

Below: Ten Eyck Landscape Architects' Sonoran Landscape Laboratory. Bottom: Michael P. Johnson Design Studios' Shelter Island residence. Below right: Heritage Todd Creek Clubhouse by Kephart Community Planning Architecture.

The **Arizona Chapter ASLA (AzASLA)** recognized 12 landscape projects with design awards during its recent "Beyond Sustainability: 2009 AzASLA Awards Gala" held in Phoenix. Winning the highest honors--the **Award of Excellence** and the **President's Award**--was the **Sonoran Landscape Laboratory**, an urban desert garden at the University of Arizona in Tucson, designed by **Ten Eyck Landscape Architects, Inc.** of Phoenix. The Ten Eyck firm also received awards for the design of a cancer clinic in Tucson, the Phoenix Art Museum and the Biodesign Institute at Arizona State University in Tempe. **Cactus City Design** of Phoenix was recognized with awards for cactus



and succulent galleries at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix and for a Baja-style residential garden in Paradise Valley. Other Arizona firms winning design awards were **J2 Engineering and Environmental Design**, **JJR/Floor**, **Logan Simpson Design** and **Labor Studio**. Arizona State University students **Lora Martens** and **Valerie Ahyoung** won awards for work on the **Kornegay Design** warehouse and site in Tempe, a firm specializing in cast-concrete site furnishings.

In other **AzASLA** news, the chapter is working with **Liberty Elementary School** in Buckeye, Arizona to create a 7,000-square-foot **outdoor classroom** for use by students from the school and the district to learn about science in a natural habitat. The outdoor space, located east of a historic 1910 building on the campus, will be created by volunteers and donors such as **Logan Simpson Design, Inc.**, a Tempe-based landscape architecture firm, and **AAA Landscape** of Phoenix, a commercial landscape contractor.



Cave Creek, Arizona-based

**Michael P. Johnson Design Studios** has been honored with an **Interarch-Laureate award** for the design of a residence in Shelter Island, New York from the **International Academy of Architecture** during the 12th World Triennial of Architecture/Interarch 2009, held recently in Sofia, Bulgaria. The prize was conferred on architectural designer Michael P. Johnson, firm principal, by the mayor of Mons, Belgium.

**Intrinsik Architecture** of Bozeman, Montana has received a **2009 AIA national Small Projects Award** for the design of a **counter-balanced steel stair** accessing a third-floor in a Bozeman residence. The awards program, now in its fifth year, recognizes small-project practitioners and the design excellence in projects, no matter the limits of size and scope.

**RSP Architects**, with offices in Phoenix, has been recognized with a **2009 Educational Facility Design Award** from the national **AIA Committee on Architecture for Education** for the redevelopment of the **Arizona State University Polytechnic Academic Complex** in Mesa, Arizona. The 245,000-square-foot structure, designed in association with **Lake/Flato Architects** of Texas, received an Award of Merit.

**Kephart Community Planning Architecture** has been recognized by the **National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) 50+ Housing Council** during the recent 2009



**Building for Boomers & Beyond: 50+ Housing Symposium** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Denver-based architectural and planning firm received a Gold Award for the design of the **Heritage Todd Creek Clubhouse** in Thornton, Colorado and a Silver Award for **The Links at Old Hawthorne** in Columbia, Missouri.

The Phoenix architectural firm **SHJ Studio** also won awards from the **National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) 50+ Housing Council** during the recent 2009 Building for Boomers & Beyond: 50+ Housing Symposium in Philadelphia. The firm, which specializes in community architecture design, won a Gold Award for **Sun City Festival** in Buckeye, Arizona by **Pulte Homes Corporation** and a Silver Award for that **community's clubhouse**.