



2011 ASID Design Excellence Awards

The San Diego chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) recently recognized outstanding design with its 2011 Design Excellence Awards. In this annual competition, submissions are judged by ASID designers in another state. Congratulations to this year's design dynamos! KRISTINA ELKUS



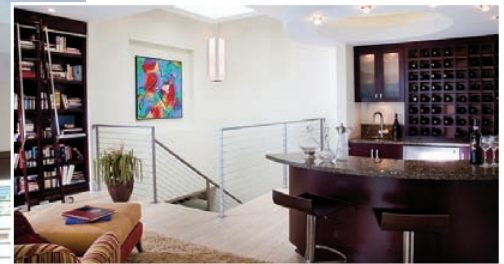
Residential Space Over 3,500 Square Feet: Sandra Espinet, Allied Member ASID

Designed by Sandra Espinet, Casa Walker is a Spanish Mediterranean villa that integrates its beautiful beachfront surroundings by bringing the outdoor environment inside the home. The open floor plan and covered terraces flood the home with natural light, blurring the lines between Casa Walker's surroundings and interior. High ceilings open up the house and create a feeling of grandeur that is paralleled only by the view of the infinity pool disappearing into the ocean. Billowing cabaña curtains frame the courtyard terraces, adorned with rich furnishings, while the custom designed cabinetry in the kitchen gives the home an added feeling of luxury. Casa Walker's aesthetic is both eclectic and traditional, blending beautifully crafted furniture with antiques in a style that is all its own.



Residential Space Under 3,500 Square Feet: Kristianne Watts, Allied Member ASID

When Kristianne Watts set out to transform this once tired, contemporary home into a modern coastal classic, she focused her design plan around practical upgrades that reflected the house's natural environment. Located in the heart of Bird Rock, the house incorporates ceramic flooring throughout, low-emitting cabinetry, and concrete countertops with 60 percent recycled-content. The neutral interior palette achieves texture with the ledge stone wall in the great room, while the addition of full height aluminum pocket doors and metal-like recessed baseboards help create a sleek design. Touches of vibrant colors play off the original artworks of George Rodrigue, bringing personality to this sophisticated home. Bold architectural features and a fluid design create a home that merges sustainability with modern elegance.



Specialty Design — Green: John Mills Davies, ASID

Brought back to its basic elements, this ocean view home was redesigned by John Mills Davies as a green-inspired, sustainable dwelling. Bamboo flooring, Caesar Stone and Terrazzo were brought in for solid surfaces, and all of the home's cabinetry was custom designed and built using FSC-certified or eco-wood products. Dual pane energy efficient windows, tankless water heaters and no-VOC paint selections complete the home's green infrastructure. Strategically placed central skylights provide the residence with stunning natural lighting while simultaneously acting as thermal chimneys to either warm or cool the home. The landscaping was designed to provide drought resistant and energy efficient outdoor living, keeping in theme with the home's environmentally conscious roots.



Kitchen: Robert Wright, FASID and Jason York, ASID

In an innovative moment of clarity, Robert Wright and Jason York decided to relocate their client's kitchen to create a space that was more functional and central to the home. By switching locations with a bedroom at the back of the house, the new kitchen opens up to the family room, garden, and entertainment spaces, while also remaining in convenient proximity to the dining room and formal areas. Natural, earthy textures and tones in the limestone backsplash seamlessly merge with the hand-cast brass tile above the range, creating a color scheme that is simple and classic. Their resourceful and inventive design brings new life and purpose to this kitchen, making it an inspiring focal point.

Bathroom: Tatiana Machado-Rosas, Allied Member ASID

The grand master bathroom brought to life by Tatiana Machado-Rosas blends flawlessly into the Spanish Revival style of her clients' historic home. Rich mixtures of gleaming Sahara gold tile and medallion inlay on the floor infuse the room with light. Newly installed skylights bring balance by adding dimension to the spectrum of cream and russet hues. Framed by a graceful arch of artistic hand-painted tiles, the oversized shower is the height of modern luxury while the freestanding rectangular tub exudes understated elegance. In keeping with the home's historic nature, the bathroom's overall aesthetic is ornate and sophisticated, while also providing modern conveniences for relaxed everyday living.



Singular Residential Space: John Mills Davies, ASID

Once an unsalvageable 1906 shack that had only front and side yards, the latest design creation of John Mills Davies is now a modernist bungalow equipped with a multi-use patio, casual outdoor theatre, and eco-friendly features. The cast-in-place concrete slabs take space efficiency to a new level as they serve as a versatile patio, dog run, and triple-deep off-street parking. In the summer, the side yard is used to project images on the east façade of the house, creating a carefree and relaxed environment for movie watching. Drought-resistant landscaping, low-voltage garden lighting, multiple fire features, and a sheer-descent fountain create a varied yet cohesive outdoor living experience.



**Commercial Space Over 3,500 Square Feet:
Tina Marie Koch, ASID**

Challenged by historic requirements to maintain the authenticity of the original architecture, Tina Marie Koch diligently transformed the Admiral's Club into a classic 1950s diner. This new space more than tripled the original floor plan, allowing for a kitchen and dining area expansion. With a genuine soda fountain and a DJ booth framed by radiant neon signs, this renovated space harkens back to the idyllic days of sock hops and poodle skirts. An endless supply of memorabilia adorns every room including the newly added 'Groovy' and 'Diner Car' dining rooms. The redesign also added a room clad in authentic Corvette paint colors to house meetings for the longest running Corvette Owners Club in the U.S.

**Commercial Space Under 3,500 Square Feet:
Kristin Kostamo-McNeil, Allied Member ASID**

Embodying elements of its oceanfront location, the grand entrance of this newly renovated tower lobby, designed by Kristin Kostamo-McNeil, welcomes residents and visitors with grace and style. Existing surfaces were replaced with porcelain and polished marble mosaic floors and shimmering wall coverings. Furnishings in hues of coral and blue provide a splash of color, as the chic and modern lobby is adorned with seating upholstered in sea-inspired prints. The front desk boasts mother of pearl mosaics framed by rich walnut, and sits beneath a sparkling custom Murano chandelier. Every detail from the hand-made, replicated capiz shell panels in the elevators to the custom designed console cabinets, emanate pure sophistication.



**Product Design By Interior Designer —
Residential: Lena Brion, ASID**

Lena Brion's custom-built fireplace table radiates not only heat, but also beauty, function, and sheer design genius. This lounge-style dining table was intended to create a space-saving focal point for outdoor entertaining. Its practicality, durability, and ease of maintenance make it ideal for the year-round outdoor gatherings of SoCal residents. The table consists of four separately poured pieces of concrete that create a visually stimulating sculptural design. A gas line runs discretely up one leg and continues through the metal trough centered in the tabletop, providing all guests with the warmth of the fire and ample room for dining. The end product is masterfully sculpted with elegance and beauty.

