Michigan!) as the Oslers have. Join us as we get to know this fascinating family!

[Learn more about David Osler.](#)