



Building Stone Institute, one of the country's longest serving natural stone trade associations, proudly presents the 2008 Tucker Design Awards. Established in 1977, the Tucker Design Award honors those who achieve the criteria of excellence in the use of natural stone in concept, design, and construction. The award is a prestigious biennial architectural design award recognized in both the building and landscape industries

This year's recipients represent some of the finest building and landscape projects throughout North America utilizing natural stone. Tucker Design Awards celebrate the innovation and vision that designers bring to their projects by specifying and using natural stone building materials.

Randall C. Gideon, FAIA

Co-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Gideon Toal

With over 30 years of experience in design and project management, Randy Gideon, a founding Principal of Gideon Toal, provides project oversight for architecture, master planning and interior design projects. Randy brings his extensive experience with government relations and community outreach to each project. For more than two decades he has been exceptionally active on behalf of architects at the national, state, and local levels in regulatory matters critical to the profession, leading efforts to create a more stable, rich, and harmonious built environment for all citizens.

An award-winning architect, Randy Gideon was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 1999. A graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington, Randy is a past President of the Texas Society of Architects, as well as a past President of the Fort Worth Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.



Lance Melton, AIA

Vice President, Wiginton Hooker Jeffry, Architects, PC

Lance Melton has served as Architect, Designer, Planner, and Project Manager on project types including residential, religious, and commercial with a focus on Municipal/Governmental projects.

Lance received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Texas Tech University and is a Registered Architect in the State of Texas. His professional affiliations include American Institute of Architects and Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS).

Mr. Melton is a Vice President with Wiginton Hooker Jeffry Architects. With offices in Dallas, Austin, and Houston, WHJ has provided architectural services for over 30 years.

Mr. Melton's experience includes all phases of architectural services. His expertise provides an in-depth understanding of building function as defined by the materials and methods. Lance strives to understand trends and concepts behind those structures that have been built in order to improve upon the design of those that are being built.





Litowitz Residence, Glencoe, IL

Design by:
Liederbach and Graham, Architects, Chicago, IL
Stone Installers:
Jacks Masonry, Crystal Lake, IL
Masonry by Fernando, Rondout, IL
Stone Suppliers:
Connecticut Stone, Milford, CT
Cleveland Quarries, Amherst, OH
Evergreen Slate Company, Inc. Granville, NY
Galloy and Van Etten, Chicago, IL
Jay Sackett Associates, Skokie, IL



Project Description

The clients were hoping to build a new home which would blend seamlessly with the fine architecture of the older homes in their established, lakeside suburb. An interest in English Arts and Crafts architecture and decoration prompted the owners to take their design team on a tour of country houses around the Midlands and Surrey regions. The experience resulted in a fine collaboration with a high level of connoisseurship in the detailing.

The exterior materials, cut Silverdale limestone in a rock-face Connecticut granite wall, resemble Cotswold stone and Cumbrian granite, but come from local sources. They were selected for their beauty and durability



in a cold climate. The roof is Vermont slate and Ohio Berea Sandstone slabs were selected for the paved terraces, pool deck and coping both because of the warm appearance of the material and its resistance to the growth of moss.

Natural stone was used extensively throughout the interiors as well. Poiseul Jaune limestone from Burgundy was used for flooring for much of the ground floor, pavers in the wine cellar and treads of the main staircase. Nine foot wide dueling fireplaces in the dining room were commissioned and carved locally of French limestone as was the family room mantel.

Jury Comments

A playfully integrated design proving technical detail, fabrication and craftsmanship can communicate the joy of our trade. The craftsmanship is outstanding. It appears as if the architect and stone mason collaborated throughout the design and construction. The choice to balance smooth and rough textures of stone and carefully combining the stone with other materials successfully emphasizes the warmth of each material. A true success story relative to the spirit of arts and crafts.



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