

# 2001-2002

## Best of the Best

Every year, the Woodwork Institute of California recognizes excellence in the woodworking and architectural industries with a series of awards.

### BERNIE B. BARBER JR. AWARDS *for* EXCELLENCE

*for outstanding use of architectural woodwork*

WIC's most prestigious award, the **Bernie B. Barber Jr. Award for Excellence** is given to examples of outstanding architectural millwork. The award is named in honor of Mr. Bernie Barber, who has dedicated more than 40 years to the Woodwork Institute. Since the first Bernie B. Barber Jr. Award for Excellence was given in 1965, over 100 projects have received this recognition.

Bernie B. Barber Jr. Award for Excellence nominees may be submitted by any design professional or WIC member who was contractually tied to the project. Specifications must require Certified or Monitored Compliance to be eligible. A full list of past winners can be viewed on the WIC website at [www.wicnet.org/bba\\_recipients.asp](http://www.wicnet.org/bba_recipients.asp) and entry forms may be obtained at [www.wicnet.org/forms.asp](http://www.wicnet.org/forms.asp)

*The following projects have been awarded the Bernie B. Barber Jr. Award for Excellence by the WIC Board of Directors in the last year (in alphabetical order):*

#### **Omni Hotel, San Francisco, CA**

*Patri Merker, Architects*

*Webcore Builders, Inc., General Contractor*

*ISEC, Inc., Fabricator*

"The Omni Hotel project is a \$50 million adaptive reuse of a historic 1926 office building into a four-diamond luxury hotel," says Dean Randle of Patri Merker. "The 260,000 square foot project is located in the heart of San Francisco's financial district and includes 362 guest rooms and suites. The public spaces include a grand entrance lobby, 15,000 square feet of meeting space and pre-function areas, and a restaurant and bar.



"All the public areas feature the extensive use of classically-detailed architectural woodwork, which presented a challenge further complicated by the installation in the confines of a very tight construction site. The two-story main lobby presented formidable installation challenges such as extremely large wall panels and complex radiused wood assemblies. The coordination of the architectural woodwork required careful fitting to the other fine finishes, including the marble floors, wainscot and base, and the decorative stair railings."

## Rose Hotel, Pleasanton, CA

*Carl Ross Design, Architects*  
*J.R. Roberts Corporation, General Contractor*  
*Burnett & Sons Planing Mill and Lumber Co., Inc., Fabricator*

"From the beginning, I knew this project would be special because we were dealing with a world-class designer," says Katie Daniels, project manager for Burnett & Sons. "All guestrooms have cherry base, casing, and crown moulding, and each guest bathroom has a curved vanity made from cherry solids and veneers. The large, two-piece crown moulding installed at the guestroom light covers was manufactured in 12-foot to 16-foot lengths, thus eliminating any visible seams. Maneuvering this crown required some patience and ingenuity for our installers. The general contractor, J.R. Roberts, assisted in staging materials through second- and third-floor windows.



"The wainscot found throughout the hotel was pre-fabricated in the longest lengths possible at our shop, which sped up field installation. Field measurements were carefully taken and layouts precisely calculated to ensure the wainscot fit properly. The wainscot cap and base were sent out loose and installed following the panel installation. Our installation subcontractor took great care in selecting lengths well-matched for color and grain.

"The project moved along smoothly from beginning to end. I was excited to be able to participate in this project and pleased with the final results. The commitment of quality made by our craftsmen in the plant combined with that of the installers made this a project we were all proud to be part of."

## UCSB Donald Bren School of Environmental Sciences & Management, Santa Barbara, CA

*Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership, Architects*  
*Soltek Construction Company,*  
*General Contractor*  
*K&Z Cabinet Company, Fabricator*

"Considered the 'greenest' building in the U.S. at the time of its construction, the UCSB Donald Bren School of Environmental Sciences & Management building was a challenge for a few reasons," says Barton Grant, project manager for K & Z Cabinet Co., Inc. "The specified wood was plain sliced white maple that had to be certified from a well-managed forest. Also, lasers were used to put benchmarks on the walls to determine the sizes of the wall panels, as they grew from an eight-foot ceiling at the back of the room to a 20-foot ceiling at the front of the room.



"The most challenging piece of architectural woodworking in the project was creating the complex configuration and geometry of the 'saw-tooth' side wall panels while working with the floor and ceiling profile. The design goals of creating a beautiful and inviting space were achieved in this project."

