

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Architecture is to make us know  
and remember who we are."

Sir Jellicoe Geoffrey

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Rafferty Rafferty Tollefson

**a. DALSETH FAMILY DENTAL CLINIC** | APPLE VALLEY

**Client:** Dr. Stephen Dalseth and Dr. Pascal Dalseth  
**Architect:** ALTUS Architecture + Design with Coen + Partners (landscape architect)

Prairie grasses and striking window walls welcome visitors to the playful, light-filled dental clinic. Exam rooms are laid out along the north side, where windows in a quirky pattern frame the outside views. Offices are in brightly colored pods under a skylight. "This building would actually make one want to go to the dentist," said Radziner.

**b. SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL RENOVATION AND CATHEDRAL CENTRE** | SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**Client:** Archdiocese of San Antonio  
**Architect:** Rafferty Rafferty Tollefson Architects

With walls dating to 1738, San Fernando Cathedral is the oldest Catholic parish in Texas. Rafferty Rafferty Tollefson completely renovated the existing structure to serve current parish needs and added a stately new office and social building next door. In between is a full-block walkway that extends the outdoor space and, jurors said, weds the church to the city.

**d. MATTHEW CABIN** | GULL LAKE, BRAINERD

**Client:** David and Kathy Matthew  
**Architect:** Salmela Architect with Coen + Partners

Replacing a burned-down cabin that stretched along the water, the new house sits perpendicular to the lake. Native plantings, bluestone walls and slatted loggias create charming outdoor spaces. The mix of natural and white-stained wood, both inside and out, recalls the "idealistic modernism" of Finnish architect Alvar Aalto, said one juror.



Mike Sinclair

**c. GRANDVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER** | GRANDVIEW, MO.

**Client:** City of Grandview  
**Architect:** Ankeny Kell Architects with Gould Evans Goodman Associates of Kansas City

Sensuous light monitors with fritted glass animate the interior of the 60,000-square-foot recreational center and help it create a sense of identity for a suburb of Kansas City. The jurors said the pleasing use of materials on the outside is matched by a clarity of circulation inside.

Good architecture can make even a trip to the dentist more appealing. These designs by Minnesota architects are winners.

## WELL MADE

By Linda Mack  
Star Tribune Staff Writer

A sprightly dental clinic in Apple Valley, a classic minimalist lobby in Golden Valley and a sublime chapel in New Brighton testify that modern architecture is alive and well in suburbs of the Twin Cities. The three projects were among 10 designed by Minnesota architects that won 2004 Honor Awards from the American Institute of Architects-Minnesota.

The annual awards recognize the best work of Minnesota architects. Selected from 110 submissions, this year's projects include a Gull Lake cabin that would look at home in Finland, the restoration and expansion of the oldest cathedral in San Antonio, Texas, and a light-filled community center in Grandview, Mo.

What the winners shared, said the three out-of-town architects who juried the awards, was built-in restraint, attention to detail and a sense of craftsmanship. The jurors were Jeanne Gang of Studio Gang Architects in Chicago, Ron Radziner of Marmol Radziner in Los Angeles and James Stewart Polshek of Polshek Partnership Architects in New York.

Polshek, who designed the acclaimed Rose Center for Earth and Space in New York and the recently opened Clinton Library in Little Rock, Ark., also praised the architectural culture of the Twin Cities.

"You're privileged to live and practice here," he said. "You're building things that in 50 years will still be great buildings."

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