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### **AIA Colorado Announces *Delicious Designs* Winners**

*Colorado Architects and Chefs Paired to Design Desserts Inspired by Architectural Icons in a Colorado Architecture Month Competition*

**DENVER (May 2, 2011)** — The Colorado component of The American Institute of Architects (AIA Colorado) paired several Colorado architects and chefs to create *Delicious Designs*, a limited-time offering of desserts inspired by architecture throughout the state.

*Delicious Designs* was presented at Aspen, Colorado Springs, Denver, Grand Junction and Palisade-area restaurants in celebration of Colorado Architecture Month in April. The month-long celebration emphasizes how important architecture is in our daily lives. For more information about *Delicious Designs*, including photos and original design sketches of the desserts, visit [www.DeliciousDesignsCompetition.org](http://www.DeliciousDesignsCompetition.org).

Results from an online survey determined the winner in each participating Colorado city or town.

#### **Aspen, Colo. Winner - bb's kitchen**

Dessert Description: Banana mousse with hazelnut powder, caramelized brioche pillars and chocolate caramel pillars.

Dessert Inspiration: Herbert Bayer's Marble Garden at Aspen Meadows (Aspen, Colo.)

Head Chef: Mark Buley

Restaurant and Dessert Architect: Rowland+Broughton Architecture and Urban Design (Aspen, Colo. and Denver)

#### **Colorado Springs, Colo. Winner - Nosh**

Dessert Description: "Theatrical S'more" – An almond marshmallow light box perched on top of flourless almond cake cubes and graham macarons, then topped with a chocolate bark shard textured with chocolate pop rocks and finished with a smoky caramel sauce.

Dessert Inspiration: Edith Kinney Gaylord Cornerstone Arts Center on the Colorado College campus (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

Executive Pastry Chef: Alicia Prescott

Dessert Architect: Christy Riggs, AIA (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

Restaurant Architect: YOW Architects, P.C. (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

#### **Denver Winner - Root Down**

Dessert Description: "Strawberry Bridge" – Strawberry ice cream with a gingerbread cookie and strawberry-lychee jellies.

Dessert Inspiration: Millennium Bridge (Denver)

Pastry Chef: Samm Sherman

Dessert Architect: Ben Robbins, AIA, Roth + Sheppard Architects (Denver)

Restaurant Architect: CTA Architects Engineers (Denver)

#### **Grand Junction, Colo. Winner - 626 on Rood**

Dessert Description: Avocado pound cake wrapped with white chocolate ganache, sugar cookie light poles, sugar cookie lace tuille roof and awning.

Dessert Inspiration: Killian & Davis, P.C. Law Office (Grand Junction, Colo.)

Pastry Chef: Krysten Helgeland

Dessert Architect: Chamberlin Architects (Grand Junction, Colo.)

Restaurant Designer: Brenda Wray

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**Palisade, Colo. Winner - Colorado Wine Country Inn**

Dessert Description: A brownie base with a sugar cookie molded into the shape of a clam, filled with a chardonnay gelato and accented with fresh berries.

Dessert Inspiration: Charles Deaton's Sculptured House (Genesee, Colo.)

Executive Chef: Jim Siemans

Dessert Architect: John Galloway, AIA, Wagner/Galloway LLC (Palisade, Colo.)

Inn Architect: JG Johnson Architects, P.C. (Denver)

**Westminster, Colo. Winner - Asti D'Italia**

Dessert Description: A plated version of Denver's Pepsi Center fashioned in layered red velvet cake with a spun sugar dome, chocolate foyer, and creme anglais parking lot.

Dessert Inspiration: Pepsi Center (Denver)

Sous Chef: Will Quinn

Restaurant and Dessert Architect: Jeffrey K. Abrams Architect, P.C.

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**Editor's Note:** Professional photos and architectural sketches of the desserts are available upon request by contacting AIA Colorado Communication Coordinator Alaina Gonzales at 303.446.2266, ext. 116, or [alaina@aiacolorado.org](mailto:alaina@aiacolorado.org).