## ANNUAL CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARDS

*for outstanding craftsmanship*

First awarded in 1995, the Craftsmanship Awards are given in six categories in recognition of those WIC member firms that have fabricated and/or installed quality millwork conforming to WIC standards. At WIC's annual convention, the best of the Craftsmanship Award recipients are selected for Annual Craftsmanship Awards. Past winners of the Annual Craftsmanship Awards can be viewed on the WIC website at [www.wicnet.org/craftsmanship\\_recipients.asp](http://www.wicnet.org/craftsmanship_recipients.asp) and entry forms are available at [www.wicnet.org/forms.asp](http://www.wicnet.org/forms.asp)

*Craftsmanship Award winners over the last year:*



### **INSTALLATION** **Easy Care Kitchens** *Del Mar Theatre*

The project included the restoration of original concession counters at a 66-year-old art deco movie theater.



### **SOLID SURFACE COUNTERTOPS** **Day Star Industries** *Little Company of Mary Hospital*

The project included the construction of laminated plastic cabinets, wardrobes, and nurses' stations as well as Corian countertops, sinks, and inlaid Corian trim on the wardrobes.



**WOOD CABINETRY**

S&H Cabinets & Manufacturing, Inc.

*Cerritos Millennium Library*

The project included the construction of plastic laminate cabinetry, finished wood cabinets, and metal wall panels.



**LAMINATED PLASTIC CABINETRY**

S&H Cabinets & Manufacturing, Inc.

*Long Beach Memorial Medical Center  
Emergency Room Remodel*

The project included the construction of a security desk, nurses' stations, and treatment room cabinets and countertops.



### **OVERALL MILLWORK PIECE**

#### **Interior Wood of San Diego**

*USD Joan B. Kroc Institute for  
Peace and Justice*

The project included the construction of reproduction Spanish colonial furniture pieces, executive office cabinetry, and an asymmetric elliptical conference table.



### **OVERALL MILLWORK PROJECT**

#### **Day Star Industries**

*Kodak Theater*

The project included \$3 million in radiused cherry backlit balcony front panels and railings, a five-story oval-shaped grand staircase with cherry panels and wall cap, drink bars, VIP lounge cherry bar, and dressing rooms.

# WILBUR L. JOHNSTON AWARDS *for* EXCELLENCE

*for outstanding woodwork specifications*

Named for Wilbur L. Johnston, a CSI fellow and WIC Director of Architectural Services for 21 years, the Wilbur L. Johnston Award of Excellence is given to specification writers and architectural firms that have written outstanding millwork specifications utilizing WIC standards. WIC Field Staff select and recommend the recipients of the Wilbur L. Johnston Award of Excellence among the projects they have had the opportunity to review. First awarded in 1988, past winners of the Wilbur L. Johnston Awards of Excellence can be viewed at [www.wicnet.org/johnston\\_recipients.asp](http://www.wicnet.org/johnston_recipients.asp)

*The following specification writers and architectural firms have been awarded the Wilbur L. Johnston Award of Excellence in 2001-2002:*

**Craig Mount, AIA, CSI**

Castaic Middle School Relocatable Addition

**John Raeber**

Condo Development Buildings, 200 Brannan  
Condo Development Buildings 1, Federal Lofts

**PJHM**

Oak Creek Elementary School  
Thurston School Modernization

**Timothy Wissenback**

Tim & Jack Hafen Elementary School

**Jane S. Cee**

The Ark of Refuge

**Baker Vilar Architects**

Aptos Middle School Modernization

**Jim McGregor**

Moorpark High School Phase 5 (b)

**Brad Henderson**

Alviso Youth Center Gymnasium and  
Classrooms

**Marvin Chew**

Public Safety Staging Center Interior  
Improvements

**Holly Bieniewski**

Antelope Valley Community College  
Technology Building

**Greg Fairinsky**

Orville Wright Middle School Gymnasium  
Retrofit

**Gary Wood**

Palm Desert City Council Chamber Remodel

**Ken Brewer, AIA**

Trabuco Hills High School Performing Arts  
Building B Remodel



## CONGRATULATIONS

The Woodwork Institute of California

*congratulates the recipients of the 2001-2002*

*WIC awards. Your hard work and dedication*

*to quality stand out!*